

# **Audition Tips for Singers**

1.) **Be in good voice**

Practice during the days leading up to the audition and do vocal warm-ups before you sing (especially before your audition).

2.) **Prepare your audition material**

Do not choose a song the day of auditions. Take the time in the days prior to your audition to practice your song. Know the notes, the rhythms, the words, any places where you rest, the tempo (the speed of the song) and be familiar with the accompaniment. (Singing a cappella – without musical accompaniment – is **STRONGLY** discouraged!)

3.) **Keep your song time to 45-60 seconds**

If your song is too long you **WILL** be interrupted by the directors after a minute.

4.) **Have a properly prepared accompaniment**

If you need an accompanist, make sure you have the proper sheet music. If you have an recorded instrumental accompaniment make sure that your CD or mp3 player works. If you need to start in the middle of an accompaniment make sure you know the exact time in the accompaniment that you need to skip to.

5.) **Enter your audition with confidence**

We are looking for people (especially in the show choirs) who are able to perform. Your entrance into the audition room is where the judges develop their first impression of you. Being confident will also help you sing more accurately because you believe you know what you're doing.

6.) **Don't apologize**

Never let the judges know that you are not confident or unprepared. If you are ill in a manner that affects your voice it will be obvious to the judges and that will be taken into consideration.

7.) **Dress well**

Dress as you would for church, a job interview, or a nice date. Appearance is part of the first impression the judges develop.

8.) **Be friendly**

Don't be overly talkative, but the directors would like to know that you are at ease and not difficult to work with. You will be spending several months together!

9.) **Sing out**

The directors can only judge what they can hear. Please sing out (at an appropriate volume) so that you can be heard.

10.) **Keep your hands out of your pockets**

Stand up straight – don't slouch – and relax your arms and hands.

11.) **Use facial expressions**

Facial expressions are a very important part of any type of performance. Show the judges that you understand what you are singing about and that you want to entertain an audience. When in doubt just SMILE!

12.) **Turn off your cell phone, watch alarm, etc.**

13.) **Be patient**

Unfortunately, since the number of people auditioning is unknown, there cannot be a definite time frame given for how long auditions will take. Rest assured that the judges are trying to work as efficiently and effectively as possible.

14.) **Keep going**

If you make a mistake while singing just keep going.

15.) **Bring your audition form**

Make sure the form is *completely* filled out and that all information is legible and correct.

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the Castle High School choral program. Best of luck with your audition! Please see Mr. Adcock or Ms. Kinney if you have any further questions. More information (and audition forms) can be found at [www.castleshowchoirs.com](http://www.castleshowchoirs.com).