

Concert/Performance Attendance

ABSENCES

Excused absences are granted for personal illness, medical/dental appointments accompanied by a physician's statement, and/or a death in the family. An excused absence still counts as an absence.

All other absences are unexcused absences.

What to do when “life happens”

If you or a family member are unable to transport your student to the performance venue, contact the director and they can make accommodations or arrangements for transportation. The more advanced notice you can provide, the better the director will be able to assist your family.

ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENT

Any missed performance, excused or unexcused, is reflected as a zero in the gradebook. In the event of an absence, points can be made up through the alternative assignment. It is the student's responsibility to see the director for make-up work. Work must be turned in one week after the performance.

See the next page for the alternative assignment

It is expected that students stay for the duration of the concert or performance and all equipment is returned to the classroom. Remember, it is important that we support each other!

Please refer to the [JCPS Attendance Policies Procedures Handbook](#) and the [JCPS Student Support and Behavior Intervention Handbook](#) for more information about student absences.

Westport Performing Arts

Performance Alternative Assignment

It is important that all Performing Arts Students are present at every concert or performance that they are assigned to. Performances are a group effort and we must have all parts present to have a great performance.

In order to make up your grade for missing the concert or performance you must complete the following assignments. Your effort on this assignment will determine how many points you can make up on your grade.

You have one week after the concert or performance to complete this assignment to make up any missed points.

Excused absences must be cleared with the director. The director must talk to the parent to clear an excused absence, however the assignment must still be completed even with an excused absence.

Excused absence - Complete 2 of 3 parts

Unexcused absence - Complete all 3 parts

Part 1--You must submit a recording of you performing your role for the performance. You will submit this video through Google Classroom in the "Alternative Assignment" option for the date of the performance missed.

Part 2-- You must submit a **two-page hand-written** essay elaborating on the following:

- a) How your ensemble is like a team, and how we all work together during rehearsal and during performances.
- b) How is being a part of a "team" going to help me later in life?

Part 3-- **Hand-Write** at least two pages about **a highly-influential artist.**

1. Could include: Artist, Choreographer, Dancer, Musician, Instrumentalist, Composer, Actor, Playwright, Director, Recording Artist, Songwriter (*Artist must be approved by teacher prior to starting the assignment*).
2. What was their artistic contribution (performance or composition)?
3. Where are they from?
4. What are they best known for?
5. What was the inspiration for their best known work?
6. When were they at the height of their career and how did they influence the culture?
7. How were their contributions received by critics and audiences?
8. "I chose this artist because..."