

MVYSO
IN THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE
(as recommended and agreed to by its student members)

As members and leaders of MVYSO, we commit to excellence by agreeing to the individual steps below.

MVYSO is a music organization that exists to “**enlighten the minds of young musicians, achieve excellence, and nurture talents while giving back to the community.** Throughout this experience we foster a strong sense of **responsibility** and **commitment** in a **fun and nurturing environment.**” (Mission Statement as written by its student members).

- I will make the commitment to be at every rehearsal and performance. If I am going to be late or absent, I will notify my conductor as soon as possible.
- I will be prepared for each rehearsal with my music, pencil with eraser, instrument in working order, tuned and ready to play at the start of each rehearsal session. I commit to not wasting my time or that of others with my unpreparedness.
- I will give my complete attention to my conductor or coach and promise to respect other MVYSO members by not disrupting the rehearsals with unnecessary talking or other distracting behaviors.
- I commit to turning off or silencing and putting away my cell phone during rehearsal and will make prior arrangements with my conductor if I need to have it turned on (for emergency purposes only).
- I commit to practicing my music at home regularly and to use the group rehearsals as *group* rehearsals and not as personal practice time.
- I understand that I am an ambassador for MVYSO and will treat my surroundings with respect. I will leave my rehearsal and concert venue as I found it or better.
- I commit to attending all performances scheduled for my group unless I am excused by the conductor.

I understand that the leaders of the MVYSO commit the following to our members:

- Beginning and ending rehearsals on time
- Respecting our members' individual personalities, talents, and challenges
- Keeping an open line of communication for input from students
- Providing a high-quality music education experience to our members
- Keeping participation in MVYSO fun while still leading students to accomplish excellent musical performances

I understand that these are personal commitments that I choose to make not only for my own benefit, but for that of the entire MVYSO, of which I am a member.

Signed (Student Signature) _____ **Print Name** _____

As a parent of an MVYSO member, I commit to supporting my student in all of the above commitments to excellence by also:

- Keeping up with MVYSO email (generally a weekly email will go out on Fridays or weekends)
- Keeping up with my tuition payments
- Encouraging my student with their music!
- Supporting MVYSO events by attending and volunteering

Signed (Parent Signature) _____ **Print Name** _____