

MVYSO Elite Ensemble Commitment Contract

Membership in one of MVYSO's Elite Ensembles is an honor, as Elite groups are ambassador ensembles and represents MVYSO in the community and beyond. Musicians participating in Elite Ensembles must exemplify the upmost quality in musicianship, leadership, commitment, and behavior. Many gigs are paid, students are compensated and professional musician dedication and behavior is taught in Elite Ensembles. As a member of an Elite Ensemble, students must value a work ethic that promotes excellence in performance and must understand what is required of them to be part of such a high performing group.

- **Attendance** at rehearsal is mandatory. Rehearsals are on Mondays from 6:00-7:00pm. Should you need to miss a rehearsal, are sick, or running late, contact your director immediately. One excused absence per concert cycle is allowed. Unexcused absences may result in removal from the next performance. Habitual absences will result in removal from the group. More than 15 minutes tardy will be considered an unexcused absence. (Should you have a long term commitment that will cause habitual tardiness/absence, contact the director immediately. Full participation in the group is necessary for success, and missing rehearsal time inhibits the quality of the group.)
- **Preparation** for rehearsal is mandatory. You should expect to practice your parts for 15 minutes a day/4 days a week. It is your responsibility to prepare your part. Failure to prepare your part may result in removal from the group. Elite chamber groups depend on the musical excellence of all participants, and if one member is not prepared, the entire group suffers.
- **Gigs** are mandatory. Elite Ensembles perform at all MVYSO concerts and events, and well as events throughout the community. You will be expected to perform at all gigs scheduled within a month's notice. Performances requested with less than 1 month notice will be up to ensemble availability. Should you be unable to make a performance, notify your director immediately. It is your responsibility to work with your director to find a substitute for yourself prior to a missed gig with enough time for a substitute to make two rehearsals. It is your responsibility to work with your director to get music to your substitute. Failure to do any of the above can result in removal from the ensemble. Missing more than two gigs will result in removal from the ensemble.
- **Your music folder** is your responsibility. Members of Elite Ensembles receive a gig folder with all of their music. You will be responsible for replacement should anything happen to it. There will be a \$75 fee charged to those with lost or damaged folders. If you need help with folder repairs, contact your director.
- **Auditions** for Elite Ensembles are mandatory. Auditions will occur every year (for current members also) as part of your general MVYSO audition. Students wishing to audition for an ambassador group must play a solo or etude of their highest skill level that best exemplifies their technical and musical skills. This commitment form signed by both parent(s) and student is due at the time of audition.

In becoming a member of one of MVYSO's Elite Chamber Ensembles, I agree to contribute to the betterment of the ensemble by supplying my personal best effort and being responsible for all requirements, both as a student or a parent. I realize that conscientious attendance and preparation for rehearsals and performances are essential for Elite Ensembles to operate successfully. I have fully read and understand the conditions and expectations set forth in the above contract and are willing to make the commitments necessary to make this as successful of a musical experience as possible.

Please list any reason that may cause you to miss a rehearsal, arrive late to rehearsal for an extended time (how long/dates?), miss rehearsal for an extended time (how long/dates?), or not allow you to fulfill the commitment required:

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Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_