



To our Parents and Students,

The Jackson Symphony Music Academy recognizes that students are frequently involved in multiple musical and other activities at their schools. We are committed to our Academy students receiving a well-rounded education and enriching extracurricular activities, actively supporting those programs with regular attendance.

For our organization to fulfill its role to our students and to our community, we hold regular attendance of rehearsals to the utmost importance. We are asking the students auditioning for the Academy provide, to their best ability, a list of *potential conflicts* with Thursday 7-9 PM rehearsals for the 2024-2025 season. Per our Handbook, students with excessive absences may be moved to non-principal positions or eventually dismissed.

We will do our very best to honor students' availability, and we are optimistic that if the auditioning student is invited to participate in the Academy, that our shared role in their development is beneficial to all parties.

By auditioning for the Jackson Symphony Youth Orchestra, you are committing to two concerts (required) and Thursday rehearsals with the except of a family emergency or illness.

*Please bring to the audition any Thursday commitments you have for the academic year.

Thank you.

Dr. Doug Owens
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