

Rehearsal skills for successful choral ensembles
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1. Mind, body, spirit must be ready for singing. *Music is the voice of the spirit.*
2. Think before you sing- the pitch, the vowel, the phrase, the meaning of the text
3. Take responsibility for **everything** on the musical page.
4. Use your pencil and mark your music! If you make a mistake, mark it for practice, and correct it. When given a marking or correction, apply it immediately. You only need to be told once.
5. Never take a breath when you need it! Prepare each breath.
6. Talk only at break time, and not in rehearsal. Raise hand to ask a question.
7. Use every moment in rehearsal to accomplish something musical.
8. Perform as you practice.
9. Sing with space – in the mouth, in the body, in rehearsal and performance.
10. Yearn to learn.

Sing with love, passion, and energy- using the entire mind, body and soul, allowing music to become the voice of the spirit.

Anything worth doing, is worth doing well.

Do all you can with what you have, in the time you have, in the place you are.