

ESYO 2021-22 Policies and Procedures

CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME to our 88th Season! Your conductor is glad you're part of the orchestra. This will be a rewarding year of rehearsing and performing great music to share with each other and our community.

We are looking forward to meeting in person this season! However, the health and safety of our students, staff, volunteers, and their families remains our top priority. Therefore, plans are subject to change based on the recommended state and local guidelines as they are updated. The current state of the Covid-19 pandemic requires an adherence to the safest possible accommodations to minimize risk.

ESYO is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion, and to providing a welcoming, safe community for young musicians of all backgrounds, cultures, identities, and abilities. We are confident that our conductors, coaches and registrars will continue to provide unique and valuable musical experiences for their students, no matter what happens with the virus. Youth musicians from throughout the area are invited to learn, grow, lead and PLAY!

Covid-19 Policies

We will begin the 2021-22 season on September 27th with the following policies, which will remain in effect until further notice:

1. Proof of vaccination will be required of all students old enough to be eligible for the vaccine as well as all adult staff members. Students and staff may apply for an exemption for medical reasons or deeply held religious beliefs. A form to upload your vaccination card or application for exemption is provided at the end of this registration form.
2. Masks will be required AT ALL TIMES by musicians during rehearsals including while playing. Wind players will be expected to wear specialized masks and use a bell cover, both of which we will provide. All instructors, staff and visitors will be required to adhere to this same mask policy. We will have extra masks on hand. Visitors who are not staff will not be allowed in rehearsals except under special circumstances.
3. Rehearsal space, distancing, and other safety protocols will be determined based on safe accommodation of each individual orchestra. This may mean rehearsing at a new location for the time being.
4. If we determine that Covid numbers in Lane County are too high to gather in person, we may need to rehearse in smaller groups, or go online for a short time. We will determine this by the number of students in the orchestra, the percentage of students who are not vaccinated, and the size of the space we have available to us.

Rehearsal Policies

ATTENDANCE and REGISTRAR: Consistent attendance and practice are critical to the sound and success of the orchestra. If a student will be absent or late, a parent or guardian must contact the registrar (not the office). Excused absences are accepted for illness or family emergencies. Absence without contacting the registrar is considered unexcused. If a student has two unexcused absences within a concert set, or misses multiple rehearsals for any reason, the conductor may determine that the student may not be able to fully participate in a concert.

PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING: Please join us for an important meeting at the beginning of the season, held over Zoom (date TBD). You can meet your conductor and registrar, and learn more about your orchestra.

CANCELLED or MODIFIED CLASSES/REHEARSALS: ESYO reserves the right to modify or cancel any activity due to insufficient enrollment, instrumentation or extenuating circumstances. Information about cancellations will be emailed to families, posted on the website calendar, and/or announced at rehearsals

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA or BAND: ESYO strongly recommends that all students take part in their school music programs. This year it is even more important, as many students recover from the loss of in-person practice.

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THANK YOU for your participation!