



Students auditioning for Music Voice need to prepare the following:

- 2 contrasting (fast/slow) songs. An accompanist will be provided (bring sheet music in the appropriate key), or students may bring a CD accompaniment (instrumental CD only, no lip-synching). Acapella (unaccompanied) singing is discouraged but permitted. Bring an additional copy of your music for the adjudicators.

You should perform songs (no matter how simple) that demonstrate the quality of your voice and clear articulation of the song's words. Patriotic songs, church hymns, some show tunes and art songs are appropriate. Popular music that imitates the style of a pop singer is not helpful in determining the quality of a young voice, and should be avoided. A piece that shows high notes and low notes is helpful. Students who are not sure about song choice should select from our preferred songs list below. Many Chicago Public Libraries have sheet music available for free checkout.

Here is a list of appropriate pieces:

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Amazing Grace

America the Beautiful

All The Pretty Little Horses

Black is the Color of my True Love's Hair

Caro Mio Ben

Deep River

Edelweiss (from The Sound of Music)

Go Down Moses

Go Tell It on the Mountain

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

I Could Have Danced All Night (from My Fair Lady)

I Feel Pretty (from West Side Story)

Jubilate Deo (Used in Chicago Children's Choir)

Lavender's Blue

Lift Every Voice and Sing

My Country Tis of Thee

Se Tu Mami

Simple Gifts

Swing Low Sweet Chariot

The Ash Grove

Tu lo sai

Yonder Come Day (Used in Chicago Children's Choir)