

Breath support

- Vvvvv
- Bubbling

Rhythmic breathing

- As an exercise, remove all breaths
- Half chorus sing no breaths/stagger breathing, half sing breath plan

Listening/singing

- Stand next to the part (not the person) who drives you crazy
- Listen with different ears
- Silent singing – then command singing

Blending

- Sing with intention
- Share each other's space
- Fill the space

Synchronization

- Arrive at downbeat together
 - Turn card over
 - Finger to palm
- Deet deet
- Speak phrases, then sing

Free, open sound

- Look over reading glasses (posture)
- Cross arm, hand on chin
- Sing on the vowel that rings – toh, tah, tee
- Sing on tiptoes or standing on one foot
- Move a limb, any limb

Performance

- Sing to people of varying age
- Perform in a line
- Sing with different emotions
- Sing AS a person of a different age
- Practice eye contact vs. roaming eyes
- Tell your own story.
- Ask questions
- Half chorus sing for other half
- Perform by rows
- Circle up – make eye contact
- Overdo your performance – melodramatic
- Number off, ask only those numbers to sing, then change
- Push out quartets

Over-enunciation/choppy vocal line

- Hands on face to loosen lips and stabilize jaw
- Sing on a vowel, add consonants around vowel tunnel
- Paint, run hand over smooth surface
- Sing over a piece of paper

Forward motion

- Ask questions!!
- Speed vs. forward motion
- Director mouth words for lyrical flow
- Use word sounds
- Vary breath textures

Video your performance

- Check singer's stance
- Is movement natural?
- Facial expression – fixed, changing, energetic, expressive?
- Small groups on youtube for self evaluation

Key changes

- Duets
- Tonal center
- Reps!!
- Consider removing the key change

Keeping focus in the sound

- Bubble in all three levels, sing in Level 3
- Touch nose, forehead, front teeth

Rhythms

- Tap rhythm on each other
- Walk in time
- Clap the rhythms
- Deet or book

Chorus activities

- Half the chorus sing - partners
- Change rows
- Member guest coach
- Concentric circles
- Highlight great performers or great improvement
- Theme night
- Parts dress in colors