

## Pilot Sightreading Auditions – By The Numbers

**Average Sightreading Score:**  
**24.98%**

### General Data:

Number of Students Auditioned	1,057
Grade 9:	241
Grade 10-12:	816

### Student Data:

Breakdown of Scores (out of 50):	
41-50:	23
31-40:	49
21-30:	125
11-20:	296
5-10:	280
1-4:	275
Exempt:	9
Average All-State Score:	28.82%
Average Mid-State Score:	30.94%
Average Freshmen Honor SR Score:	19.22%
Average Mid-State Non-Placement Score:	17.7%
Average Freshmen Non-Placement Score:	7.43%

Average by Grade:	
9	15.34%
10	25.12%
11	26.11%
12	31.21%

Average Freshmen Score:	15.34%
Average 10-12 Score:	27.86%

### Example Data:

Average Score by Example Number:	
1	22.64%
2	24.79%
3	27.23%
4	25.11%
5	24.22%
6	28.62%

**Projected Rank Changes with Sightreading (15%) Incorporated – Sample Male Mid-State Section**

NEW TOTAL SCORE	Prepared Total	Rank	Midstate	AllState	SR Averages with Drops
213.1	214.08	3	TTBB	SATB	24.66666667
211.64	222.98	2	SATB	TTBB	28.66666667
203.88	213.90	4	SATB	TTBB	5
203.36	207.94	6	SATB	TTBB	38.66666667
198.38	210.86	5	TTBB	SATB	17
186.48	227.58	1	TTBB	SATB	8.333333333
184.22	200.72	7	TTBB	SATB	9.666666667
184	192.92	8	SATB	TTBB	19.66666667
182.12	186.52	9	TTBB	SATB	10.66666667
180.72	181.54	10	SATB	TTBB	26.33333333
169.12	180.52	11	TTBB	SATB	27.33333333
168.74	157.34	33	SATB	TTBB - Alternate	18.33333333
167.04	178.08	13	TTBB	SATB	19.33333333
166.64	180.10	12	SATB	TTBB	15.33333333
165.28	168.78	20	SATB	SATB - Alternate	17.33333333
165.1	172.34	15	TTBB	TTBB	3
159.72	159.00	32	SATB	SATB - Alternate	10.66666667
159.3	166.08	23	TTBB	TTBB - Alternate	9.333333333
158.52	159.70	30	SATB	SATB - Alternate	31
157.28	160.80	27	TTBB	TTBB - Alternate	7.666666667
155.52	172.04	16	SATB	SATB - Alternate	15
155.1	173.80	14	SATB	TTBB	15.66666667
153.38	159.04	31	SATB	TTBB - Alternate	12.33333333
152.3	163.28	26	SATB	SATB - Alternate	13.33333333
152.02	160.30	28	SATB	SATB - Alternate	17.66666667
151.38	156.80	35	SATB	TTBB - Alternate	10
150.28	168.96	19	TTBB	TTBB - Alternate	9.333333333
149.88	156.90	34	SATB	SATB - Alternate	17.33333333
149.76	160.14	29	TTBB	TTBB - Alternate	10.33333333
149.12	171.86	17	TTBB	TTBB - Alternate	20.66666667
147.38	171.04	18	SATB	SATB - Alternate	5.666666667
146.8	166.26	22	SATB	SATB - Alternate	9.666666667
146.28	167.08	21	TTBB	TTBB - Alternate	9.333333333
146.08	165.04	25	TTBB	TTBB - Alternate	6
145.72	165.54	24	SATB	SATB - Alternate	21
144.64	149.80	43			11.33333333
141.46	151.06	38	SATB	SATB - Alternate	18.66666667
141.28	148.28	46			10
141.26	150.50	41			4.666666667

140.46	147.96	47			11.66666667
140.44	148.36	45			17.33333333
138.84	153.60	36	SATB	SATB - Alternate	4.333333333
138.68	141.52	52			16.33333333
137.54	149.60	44			9.333333333
135.78	150.70	40	SATB	SATB - Alternate	17
135.72	145.58	48			9.666666667
135.7	151.04	39	SATB	TTBB - Alternate	5.666666667
133.34	143.52	51			7.666666667
133.02	150.22	42			10.33333333
132.62	153.36	37	SATB	TTBB - Alternate	8.666666667
132.62	144.80	50			18.66666667
132.1	134.60	56			6.333333333
129.76	138.88	54			9.666666667
126.7	134.14	58			2.333333333
124.28	125.66	63			4.333333333
120.42	126.30	62			7.666666667
119.18	122.04	66			18
118.6	133.66	59			6.666666667
118.08	132.58	61			15.66666667
117.16	134.36	57			12
116.2	139.28	53			7
114.84	136.56	55			1.333333333
111.62	124.34	65			5.333333333
111.5	120.42	67			0
110.36	133.42	60			2.666666667
109.88	114.62	69			12.66666667
106.86	118.68	68			8.666666667
102.72	124.58	64			6
97.4	93.66	77			2.666666667
97.08	96.66	76			6.666666667
94.44	105.80	71			5.333333333
92.16	93.30	78			18.66666667
90.96	101.40	74			5
90.78	106.86	70			1
89.06	103.56	73			4.666666667
86.82	103.56	72			2.666666667
83.4	99.26	75			2
71.5	73.60	79			4
69.12	67.32	84			9.666666667
68.68	72.76	81			9.666666667
67.54	71.56	82			6.333333333
67.48	69.32	83			15
64.7	73.58	80			2

## **Pilot Sightreading Auditions – Conclusions**

- Only 72 students out of 1,057, fewer than seven percent of all auditioned, scored higher than a 60% proficiency on sightreading.
- By contrast, 555 students, or fifty-two percent of all auditionees, scored 20% or lower on sightreading.
- Students' sightreading proficiency grows dramatically from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade (10% growth in scores); Student proficiency grows incrementally from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade (6% total growth).
- Students placed into an honor choir (with performance scores only) typically sightread about 12 % better than those who were not placed.
- Had sightreading scores been included in the total score at a rate of 15% this year, there would have been some slight changes to ranks and honor choir placement.

## **Pilot Sightreading Auditions – Looking Ahead**

- The Sightreading Committee will take suggestions from members through the end of 2012.
- The SR Committee will meet to discuss procedural changes for improvement.
- The SR Committee will present a policy and procedural proposal for the 2013 auditions at the January MTVA meeting. The new proposal will be presented to the MTVA membership in February 2013.

## **Pilot Sightreading Auditions – Initial Ideas for Improvement/Discussion**

- Shorten the verbal instructions on the CD; opening pitch, 30 seconds (shorter?), count off. Post written instructions early online and in hallways during auditions.
- Change the count off, possibly to add verbal (“one, two ready, go”) along with the four clicks.
- Do not begin excerpts higher than a C-natural.
- Explanation needed in tenor rooms on octave treble clef vs. bass clef options.
- Two lines needed for assessment rubric – rhythmic and pitch accuracy. Both lines judged during one example.
- Adding leaps from sol-do and do-sol along with leaps of a third.
- How much percentage to count? Different percentage for freshmen/mid-state?
- Provide practice examples again for next year. Provide sample graded auditions to directors to establish criteria from which to grade.
- Lower the range of metronomic markings.
- Dropping High/Low sightreading scores across vs. within judges...