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EE	 In-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations. The student might: Suggest expressive and stylistic interpretations for individual and/or ensemble application using informed justifications Interpret a piece of music in multiple ways to reflect multiple genres, styles, and/or mood 			
Sc+	In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.			
o Sc	 The student will: React to conductor's gesture(s) to inform dynamics and phrasing Identify and perform the expressive markings in the score Perform with intentional expression as guided by mood, lyrics, performance scenario, context, and a variety of genres 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: Dynamics Expressive markings Articulation Text source (poem, scripture, etc.) Context (historical, cultural, political, social environmental, personal) Genres (jazz, musical theatre, pop, choral, etc) Perform basic processes, such as: Interpret expressive markings and lyrics to inform performance Understand that music of varying cultural groups, regions, genres, 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 Communicate expression with posture, facial expression, movement, choreography, etc Demonstrate consistent focus on the conductor (face conductor, eyes up, control body movements, manage distractions)			
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1. Performs Expressive Intent of Music

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2. Performs with Technical Accuracy

EE	 In-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations. The student might: Create and execute new strategies to address technical accuracy challenges Learn, read, and alter technical approaches to perform music from various cultures and genres 		
Sc+	In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.		
© Sc	The student <u>will</u> : Perform correct rhythms Perform accurate pitches / intonation React to the conductor's gesture(s) to inform tempo, entrances and cut-offs, and vowel shape 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: Pitch matching and production Music reading (note names, rhythmic values, time signature, key signature) Intervals: steps, skips, leaps Tempo and steady pulse Time Signatures (4/4, 3/4, 2/4, 6/8, 9/8, cut, common, mixed meter) Context (historical, cultural, political, social environmental, personal) Genres (jazz, musical theatre, pop, choral, etc) Perform basic processes, such as: Unifying pitch and tone Read standard rhythm and pitch notation Understand that music of varying cultural groups, genres, 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)		
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3. Demonstrates Appropriate Physical Technique While Singing

EE	 IIn-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations. The student might: Produce mature, consistent tone and resonance through solo literature Select and execute strategies to address challenges in physical technique and tone production
Sc+	In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.
© Sc	 The student will: Produce consistent and controlled tone as developmentally appropriate Demonstrate proper posture, breath intake, and resonance when singing within a variety of musical styles Manipulate vowel shape to produce desired sound 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 <u>will</u> : Recognize or recall specific terminology, such as: Posture and alignment Inhale/exhale Tone placement Vowel shape Resonators (i.e. chest, head, nasal, throat) Perform basic processes, such as: Explain breath intake – expansive, low, silent, prepared with the vowel shape Explain breath intake – expansive, low, silent, prepared with the vowel shape Keylain resonance – head vs. chest, nasal vs. throat, etc. 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. Uses Sight-Reading Skills to Perform Accurate Rhythmic and Pitch Notations

EE	 In-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations. The student might: Read and perform rhythmic patterns in mixed meter with syncopation Perform a passage with chromatic syllables approached by leap 			
Sc+	In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.			
© Sc	 The student will: Apply sight-reading skills and hand signs to multi-part exercises or sections of concert repertoire Recognize and perform intervals within major and minor keys Read and perform rhythmic patterns in multiple meters including syncopation Perform a passage with chromatic syllables approached by half step 			
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: Tonic Rey signature Rhythmic values (quarter, half, eighth, sixteenth, dotted) Major, minor, and chromatic scales Solfege including major, minor and chromatic syllables and corresponding hand symbols Intervals: step-wise, leaps, skips Time signatures including 4/4, 3/4, 2/4, 6/8, 9/8, cut and common time Mixed meter (shifting between time signatures) Perform basic processes, such as: Perform sight reading exercises using steps, and skips Demonstrate a major, minor, and chromatic scale using solfege Recognize and perform intervals within major and minor scales Identify key signatures, tonic, and starting note Read and perform syncopated rhythms in multiple meters			
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5 . '	Writes	Using	Standard	Notation
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EE	 In-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations. The student<u>might</u>: Compose and notate a multi-part passage utilizing leaps and chromaticism Notate a musical passage with intentional stylistic elements that reflect a certain style or genre 		
Sc+	In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.		
© Sc	The student <u>will</u> : Notate musical passages using written and/or digital notation software including expressive elements such as dynamics and articulation 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: Musical passage Rhythmic values (quarter, half, eighth, sixteenth, dotted, triplets, syncopation) Mixed meter Intervals: steps vs. skips vs. leaps Notation Dynamic markings, crescendo, decrescendo Articulation Perform basic processes, such as: Identify time signatures (4/4, 2/4, 3/4, 6/8, 9/8, cut, common) However, the student exhibits major errors or omissions regarding the Sc content.		
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6. [Demonstrates an Understanding of the Mutual Impact of Music, Culture, and History
EE	 In-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations. The student might: Curate supplemental artifacts or display that provides additional context or cross-discipline connections of a performed piece
Sc+	In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.
© Sc	 The student will: Describe the mutual impact music, culture and history have on one another Cite evidence of historical and cultural context in analysis of a performance's stylistic choices Execute elements of a stylistically appropriate performance in a variety of genres Explain the importance of including various styles within a concert performance Cite evidence from the score and its markings as well as evidence from personal research to justify interpreted meaning The student exhibits no major errors or omissions.
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Dv	The student will : Recognize or recall specific terminology, such as: Style Mood Stylistically appropriate tone (i.e. pop vs. choral) Dynamic and expressive markings Lyrics Repertoire Genres (jazz, musical theatre, pop, choral, etc) Perform basic processes, such as: Identify text source (poem, scripture, etc.) Recognize that technique and style differ in the context of style, genre, culture, era, etc. Use provided resources, independently-curated resources, and prior knowledge to understand historical/cultural context and build connections Listen to and discuss elements that convey expression and meaning referencing their own performances or the performances of others
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7. Evaluates and Critiques Musical Performances

EE	In-depth inferences and applications that meet and exceed secure expectations. The student might :			
	Coach a peer performance using independently developed criteria			
Sc+	In addition to Sc performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success.			
© Sc	 The student <u>will</u>: Create an informed set of criteria with which to evaluate a performance Evaluate a performance's technical accuracy and expressive effectiveness using personally- or collaboratively-developed criteria, citing markings in the score and personal research as justification The student exhibits no major errors or omissions. 			
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Dv	The student will: Recognize or recall specific terminology, such as: Technical accuracy (intonation, pitch, rhythm, blend) Expressive elements (score markings, dynamics, articulation, tone, phrasing, and style) Genre and 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) Blend and balance Interpretation Perform basic processes, such as: Read and interpret markings in a score Identifying errors within a performance Evaluate a performance using a provided criteria 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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