

Greeley Philharmonic Youth Orchestra Policies and Participation Agreement

General

The purpose of the Greeley Philharmonic Youth Orchestra is to provide students from the Greeley community and its surrounding areas (who meet eligibility criteria) the opportunity to be affiliated with one of the finest professional orchestras in the region, to connect with, rehearse and perform orchestral music literature alongside other young performers in a challenging, nurturing and disciplined setting, to have periodic performances in association with the Greeley Philharmonic, form connections with the professional musicians from the orchestra, attend concerts at discounted prices, and to meet great artists that are drawn to our community because of the reputation of the Greeley Philharmonic.

The Greeley Philharmonic Youth Orchestra seeks to build community through partnering with schools throughout the Greeley area, Aims Community College and the University of Northern Colorado towards providing all students opportunities to further their quality orchestral music experience.

Note: A minimum of two adults will always be present at GPYO rehearsals and concerts.

Policies

1. Participants are expected to be on time for rehearsals and concerts (15-30 minutes prior to rehearsals and 30 minutes prior to performances). Participants are expected to notify and gain an excused absence in advance of rehearsals from the GPYO Director.
2. The participant agrees to be prepared for rehearsals and performances: being prepared means that the participant has all appropriate equipment, instrument, music, accessories and clothing (school appropriate) to adequately participate and meet rehearsal and performance expectations. Furthermore, the participant agrees to be prepared, through practice, to perform the music to the highest possible standard in respect to the individual's unique talents and attributes.
3. The participant agrees to show respect and act with respect to others. All people participating with the GPYO are expected to honor others—for their individual characteristics, their views and ideas. The participant agrees to observe traditional orchestral rehearsal etiquette by staying quiet while the rehearsal is in progress, by following along while listening to others, by being ready to play when asked to do so, by appropriately signaling the leader and being recognized prior to asking questions and making statements, by writing in bowings and other markings in the music (with a pencil) when asked to do so by the conductor or others, by exiting and entering rehearsals quietly so not to distract while rehearsals are underway, and by being positive role models for others (especially younger students) at all times and in all places. It is recognized that the music performance world can be a physically and emotionally demanding environment—participants will be given the time and support they need to focus on personal care whether that be physical or emotional. Performers first, music second.
4. Parents/guardians are expected to provide essential support services for their participating student. Students must be on time for rehearsals and prepared to participate. If parents/guardians are the source of transportation for the student, then the parent/guardian is expected to transport the student to rehearsal on time and pick the student up at the end of the rehearsal on time. Students under the age of 18 will not be allowed to leave the rehearsal without notification between the parent/guardian and the GPYO Director.

5. Parents/guardians are expected to keep an active cell number on file with the GPYO for emergency purposes while their student is participating with the GPYO (before, during and after). The GPYO MUST be able to reach parents by phone at any time the student is doing anything affiliated with the GPYO. Parents/guardians are required to attend all rehearsals and concerts for students under the age of 12. Parents/guardians are expected to provide all required medical information concerning student health requirements to the GPYO Director. All information will be kept confidential in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). If a student who is under the age of 18 has a medical condition that necessitates the administration of medication (of any kind) during rehearsals/performances and on any excursion, the parent/guardian will be required to be present when the medication is administered. Parent/guardian supervision of medication administration will be waived upon a signed medical release from the family medical practitioner (Doctor or Nurse). Such a release must be submitted to the GPYO director prior to the first rehearsal of each session. Under no circumstances (outside of an immediate life-threatening medical emergency) will the GPYO staff administer medications or perform medical procedures on another person. In all medical emergency situations, the GPYO staff will call 911 first and then call the parents/guardians.

6. Information about scholarships for enrollment in the GPYO, or for the purchase of musical instruments, are available here. <https://www.greeleyphil.org/student-parent-resources>
For more information on financial assistance, please contact the GPO office.

Student Eligibility Criteria

1. A student application form will be required of all students wishing to participate in the Greeley Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.
2. Students must be enrolled as a high school freshman or a higher grade level (not to exceed the 12th grade) and have completed and returned a signed Participation Agreement
3. Students must be able to access, transport and play their own personal musical instruments
4. Students who come from schools which have a designated orchestra/band program, must have their instrumental music director's authorization to participate in the GPYO.
5. Students may be required to complete a performance interview (audition) prior to acceptance in the group. In general, students must be able to perform basic instrumental techniques and must be able to read music (visually impaired students will not have to meet this criteria). Most often students who have played for two years or longer will meet the criteria for placement in the orchestra.
6. Students will be expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. In some cases, excused absences will be permitted on a case-per-case basis in association with the Greeley Philharmonic Youth Orchestra Director.
7. Students are expected to conduct themselves appropriately in accordance with the GPYO Policies and Expectations.
8. Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing at performances in accordance with the concert dress expectations established by the orchestra conductor(s) – typically this is all black clothing and shoes.

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Student Name: _____ Student Age: _____

School or Home School: _____

Is the student 18 years of age or older? ____ Yes ____ No

Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact Information:

Name(s) of Emergency Contacts: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Numbers: _____

Student Medical Concerns and Medications:

I/We understand and agree to adhere to the policies and eligibility criteria of the GPYO.

The fee for participation in the GPYO is \$100.00 per concert cycle. Concert cycles are typically one school semester or one summer.

Student Signature

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name(s)

GPYO Director Printed Name

GPO Executive Director Printed Name

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature(s) Date

GPYO Director Signature (Date)

GPO Executive Director Signature (Date)