

How should I Practice?

First time with the new music

Before you play

check notes
check fingerings
check rhythms

Slowly sightread and remember where mistakes were
made

this way, you can go back later and fix the mistakes

Figure out the mistakes

so that you can play the music as written

Slowly try to play through the entire song

STOP if you make a mistake

Fix the mistake

DON'T practice mistakes

What if I can't play part of it?

Repeat a trouble spot over and over - make it a game -

"How many times can I play it right?"

Read through the notes

Read the notes and do the fingerings/positions

Clap the rhythm and count it

Try for a complete run-through

still fix mistakes

Your ultimate goal is to become comfortable
with your music. You should not always be
playing it like you are sightreading!