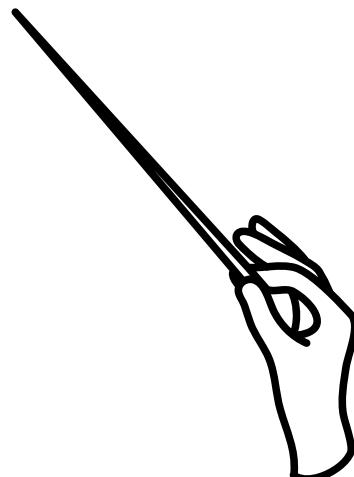


FIRST CHOIR REHEARSAL CHECKLIST

✓ BEFORE REHEARSAL

- Risers/Seating set up
- Folders or binders labeled and distributed
- Warm-up plan prepared (vocal + physical)
- Name tags or seating chart ready (if needed)
- Keyboard/piano tuned and accessible
- Repertoire selected and copied (start with one easy read-through piece)
- Sign-in sheet or attendance system in place
- Tech check (speakers, Bluetooth, slides, metronome app if used)



🎤 DURING REHEARSAL

- Welcome & icebreaker. Set a positive tone.
- Go over expectations (rehearsal expectations, music handling, phones, etc.)
- Vocal warm-up (include breath, range, diction, and blend)
- Work on a familiar or accessible piece (something achievable to boost confidence)
- Keep rehearsal pace lively and encouraging



AFTER REHEARSAL

- Reflect and take notes (What went well? What needs adjusting?)
- Adjust seating or sectioning if needed
- Follow up with students or send a welcome message
- Update attendance and voice part spreadsheet
- Plan next rehearsal based on what was achieved



PRO TIPS

- Begin with a win: choose a piece they'll feel good singing right away.
- Smile and keep the energy warm and calm – they'll match your tone.
- Don't overload with music – 1-2 pieces max is plenty for Day 1.
- Leave time for connection: building community is just as important as sound.

