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# WCSD Vocal Music Curriculum 8th Grade Choir **Proficiency Scales**



### **1.** Performs Expressive Qualities of Music

EE Sc+	<ul> <li>In-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations.</li> <li>The student might: <ul> <li>Select and execute strategies to address expressive challenges</li> <li>Suggest expressive interpretations for ensemble application using informed justifications</li> </ul> </li> <li>In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.</li> </ul>
© Sc	<ul> <li>The student will:</li> <li>React to the conductor's gesture(s) to inform dynamics and simple phrasing</li> <li>Identify and perform the expressive markings in the score</li> <li>Perform with intentional expression guided by mood, lyrics, and performance scenario</li> <li>The student exhibits no major errors or omissions.</li> </ul>
Dv+	No major errors or omissions regarding Dv content and partial success at Sc content.
Dv	The student will: Recognize or recall specific terminology, such as: Expressive markings Dynamics Articulation Perform basic processes, such as: Interpret expressive markings to inform performance Understand that music of varying cultural groups, global regions, and historical eras may be interpreted and/or executed in different ways or have different expressive values Understand which conducting gestures to look for and what the gestures mean in relation to dynamics and phrase shape Demonstrate consistent focus on the conductor (face conductor, eyes up, control body movements, manage distractions) However, the student exhibits major errors or omissions regarding the Sc content.
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#### 2. Performs with Technical Accuracy

EE	<ul> <li>In-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations.</li> <li>The student might:</li> <li>Select and execute strategies to address technical accuracy challenges</li> <li>Learn, read, and alter technical approaches to authentically perform music from various cultures</li> </ul>
Sc+	In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.
© Sc	The student <u>will</u> : <ul> <li>Perform correct rhythms</li> <li>Perform accurate pitches / intonation</li> <li>React to the conductor's gesture(s) to inform tempo and entrances and cut-offs</li> </ul> The student exhibits no major errors or omissions.
Dv+	No major errors or omissions regarding Dv content and partial success at Sc content.
Dv	The student will:         Recognize or recall specific terminology, such as:         Music reading (note names, rhythmic values, time signature, key signature)         Intervals: steps vs. skips         Tempo and steady pulse         Perform basic processes, such as:         Unifying pitch and tone         Read standard rhythm and pitch notation         Understand that music of varying cultural groups, global regions, and historical eras may be preserved, notated, executed, and thus learned in different ways         Understand which conducting gestures to look for and what the gestures mean in relation to tempo and entrances and cut-offs         Demonstrate consistent focus on the conductor (face conductor, eyes up, control body movements, manage distractions)         However, the student exhibits major errors or omissions regarding the Sc content.
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### **3.** Demonstrates Appropriate Physical Technique While Singing

EE	<ul> <li>In-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations.</li> <li>The student might:</li> <li>Produce mature and consistent tone through solo literature</li> <li>Select and execute strategies to address challenges in physical technique and tone production</li> </ul>
Sc+	In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.
© Sc	<ul> <li>The student <u>will</u>:</li> <li>Produce consistent and controlled tone as developmentally appropriate</li> <li>Demonstrate proper posture, breath intake, and placement when singing within a variety of musical styles</li> <li>Manipulate vowel shape to produce desired sound</li> </ul>
	The student exhibits no major errors or omissions.
Dv+	No major errors or omissions regarding Dv content and partial success at Sc content.
Dv	The student <b>will</b> : Recognize or recall specific terminology, such as: Posture and alignment Inhale/exhale Tone placement Vowel shape Perform basic processes, such as: Explain breath intake – expansive, low, silent, prepared with the vowel shape Explain proper placement – bright vs. dark, tall vs. shallow Understand the role of vowel shape in creating individual and unified sounds However, the student exhibits major errors or omissions regarding the Sc content.
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4. 1	Uses Sight-Reading	Skills to Perform	Accurate Rhythmic	and Pitch Notations
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EE	<ul> <li>In-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations.</li> <li>The student might:         <ul> <li>Read and perform rhythmic patterns in mixed meter</li> <li>Recognize and perform intervals within minor keys</li> <li>Maintain independence while performing a multi-part excerpt</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Sc+	In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.
© Sc	<ul> <li>The student <u>will</u>:</li> <li>Apply sight-reading skills to sight-reading exercises with hand signs</li> <li>Recognize and perform intervals within major keys</li> <li>Identify key signatures and tonic</li> <li>Read and perform rhythmic patterns in multiple meters</li> <li>Recognize note values</li> </ul> The student exhibits no major errors or omissions.
Dv+	No major errors or omissions regarding Dv content and partial success at Sc content.
Dv	The student <b>will</b> : Recognize or recall specific terminology, such as: Intervals: skip vs. step Major vs. minor Tonic Key signature Rhythmic values (quarter, half, eighth, sixteenth, dotted) Solfege hand signs Perform basic processes, such as: Identifying lines and spaces Identifying common time signatures Perform sight reading exercises using simple stepwise motion Demonstrate a major scale using solfege However, the student exhibits major errors or omissions regarding the Sc content.
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### 5. Writes Using Standard Notation

