

**An excused absence will be granted only for extreme or unusual circumstances such as a death in the family, contagious illness, or other unavoidable circumstances. It is the responsibility of the parent to notify Dr. Yarbrough of the situation as far in advance as possible. Parents should call 301-513-5400 ext. 2312. If a student is absent the day of a performance, please call to let us know what to expect.

Regarding conflicts with other school activities, we will be as flexible as possible in allowing the student to participate in both events. In order for this to be possible, students must notify the director well in advance of the conflict. Performances take precedence over extra-curricular events. Credit lost for an excused absence can be made up (refer to EXTRA CREDIT). Credit lost for an unexcused absence can not be made up.

Excused absences from a rehearsal or sectional require a note from the parent, in advance if possible, or the signature of the teacher of the missed period. The deadline for notes from teachers is one week after the sectional period in question.

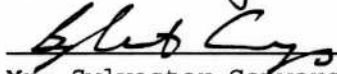
MAJOR PROJECTS - Generally, these are necessary to earn enough points for an "A". A major project can be:

1. CONCERT REPORT - A brief paragraph written on each piece of music performed on a televised concert or recording. Length of listening must be at least 90 minutes. For multi-movement pieces, a paragraph on each movement is required.
2. CONCERT ATTENDANCE - Go to a concert (at another high school, sibling's school, community orchestra, military band, etc.) and bring back a program. Choose 1 piece from the program and write 2 paragraphs about what you heard. You may attend a program at ERHS on which you do not perform. You must attend the entire program to get credit.
3. ATTEND AN ALL-DAY WORKSHOP - on your instrument or a related instrument. Attend all clinics and sessions. Bring back a printed program. Write a brief summary (2 paragraphs). We will let you know when we hear of possible workshops.
4. MUSIC TECHNOLOGY PROJECT - must be approved by instructors

**If there are any individual concerns surrounding this policy, please call us at 301-513-5400 ext. 2312. We are more than happy to discuss them with you. We are aware that grades are extremely important to all students and we make every effort to be fair with everyone.




Dr. David Yarbrough, Director of Orchestras



Mr. Sylvester Conyers, Principal



Student Signature



Parent Signature

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