

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 Registration Form Online

ATTENDANCE/DISCIPLINE REQUIREMENTS

The following table shows the disciplinary consequences for tardiness, absence, and disruptive behavior. The third column shows the maximum allowed occurrences before student will be dismissed from the program per semester.

Rehearsal Tardiness Student was not present at least 10 minutes before the rehearsal begins	Excused (ECYS was notified 3 days in advance)	3
	Unexcused (ECYS was not notified 3 days in advance)	1
Rehearsal Absence (Student missed more than 1/2 of the rehearsal time.)	Excused (ECYS was notified 3 days in advance)	3
	Unexcused (ECYS was not notified 3 days in advance)	1
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)	1
	Unexcused (ECYS was not notified 2 weeks in advance)	0*
Dress Rehearsal Absence (Student missed more than 30 minutes of dress rehearsal)	Excused (ECYS was notified 2 weeks in advance)	0*
	Unexcused (ECYS was not notified 2 weeks in advance)	0**
Concert Tardiness/Absence	Any	0**
Arriving to the rehearsal without music		1
Arriving to the dress rehearsal/concert without music		0*
Talking during the rehearsal		5
Disrespectful/Inappropriate behavior		2
Violation of Concert Dress Code		0*

* Dismissal from the program.

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

(!) Exceptions can be made in case of illness or death in a family.

To report an absence:

Email Irie Morales at iriemoralesstudio@gmail.com

MUSICIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

DRESS REHERSAL/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/tailcoat
- 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 Alexandra Keegan at ecysaudition@gmail.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 must wait for the appropriate moment and get the conductor/instructor's permission to take a seat.
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 (\$15 per every incomplete hour) will apply in order to renew the enrollment for the upcoming semester.**

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 must 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(are) not able 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.