

CYSO SCHOOL MUSIC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT

CYSO's POLICY:

All current/active CYSO members must be enrolled and participating in their school music program on their respective CYSO instrument (e.g. a violinist in CYSO must be in their school orchestra or string program; a trumpet player in CYSO must be in their school band). NOTE: If your school does not have an instrumental music program (Band, Orchestra) OR does not have a program at your student's grade level, this policy requirement will not apply.

JUSTIFICATION:

Cascade Youth Symphony Organization (CYSO) is committed to supporting school (public and private) music programs *while providing extended training and performance opportunities for the more serious young musician*. In doing so, CYSO has designed its programs to be a supplement, not a substitute, for school music programs. Our policy ensures that the whole music community is supported and is able to provide the advanced pedagogic and performance experiences required for more serious and dedicated young musicians (ages 8 through 21).

We understand that maintaining participation in your school music program can be challenging (especially for middle & high school students). However, it has been our experience that our CYSO members have been able to do so, in both general and honors programs, and still achieve the recognition and exemplary scholarship necessary to graduate and enter major universities. Therefore, we recommend that CYSO members work with their school counselor(s) and their orchestra/band director(s) to facilitate a program that supports their participation in school music while achieving their academic requirements and goals.

Feel free to contact me if you have any related questions.

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