

ECYS REQUIREMENTS

To enroll in East County Youth Symphony's ensemble/class for the first time every musician must pass the entrance audition, and complete and submit the Online Registration Form for New Students.

ATTENDANCE/DISCIPLINE REQUIREMENTS

You will be granted 18 Attendance/Discipline Points for each semester to begin with. The following table shows how many points will be deducted from your account in certain cases:

Rehearsal Tardiness (Student did not sign in/clock in 10 minutes before the rehearsal begins)	Excused (ECYS was notified 3 days in advance)	- 2 pts
	Unexcused (ECYS was not notified 3 days in advance)	- 4 pts
Rehearsal Absence (Student missed more than 1/2 of the rehearsal time.)	Excused (ECYS was notified 3 days in advance)	- 4 pts
	Unexcused (ECYS was not notified 3 days in advance)	- 8 pts
Dress Rehearsal Tardiness (Student did not sign in/clock in 10 minutes before the dress rehearsal begins)	Excused (ECYS was notified 2 weeks in advance)	- 6 pts
	Unexcused (ECYS was not notified 2 weeks in advance)	- 12 pts
Dress Rehearsal Absence (Student missed more than 30 minutes of dress rehearsal)	Excused (ECYS was notified 2 weeks in advance)	- 12 pts
	Unexcused (ECYS was not notified 2 weeks in advance)	-12 pts*
Concert Tardiness/Absence (Student arrived after concert begins)	Any	-12 pts*
Arriving to the rehearsal without music		- 6 pts
Arriving to the dress rehearsal/concert without music		-12 pts
Talking during the rehearsal		- 4 pts
Disrespectful behavior		- 4 pts
Violation of Concert Dress Code		N/A

* **Dismissal from the program without the right to re-audition.**

(!) It does not count as Tardiness/Absence if you gave the notice that you might be late/absent but were able to make it and sign in/clock in on time.

To report an absence:

Email Esmeralda Perez at esmeralda.perez@ecysymphony.com or call 310.766.4411 and leave a message.

Less than 1 Point will result in dismissal from the program. \$100 refundable deposit will be required in order to continue with ECYS Pre-Orchestra program. The deposit will return your balance to +6 points. Less than 1 point a second time will result in loss of the \$100 deposit and dismissal from the program without the right to re-audition.

MUSICIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

DRESS REHEARSAL/CONCERT ATTIRE (except Pre-Orchestra musicians under age of 11 who will ask their instructor what to wear for their concert.)

Gentlemen concert attire:

- a. Black dress shoes
- b. Black socks
- c. Black dress pants
- d. White long sleeve dress/tuxedo shirt
- e. Black bow tie
- f. Black jacket/tail coat
- g. Black dress shirt is acceptable if you don't have black jacket. No white shirts without a jacket (!)
- h. Nails must be clipped and clean
- i. Hair must be clean and nice looking.

Ladies concert attire:

- a. Black "closed toe" dress shoes – low or medium wide heel only. No boots or sandals. (High heel shoes are acceptable for the harp and piano players if it helps to operate the pedals.
- b. Skin-matching color nylons for evening performances required.
- c. Black (floor level to 16" above the floor level) dress or skirt.
- d. Black long dress pants. No jeans or "skinny" pants.
- e. Black long or ¾ sleeve dress or top. "See through" fabrics are acceptable for the long or ¾ sleeve tops if worn over "spaghetti straps" dress or top only -not over underwear.
- f. Nails must be filed and clean. French manicure or clear nail polish only.
- g. Hair must be off left shoulder for all string players.

There are no exceptions to the concert attire requirements. If musician is not properly dressed for the concert, he/she may not be allowed to perform, which could result in being dismissed from the program.

Please contact Esmeralda Perez at esmeralda.perez@ecysymphony.com with any questions you have concerning attire.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Members of the East County Youth Symphony perform at the various concert halls, community centers and other facilities. All participating musicians are representatives of the organization, and the behavior and dress of each musician reflects upon the entire group. It is essential to respect the rights and property of others. We count on all participants to use common sense in avoiding situations and behavior that would put themselves or anyone else at risk, cause problems for the group, or adversely affect the safety, performance and enjoyment of all.

The ECYS strictly enforces a zero tolerance policy with regards to the use of drugs and alcohol, smoking, any other illegal activities, and any form of harassment towards students and staff.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Productive rehearsals and concerts require each and every player's attendance and full participation. We believe that the difference between a good performance and a great one lies in the commitment of every single member to attendance, preparedness, and excellence. All musicians are required to do the following:

1. Always bring a pencil to rehearsals.

2. Every musician must have the copy of rehearsal/concert schedule in his/her music folder.
3. Musicians may NOT be seated during tune-up or rehearsal. Everyone who arrived late has to wait for the appropriate moment and get the conductor/instructor's permission.
4. Talking and/or distracting other musicians during rehearsal will be considered as disrespectful behavior toward others. Third notice will result in dismissal from the program.
5. Arriving to rehearsal without music will constitute as 1/2 *unexcused absence*.
6. Practice at home regularly and come well prepared to rehearsals.

PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Every family must volunteer at least 5 hours during the Summer session, 10 hours during the Fall session and 12 hours during the Spring session. The list of volunteer opportunities will be posted online, and every musician/family will receive the email with invitation to sign up. **For those who do not complete the required amount of volunteer hours the compensation fee (\$12 per every incomplete hour) will apply in order to renew the enrollment for the upcoming session.**

PICKING UP YOUR STUDENT

Pick up your student promptly after rehearsal. ECYS is not responsible for musician's safety after operating hours. **Failure to pick up your musician in time (within 5 minutes after rehearsal ends) will result in \$25 penalty and dismissal from the program until the penalty is paid in full.**

COMMUNICATION

It is a parent/guardian responsibility to notify ECYS of any changes in E-mail address, mailing address or phone number as well as check for important information, updates and rehearsal reminders.

TICKET SALES REQUIREMENT

Every ECYS musician has to bring at least 7 guests to each concert. Some of these guests must pay for their tickets. However, we will work with you if your guest(s) is not in a position to pay but still would like to attend. Complimentary tickets can be arranged in exceptional cases. Two complimentary tickets can be also arranged for parents after they sold their required minimum. Additional tickets are typically available at the door. The Ticket Sales deadline will be specified on the current schedule.

The membership of those musicians who failed to meet ticket sales requirements will be terminated after due date without exceptions, until requirements are met. Every family must participate in concert marketing.

PR in Your Community: Families are encouraged to make contacts in their community with local newspapers, schools, PTA's, service groups, senior citizens, musical groups, clubs and churches to encourage their attendance of ECYS concerts. ECYS gladly offers group discounts and will assist you in this important task with flyers and publicity materials.