EE	<ul> <li>In-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations.</li> <li>The student might:</li> <li>Compose a passage to be used for an intended audience/purpose or performer range</li> <li>Compose and notate a multi-part passage</li> </ul>
Sc+	In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.
© Sc	<ul> <li>The student <u>will</u>:</li> <li>Notate short rhythmic passages using written and/or digital notation software</li> <li>Notate short melodic passages using written and/or digital notation software</li> <li>The student exhibits no major errors or omissions.</li> </ul>
Dv+	No major errors or omissions regarding Dv content and partial success at Sc content.
Dv	The student <b>will</b> : Recognize or recall specific terminology, such as: Rhythmic passage Melodic passage Measure Bar lines Repeats Rhythmic values (quarter, whole, half, eighth, sixteenth, dotted) Intervals: steps vs. skips Notation Perform basic processes, such as: Identify time signatures (4/4, 3/4, 6/8) Identifying major key signatures Identify lines and spaces
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*With help	may include rephrasing questions, asking probing questions, and/or providing prompts or sentence starters.



6. [	Demonstrates an Understanding of the Mutual Impact of Music, Culture and History
EE	<ul> <li>In-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations.</li> <li>The student might:         <ul> <li>Program a theoretical concert around a particular theme for a particular audience using criteria related to contextual understanding</li> <li>Craft concert program notes supported by context within the score and additional research</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Sc+	In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.
© Sc	<ul> <li>The student <u>will</u>:</li> <li>Describe the mutual impact music, culture and history have on one another</li> <li>Analyze the effectiveness of a performance's stylistic choices</li> <li>Execute elements of a stylistically appropriate performance</li> <li>Explain the importance of including various styles within a concert performance</li> <li>The student exhibits no major errors or omissions.</li> </ul>
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Dv	The student <b>will</b> : Recognize or recall specific terminology, such as: Style Mood Stylistically appropriate tone (i.e. pop vs. choral) Dynamic and expressive markings Lyrics Repertoire Perform basic processes, such as: Identify text source (poem, scripture, etc.) Recognize that technique and style differ in the context of style, culture, era, etc. Shift tone color for the mood of a piece Use provided resources and prior knowledge to understand historical/cultural context and build connections However, the student exhibits major errors or omissions regarding the Sc content.
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#### 7. Evaluates and Critiques Musical Performances

EE	<ul> <li>In-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations.</li> <li>The student might:         <ul> <li>Evaluate a performance using independently developed criteria</li> <li>Coach a peer performance using provided criteria</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Sc+	In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.
© Sc	<ul> <li>The student will:</li> <li>Evaluate a performance's technical accuracy using provided criteria</li> <li>Evaluate a performance's expressive effectiveness using provided criteria and citing markings in the score as justification</li> </ul>
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Dv+	No major errors or omissions regarding Dv content and partial success at Sc content.
Dv	The student <b>will</b> :          Recognize or recall specific terminology, such as:         Technical accuracy (intonation, pitch, rhythm, blend)         Expressive elements (score markings, dynamics, articulation, tone, phrasing, and style)         Context (cultural, historical, personal, social environmental)         Expressive intent (emotions, thoughts, and ideas a performer and/or composer seek to convey by manipulating the elements of music)         Perform basic processes, such as:         Read and interpret markings in a score         Identifying errors within a performance         Understand that the critique of a performance should be informed by specific justifications or criteria, not just personal preferences         However, the student exhibits major errors or omissions regarding the Sc content.
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