

Music Department Rehearsal and Performance Policies

Dear Music Department Families,

Below are the policies of the entire Music Department regarding participation in **auditioned ensembles**. Our department feels that, in order to provide opportunities to all students, it is important to renew our commitment to holding students accountable to each other. By ensuring that all students are committed to the groups they are in, we also ensure that their peers are able to learn and grow to the greatest extent possible. By ensuring that all students support one another on stage and off, we recognize that part of being a performer is the work we do as a team before and after the performance. We ask that you carefully read below, and return this signed form indicating your understanding and willingness to adhere to these policies.

Many thanks,

Mara, Frank, Rahul, and Matthew

- ★ Our Spring, 2019 showcase date is Saturday, May 11 at 7pm for auditioned ensembles.
- ★ Students may have no more than 2 **unexcused** absences from rehearsal in a month. More than 2 **unexcused** absences per month could result in immediate dismissal from the ensemble (for information about PVPA's absence policy, please see p.29 of the community handbook).
- ★ Students are expected to be present for rehearsals on **all** days, but especially in the weeks before the show. Please do not schedule appointments or vacations in the 2 weeks preceding a showcase.
- ★ All students are required to be present at showcase performances **40 minutes before** the showcase until **40 minutes after** the showcase ends (we anticipate ending by 9:45pm). After the last performance, **all students** are required to be part of the breakdown/load-out process.
- ★ Any student who must arrive late or leave early from a showcase performance must alert the ensemble director regarding their absence at least 1 week prior to the showcase **in writing**. (see missing rehearsal form on the music department website and attached).
- ★ Students who experience family or health emergencies may submit relevant information and will be required to complete an alternate assignment to demonstrate what they have learned. **Any student who misses a showcase performance without meeting the above requirements will not earn credit in the course.**

By signing below you indicate that you have made note of our showcase date and understand our expectation that your student be present in rehearsal and at the showcase from 6:20pm until 40 minutes after the final performance ends.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Student signature

Date

Missing Rehearsal or Performance Form

If you know you are unable to attend an after-school rehearsal or performance for the music department, please fill out this form, have it signed by someone at home, and hand it to your teacher (hard copies only!) **at least 1 week before a rehearsal, or 3 weeks before a performance.**

Name _____

Date of Rehearsal or Performance: _____

Reason for missing rehearsal or performance (acceptable reasons include major events that happen once and cannot be moved or difficult-to-schedule appointments, but do NOT include work obligations that can be moved with notice):

Missing rehearsal: I understand that by missing this rehearsal, I am creating more work for all of the other members of my ensemble, and I will take responsibility for learning the material and information that I missed. I will ensure that missing an important rehearsal is something that happens seldom so that I can be a contributing member to the work of my ensemble.

Missing Performance: I understand that by missing this performance I am missing the culminating experience designed for my class and I am altering the ensemble that our class has worked to build. I do not take this lightly and I will continue to be a productive participant in class through the performance. I will take responsibility to complete an alternate assignment that demonstrates my mastery of the skills we learned in class to the same degree a performance would have.

Student Name

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

For Music Department Use

Date Handed In: