## Cheyenne Youth Symphony Expectations

Students must be enrolled in their public school orchestra program.

Attendance – Membership in the Cheyenne Youth Symphony is a commitment to consistent and punctual attendance.

Each student will be allowed one unexcused absence. The second unexcused absence will result in the student having to miss the next scheduled concert. Students will be allowed one excused absence per concert. Students who exceed this number will be allowed to play the concert if given permission from the director.

If a student needs to miss or arrive late to a rehearsal, the director must be notified prior to the rehearsal. Please call or text the director Jaylene Willhite at (307) 631-8556. Do not leave messages at South High.

If a student misses a rehearsal for a sports event and this conflict arises again, the student will be expected to miss the sports event for the rehearsal.

A make-up rehearsal will be scheduled once a month for students who have missed a rehearsal. This rehearsal will be open to all CYS students who wish to attend.

Attendance at dress rehearsals is required in order to play the concert. All students are required to attend the dress rehearsal for each concert. The dress rehearsal is the last practice before the concert. Students do not need to wear their uniform for the dress rehearsal.

## **Procedures**

- Rehearsals require the very best in conduct, appearance, and musicianship.
- Please arrive to rehearsal on time. If you arrive 15 minutes or more late it will be considered as an absence.
- Please be in your seats when the rehearsal begins so you are ready to be tuned.
- To be successful, you must bring your instrument and music for every rehearsal.
- Once the rehearsal has started you need to refrain from talking and playing without permission.
- You will make better progress in your playing abilities with correct posture we will be keeping an eye on you!
- During rehearsals, performances, and concerts, you must follow all instructions given by the Artistic Director.
- Students are expected to practice music assigned at home and come to each rehearsal prepared.
- Please always bring a sharpened pencil to each rehearsal.
- No food or drink is allowed at rehearsal.
- No hats are allowed during rehearsals.
- Keep fingernails trimmed below the tip of the finger the Artistic Director can literally "hear" how long your fingernails are!
- Students need to be picked up within 15 minutes of the end of the rehearsal.