



Edmonton Youth Orchestra Attendance Policy Adopted June 16, 2025

Policy Statement

Members are expected to attend and be on time for all rehearsals and concerts. Full participation in rehearsals and concerts is essential for the overall growth and success of the orchestra.

About this policy

This policy covers orchestra member attendance at rehearsals and concerts.

Procedure

- Orchestra members are to arrive 15 minutes early to each rehearsal and be in their seat 5 minutes prior, in time to warm up and go through the tuning procedure.
- A maximum of THREE (3) unexcused absences throughout the year will be permitted. Excused absences include direct conflicts with competitions, exams, festivals, etc., or school conflicts. Members must inform the EYO General Manager of any scheduling conflicts as soon as they find out. Some personal absences will be allowed, but the Music Director and General Manager have the authority to determine if any absence is excused.
- Any absence without proper notice will be considered an unexcused absence.
- Arriving more than 15 minutes late to rehearsal without proper notice will be considered an unexcused absence.
- Any member who exceeds three unexcused absences will become ineligible for scholarship consideration and participation in the Northern Alberta Concerto Competition.
- If members expect any scheduling conflicts, they are to discuss them with the appropriate people as far ahead as possible (teachers, band directors); often, a compromise can be worked out between the EYO and other ensemble directors or teachers.
- If a student must miss a rehearsal, concert or workshop, they are required to contact and advise the EYO General Manager, prior to the absence, by e-mail: eyo@shaw.ca
- At the discretion of the Music Director, in consultation with the General Manager, members may be asked to leave the orchestra due to poor attendance.
- A member may be placed on probation or asked to leave the orchestra if the member has an apathetic and/or poor attitude during rehearsals.

Authority

- Edmonton Youth Orchestra Board



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Related documents (e.g., legislation, EYO bylaw, policies, handbooks)

References

Calgary Youth Orchestra Attendance Policy

Revision history

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