



Solo and Ensemble Music Performance Assessment (MPA)

Students often ask me about ways to improve their singing, confidence, and ability to audition well. I can't emphasize enough that an experience like Solo and Ensemble will help in these areas. Another great way, and probably the best, is to find a private voice teacher. Having a private teacher who works with a student one on one each week will help immensely in their ability to successfully sing and perform. The students who achieve at the highest levels musically take private lessons. I have many teachers who I would be happy to recommend, please feel free to contact me if you would like more information.

Solo and Ensemble Music Performance Assessments (Solo/Ensemble MPAs) are an opportunity for those chorus students interested in challenging themselves by singing a solo, to do so with two songs in front of a judge. The soloists are given feedback on their performance, given a short workshop or mini voice lesson to help them learn some ways to improve, and assigned a rating from 1 to 5.

This is an incredibly valuable experience as it pushes students to grow as singers and performers in ways they may never have before. The event will take place on **Friday and Saturday, February 8th and 9th** at Blake High School throughout the day. Students will not need to come all day or even both days. They will be assigned to a particular time block on one of these days.

Singers will receive their assigned time for their performance the week prior to the event. For those students without a voice teacher who are interested in performing, I will be happy to select appropriate music and create practice tracks. I am also available most days after school to help with any solos. The cost for students to participate in this event is \$55. This includes a registration fee as well as two rehearsals and a performance with our accompanist. All money and song selections are **due to me by Friday, December 21st**.

I hope that many of you will take this opportunity to grow as a singer and a musician. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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