



BERGEN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS - AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

All starting pitches will be given from a C-C pitch pipe. (Unchanged male voices will audition as sopranos or altos.)

1. 5 (FIVE) NOTE PATTERN (DO-SOL)

- Soprano:** E (3rd above middle C) to B
Bb (m7 above middle C) to F
- Alto:** A (m3rd below middle C) to E
F (P4 above middle C) to C
- Baritone:** Descending first, beginning on middle C to F (C will be given on pitch pipe)
Ab (M3rd below middle C) to Eb

Each vocalist will sing two five note patterns on "ah" ascending and descending with NO BREATH at the top. Baritones will descend on their first five note pattern and return to starting pitch.

2. DIATONIC SCALE

- Soprano:** F (P4 above middle C)
- Alto:** C (middle C)
- Baritone:** D OR F (both below middle C)
(Falsetto may be used in the baritone diatonic scale)

Note: Baritones must state which scale they will be singing at the time of the audition.

Each vocalist will sing one diatonic scale on "ah" ascending and descending with ONE breath at the top.

3. MEMORIZED SOLO - "The Water is Wide" (online at www.mebsci.org) A for Soprano, F for Alto, and B-flat (high) or G (low) for Baritone.

The starting pitch (low "Sol") will be given on the pitch pipe. The tonic pitch ("do") will NOT be given.

NOTE: Females are NOT permitted to audition as baritones