

Maui Youth Philharmonic Orchestra

2026–2027 Attendance Policy

Every Musician Matters

MYPO is an ensemble, and every student is an important member of the team. Just as with a sports team, the success of the whole group depends on each member being present, prepared, and committed. When a student is absent, it affects their section, the balance of the orchestra, and the ability of the entire ensemble to prepare for performances.

For this reason, **consistent attendance is an important part of being a member of MYPO, or any other team sport or organization such as dance, theater, etc.**

Weekly Rehearsals

Students are expected to attend all scheduled rehearsals and arrive 10 minutes before their scheduled class time with their instrument, music, and necessary supplies. Arriving early allows them to unpack, tune, and be ready to play at the appointed class time.

Parents/guardians must contact the MYPO director directly regarding an absence or late arrival. Please do not ask another student, parent, or family to relay the message. Please do not assume that an absence is understood simply because a student is not present.

Excused Absences

Students may have **up to three (3) excused absences** during the season. Excused absences may include:

- Illness
- Family emergency
- School-related activities or required events
- Significant family circumstances
- Other circumstances approved by the MYPO director

Unusual circumstances: If a student needs to miss more than three rehearsals because of circumstances beyond the family's control, please speak with the MYPO director. We will work together to determine what arrangements may be necessary to support the student while also considering the needs of the ensemble.

Concerts & Dress Rehearsals

Concerts and dress rehearsals are mandatory. These are the culmination of the students' work, and every musician is needed. If a student knows in advance that they cannot attend a required concert or dress rehearsal, the parent/guardian must discuss the situation with the MYPO director as soon as possible.

Please do not schedule vacations, trips, or other optional activities that conflict with required MYPO performances or dress rehearsals.

More Than Three Absences

Because MYPO is an ensemble, which relies on every person, more than three absences may affect a student's ability to participate in a performance, even when those absences are excused. The director may determine that additional preparation is needed, that a student should be reassigned to another part, or that the student may need to sit out a particular performance. Sitting out of a performance is a very rare occurrence, and has only happened once, where the parent and director communicated and came to a mutual agreement which benefitted both the student and their ensemble. Each situation will be handled on a case by case basis.

This is not intended as punishment and is a rare occurrence. It is necessary to ensure that students are adequately prepared and that the ensemble can perform successfully as a team.

Our Commitment to One Another

Be present. Be prepared. Be responsible. Support one another. Give your best to the team. Help to make your team the best it can be by practicing regularly!

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have read and understand the MYPO 2026–2027 Attendance Policy. We understand that regular attendance, punctuality, communication, and participation are important responsibilities of membership in MYPO, and that absences may affect a student's ability to participate in performances.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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