

SCVA Ensemble Classification Definition Sheet

(Choose the classification that meets most of the criteria for the ensemble)

MS Classification III: Middle School Novice Level Ensembles (grades 6-8)

- MS ensembles in which the *majority* of students began singing in the fall or have less than one year of experience
- MS ensembles performing beginning level MS repertoire
- MS ensemble that is the only group of its kind offered at the school

MS Classification II: Middle School Intermediate Ensembles (grades 6-8)

- MS ensembles in which the *majority* of students have 1-2 years of experience
- MS ensembles performing intermediate level MS repertoire
- Intermediate level MS ensembles from schools that offer a sequential program

MS Classification I: Middle School Advanced Level Ensembles (grades 6-8)

- MS ensembles in which the *majority* of students have 2-3 years of experience
- MS ensembles singing advanced level MS repertoire
- Advanced level MS ensembles from schools that offer a sequential program
- *Optional: Director may choose to have ensemble evaluated at advanced level regardless of the actual criteria the choir matches*

HS Classification III: High School Novice Level Ensembles (grades 9-12)

- Novice level HS ensemble in which the *majority* of students have 1 semester-2 years of experience
 - Includes experience from middle school
- *Including, but not limited to:* Ensembles from small high schools
- HS ensembles performing beginning level HS repertoire
- Beginning level HS ensemble from schools that offer a sequential program
- HS ensemble that is the only group of its kind offered at the school

HS Classification II: High School Intermediate Level Ensembles (grades 9-12)

- Intermediate level HS ensemble in which the *majority* of students have 2-3 years of experience
 - Includes experience from middle school
- *Including, but not limited to:* Ensembles from small high schools
- HS ensembles performing intermediate level HS repertoire
- Intermediate level HS ensemble from schools that offer a sequential program

HS Classification I: High School Advanced Level Ensembles (grades 9-12)

- Advanced level HS ensembles in which the *majority* of students have 3+ years of experience
 - Includes experience from middle school
- HS ensembles performing advanced level HS repertoire
- Advanced level HS ensembles from schools that offer a sequential program
- *Optional: Director may choose to have ensemble evaluated at advanced level regardless of the actual criteria the choir matches*