

# EYSO DRESS REHEARSAL PETITION FOR ABSENCE 2016-17

## DEADLINES

October 6, 2016 for November 2016 concert  
February 10, 2017 for March 2017 concert  
April 6, 2017 for May 2017 concert

After these deadlines, requests to miss the dress rehearsal will not be accepted. In those cases, students must choose to attend the dress rehearsal or not play the concert.

## POLICY

Dress rehearsals are required. To be eligible to play the concert, a student must attend the full dress rehearsal.

### Events Which Will Be Excused

- 1) A required school music event, *which counts towards a student's grade* in band or orchestra. ILMEA District and State events. Emergency or last minute illness. *These conflicts do not require a petition*—just an online absence report and an email to your conductor. Please do this as early as you become aware of the conflict.
- 2) An event of *singular significance* that cannot be repeated or rescheduled, such as a high profile sport or academic contest where the student is competing, a family member wedding, etc. Sports contests should be terminal events in a school team season (regional or state competition), not just a “tournament”. *These events require a petition to be considered.*

### Events Not Eligible

- Events offered on multiple dates or which can be rescheduled (SAT, ACT tests, test prep classes)
- School pit orchestra, optional school music events which allow for flexible scheduling,
- Attending another performance or show
- Getting ready for prom
- Traveling sports team events, even those called “tournaments”

Petitions for these absences will likely be denied by the Attendance Committee.

## **MOST IMPORTANT: this petition must be submitted no later than 30 days before the dress rehearsal.**

The purpose of this 30-day deadline is to:

- 1) Encourage students to be responsible about their personal calendars and to plan ahead.
- 2) Teach students to communicate their scheduling conflicts in the most responsible and mature way, as early as possible.
- 3) Allow enough time for conductors to reassign solo parts (wind, brass, and percussion) and redo string seating as necessary.

Please submit the information below to **both your conductor and the EYSO Office ([office@eyso.org](mailto:office@eyso.org)) by the deadline.** Preferred: print out this form, fill it out, scan, and email. Alternately, you can also turn it in as a hard copy to the rehearsal office at ECC. A third option is typing all the information below into an email and send to both email addresses.

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**STUDENT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **Orchestra** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instrument** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_ **School** \_\_\_\_\_ **Today's Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF EVENT** \_\_\_\_\_

**Web address for the event** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the event, and why it is important for you to attend. Have you participated in it before? (Use the back, if necessary.)

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Student signature

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Parent signature