

EYSO DRESS REHEARSAL PETITION FOR ABSENCE 2017-18

DEADLINES

Thursday, October 5, 2017 for November 5, 2017 concert
Thursday, February 8, 2018 for March 10, 2018 concert
Thursday, April 5, 2018 for May 6, 2018 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. For these conflicts, please DO submit a petition, so EYSO attendance can track your absence, and we have details on your event. Also submit 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
 - Prom
 - Regular season athletic events, 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 personally responsible about their 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** (attendance@eyso.org) **by the deadline above.** Preferred: print out this form, fill it out, scan, and email. You can also turn it in as a hard copy to the rehearsal office at ECC. A third option: type all the information below into an email and submit to both email addresses above.

STUDENT NAME _____ **Orchestra** _____

Instrument _____ **Grade** ____ **School** _____ **Today's Date** _____

NAME OF EVENT _____ **Date(s) of Event** _____

Location of event _____ **Web address for 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.)

If my petition is not approved: I intend *play* the dress rehearsal/concert. I intend to *miss* the dress rehearsal/concert.

Student signature

Parent signature