

## Attendance Policy

Unlike other seasonal activities, a choir has only a few opportunities to “strut their stuff”. Moreover, Symphonic Choir and Chorale are scheduled in class sections, not choir sections. Full rehearsals outside of the school day, therefore, are the **ONLY** way that the choirs can prepare for Concerts, Festivals, Competitions, Tours, and other performances. A schedule of rehearsals is prepared, and published online before the school year begins (<https://www.crsd.org/Page/3350>).

**\*\*\*Please Note During TRIP YEARS ONLY: Students who participate in the concert tour are part of the Touring Choir. Additional Touring Choir rehearsals will be scheduled. Attendance at Touring Choir Rehearsals is MANDATORY if the student wishes to participate in the tour.\*\*\***

**With full knowledge and acceptance of this policy, attendance at all rehearsals and performances is fully expected. It is the student’s responsibility to keep rehearsal dates reserved for choir rehearsals.**

Members of NorthVoice and Rhythm of the Rock have a separate attendance policy that is given to them at the beginning of the year. Although a grade is not assigned in these groups, members will be dismissed from the group if their regular attendance becomes a problem.

### **POLICY FOR ABSENCES**

**ATTENDANCE AT ALL AFTER SCHOOL OR EVENING REHEARSALS AND AT ALL PERFORMANCES IS MANDATORY AND EXPECTED.**

**Tardiness to any choral event is unacceptable.**

#### **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

A student is excused from choir rehearsal in the event of

- Student illness from school.
- A death or serious illness in the immediate family
- Genuine family emergency

A brief note of explanation, signed and dated by the parents/guardians, is expected upon the student’s return to school. In the case where a student feels ill at the end of the school day and is physically unable to attend a rehearsal, a signed and dated note from the school nurse or a doctor is required for the absence to be excused.

#### **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

The following circumstances are examples of **unexcused absences**:

- Homework
- Employment
- Routine doctors or dentists appointments
- Driver exams
- Club meetings
- “Last minute” vacations
- Being a spectator at a school sporting event

#### **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES AFFECT MARKING PERIOD GRADES**

- Unexcused absences will result in a **“zero”** for each occurrence. **(Keep in mind Dress Rehearsals are graded with TWICE the weight.)**
- Tardiness infractions will result in **“half credit”** for each occurrence.
- An unexcused absence for a **concert performance** will result in **“F”** for that attendance grade and will drop the overall marking period grade to a **“D”** or lower.
- Misbehaving during a concert performance either while performing, waiting to perform, or watching another performance will result in an automatic **“F”** for the marking period.
- **Keep in mind that rehearsal attendance is 30% of your marking period grade.** Only missing a few rehearsals will jeopardize your marking period grade dramatically.

#### **FAMILY VACATIONS**

For students whose family vacation plans present a conflict with the choral schedule, the absence will be excused **ONLY** if a detailed note, signed and dated, is received from the parents/guardians at least two weeks prior to the event.

#### **CHOIR ATHLETES / OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS / OUTSIDE GROUPS**

Students are highly encouraged to participate in many activities. **Balancing the small number of after-school/evening rehearsals with a lengthy athletic season or other club is an important part of growing and learning how to manage schedules.** The following policy will be followed for those involved in multiple activities:

- Students involved in other activities are allowed to miss **one** after-school or evening rehearsal for a game/event per concert season **(a club meeting or “counting money” is not an excused event.)**
- Students involved in other activities will be subject to the attendance policy for all subsequent rehearsals and performances.
- This excused absence will only be granted upon receipt of a signed and dated note from the coach/advisor.
- **ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THE DRESS REHEARSAL.**
- **STUDENTS MAY NOT MISS A PERFORMANCE FOR AN ATHLETIC PRACTICE OR OTHER CLUB MEETING, AS PER COUNCIL ROCK POLICY.**