

Attendance Policy

Concerts are the ultimate evaluation of many weeks of preparation and class work. Every performance is mandatory. A performing ensemble requires ALL students to contribute to allow for success. A student not attending a performance affects every performing member of the ensemble. Unlike other academic classes, it is impossible to “make up” activities that occur during rehearsals or performances. Failure to attend a concert will adversely affect the student’s concert grade for the reporting period.

Excused Absence – No grade penalty

- Absences for performances will be excused for religious holidays, medical emergencies, or family emergencies.
- Emergency absences must be reported in writing upon return to school.
- Doctor’s notes must be provided for medical absences.

Director Approved Absence – Make-up for MAXIMUM of 50%

- Except in the event of an emergency, students must inform the director of absences at least 30 days prior to the performance.
- Absences for family obligations or outside of school events that cannot be rescheduled must be approved within the 30 day time frame.
- In the event of a conflict with another scheduled school activity, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the sponsors of both activities. The sponsors will then determine the student’s obligation. ***See your director for a letter that may be given to an event sponsor.***
- For each approved absence, the student may be given a make up assignment to receive up to 50% for the performance grade. This will be at the discretion of the director and department staff.

Unexcused Absence- Quarter grade lowered by one full letter grade

- Jobs or school work do not constitute excused absences.
- Missing a performance to take a family vacation is considered an unexcused absence. Please do not plan vacations that conflict with concerts.
- Performance absences that are not approved by the director at least 30 days prior will be considered unexcused.
- Rehearsals or practices for extra-curricular activities outside of SHS do not constitute excused absences. ***See your director for a letter that may be given to a coach or event sponsor.***
- For each unexcused absence, the student’s grade for the marking period will be lowered by one full letter grade.

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