



## VOCAL MUSIC Audition Requirements Current Grade 8 Students 2024-2025

**Audition Format:** in person audition at  
Eastwood Collegiate 760 Weber St. East Kitchener, Ontario\*

*\*If you require a virtual audition for any reason, please contact the [Arts Registrar](#)*

The Vocal Music Program at Eastwood offers students the opportunity to sing in a variety of styles as soloists, small groups, and as part of a choir. Students will develop their musical and creative and critical thinking skills, learn to read sheet music, and perform in concerts and other musical events.

### **The Audition**

You will be invited to a 10 minute audition live at Eastwood. Here is what to expect:

#### **1. Vocal Solo**

Pick a 2-4 minute solo that you have prepared ahead of time. Sing something that shows your vocal range and musical skills, demonstrates your passion for music, and that you are confident in performing. This could be:

- a song you've prepared for a concert, show, festival, or ceremony
- a traditional song from your culture or religious practice
- a song that you enjoy singing for fun.

All forms of music are acceptable! [If you are stuck for ideas, choose one of the solos provided on the IAP website.](#)

Please sing to an accompaniment if possible. Your accompaniment can be a recording of someone playing the piano, a karaoke track from YouTube, or you may play an instrument yourself while you sing.

#### **2. Musicianship**

You will be asked to do some of the following exercises during your audition (no need to prepare):

- Rhythm clapback
- Sing back

#### **3. Interview**

You will be asked some of the following questions during your audition:

- Why did you choose to sing the song you did for your audition today?
- What made you interested in music in the first place?
- What kind of music do you usually perform, listen to, or create?
- Can you share a memory about music?
- Who inspires you to make music?

*All song choices must be appropriate for a school environment.*

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### **TO DO BEFORE YOUR AUDITION:**

- Choose your solo and practise it a lot (tips for practising are below)
- Send or drop off a digital file or YouTube link of your accompaniment to the [Arts Registrar](#) by Monday January 26, 2024** Acceptable Music Formats: MP3, AIFF, WAV, or website link

*\*If you have any difficulties sending your music ahead of time, please contact the [Arts Registrar](#)*

### **Tips for practising:**

- Pick a song that shows off what you're good at and what makes you unique as a singer
- Pay attention to the speed, how loud and soft you can sing, the style of the song, and other musical elements in your solo
- Try performing your solo for friends and family
- Keep practising until you can sing your solo confidently in front of other people