Pop Style

This is a very common style found in *Top 40* music used in the school setting.

- Melody and lyrics are the most important elements.
- Pronunciation is very forward.
- It is sung with a focused, light, forward fundamental tone.
- Most pieces require the use of a rhythm section.
- Contrast is generated by changes in tone color, span of dynamics, intensity, and momentum of the melodic line.
- Harmony is often a secondary element; syncopation is important.
- Vibrato is used as an ornament and is not a necessity in tone production.
- Most pop music is rock-oriented and is interpreted with straight eighth notes, with accents on the second half of the beat, and major pulses of two and four.

