

2019-2020 Vocal Department Audition FAQ

1. **How do I prepare for my audition?** Visit www.hspva.org and follow “Admissions” to “Audition Requirements” and choose “Vocal.” Then follow all of the directions in the requirements. The solo for your video must come from the prescribed list on the website. The deadline for uploading is January 7, 2019, but we encourage you to submit your videos early! Singers who upload videos by Friday, December 14 will be notified if they qualify for Stage 2 by December 21 (before Winter Break).
2. **How will I know if I receive an invitation for a live audition?** You will be contacted by the magnet office by January 11. You will receive a date and time. Plan to arrive at least 20 minutes before your scheduled time if you wish to warm-up (vocalize) here.
3. **What are requirements for the live audition?** You will be asked to sing a solo (the same one on your video or another from the prescribed list) and to sing your part in a UIL sight-reading choral selection.
4. **Do I need to be studying with a private voice teacher?** No.
5. **Must my solo be memorized?** Yes.
6. **Do I need to bring a copy of my music in the right key?** Yes.
7. **Must I sing with piano accompaniment?** Yes.
8. **Can I bring my own accompanist?** No – an HSPVA staff accompanist will play for you.
9. **What if I cannot read music or if I have had no sight-reading experience?** You will be given specific instructions and assistance at the live audition.
10. **What is a typical music schedule of a student entering as a freshman or sophomore?** Students will take class voice, study music theory, sight-singing and class piano, and will be a member of two choirs.
11. **Are students required to stay after school for rehearsals or concerts?** There are optional after-school rehearsals for students who are entered in the Region/All-State choir process. We have very few other late rehearsals for underclassmen, and they always are announced well in advance. The three major Vocal Department concerts are in the evening and will be listed on the choral calendar issued to students at the beginning of the year. We would love to see you at our concerts. Check the Vocal department website and the school calendar for this year’s concert dates and times.
12. **What extra-curricular or region activities are offered?**
 - TMEA Region and All-State choir
 - UIL Concert and Sight-reading contest
 - Limelight – the Vocal Department’s Coffee and Dessert show in September and January
 - Trips and off-campus performances
13. **Is there a middle-school vocal workshop?** Yes. Saturday, November 3. Register at www.hspvafriends.org/workshops
14. **Whom may I contact if I have additional questions?** HSPVA Magnet Coordinator, Mr. Klein at jklein1@houstonisd.org