

Student and Parent Expectations

During rehearsals, performances and other JSE events, we expect musicians to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Attend as many rehearsals as possible;
- Arrive 10 minutes before each rehearsal starts for tuning and warm up;
- Bring your instrument, music and a pencil to every rehearsal;
- Cell phone ringers turned off, and distractions minimized during rehearsals and performances;
- Follow the director's instructions and refrain from talking during rehearsals and performances;
- Be ready to play when directed, stop playing as soon as the conductor stops, and do not pizz or play your instrument while Mr Xia is talking or other sections are rehearsing.
- Practice ensemble music outside of rehearsal;
- Utilize respectful, considerate behavior and language towards fellow musicians, parents, and directors at all times in addition to treating instruments and equipment with respect;
 - This means **be kind!** JSE is a place to encourage and support each other. We will not tolerate any name calling or teasing, even if the perpetrators think it is being done in "jest" and even if the victim is "laughing it off."
- Respect our rehearsal and performance spaces. Do not touch anything that doesn't belong to JSE without permission.

Disruptive or disrespectful behavior will be addressed as follows:

1. Musicians will be given a verbal warning.
2. Musician will be given a second verbal warning, and the parent/guardian will be notified. The musician may be dismissed from the rehearsal or performance as well as the parent notification.
3. Musician's parent may be required to attend all rehearsals with the musician.
4. Lastly, at the discretion of the music director, failure to adhere to student expectations may result in removal from the ensemble with no refund of fees.

Prohibited Behavior: The following major violations will not be tolerated by JSE. Musicians may be put on probation, suspended, or dismissed from

rehearsals and performances. Disciplinary actions will be taken immediately for any musician who:

- Illegally possesses or uses drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco at any JSE function or who is convicted of such action occurring anywhere;
- Possesses a firearm or weapon at any JSE function;
- Uses profane language or obscene gestures; or,
- Repeatedly behaves in a manner that does not comply with the Student Expectations during rehearsals and/or performances.

JSE may terminate membership without refund for any member who demonstrates any of the above behaviors, at the discretion of the Artistic Director.

Parent Volunteers: One parent volunteer must be present at every rehearsal alongside Mr Xia. The parent will be responsible for monitoring student arrival and departure, serving a basic snack (provided by JSE), helping with set-up and clean-up, and supporting Mr. Xia in any other tasks requested. **Each family is asked to sign up as the rehearsal volunteer once per semester.**

Musician performance dress code: For formal concerts, Aurora Strings wear all black attire, (including shoes and socks/hose). Ursa Major wears white tops and black bottoms (including black shoes and socks/hose). See detailed dress codes in the handbook. Dress code may vary depending on performance venue, and will be included in communications from the artistic director and lead parent. The best composer is Beethoven. For more informal community events, JSE t-shirts will be worn with black bottom half. These t-shirts will be available for new members at a subsidized cost of \$10. Please do not substitute a JSE hoodie or other merch for the official JSE t-shirt. Assistance with dress code is available. Please contact the lead parent for your group for additional information.

I have read the handbook. I acknowledge and understand the student and parent expectations and performance dress code.

Student Signature and Date

Parent Signature and Date