

**THE  
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**YOUTH CHORUS**

## **School Participation Policy**

The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus requires every COYC musician to participate in at least one school music ensemble. This is an important statement of support for school music programs which serve a broad range of students with varying levels of ability. We expect our Youth Chorus musicians to participate in and be leaders of those school programs.

### **Why students need to participate in school programs:**

- The purpose of COYC is to serve as a supplement to, not a replacement for, music in schools.
- If we want the schools to support COYC, we need to support the schools.
- There is no substitute for the daily or almost daily rehearsal that comes with school music programs.
- Without school music instruction, most of the professional musicians in this area (and around the world) would not be where they are today.

### **What we will do to continue to improve the relationship with schools:**

- Provide a schedule for the upcoming season to work in tandem with their own schedules.
- Absences will be accepted for school ensemble events. We request that the school give us a schedule of their rehearsals/performances as soon as possible.

Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.

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**COYC Member's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to participate in at least one of the following school ensemble(s) for academic credit during the 2024-2025 school year:

Choir Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Show Choir/ A Cappella Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Orchestra Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Concert/Symphonic Band Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Marching Band Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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My School does not have an ensemble for which I am eligible.

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Unless approved by COYC and your school's music faculty, the school musical cannot be the only ensemble in which you participate.

If you are unable to participate in your school's music program for any reason, please discuss the conflict with the COYC Manager. The COYC Manager will need to confirm the conflict with the school for you to remain in COYC.

**Please turn form in by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**