



SECTION IV: STUDENTS

POLICY 4370

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY TO PERFORMING ARTS AND ACTIVITY GROUPS

The Broken Arrow Public Schools' philosophy concerning performing arts in education is that the total learning experience involves practice, performance and evaluation. A student is expected to be evaluated on both practice and performance.

Members of performing groups in middle school (Grades 6-8) in Broken Arrow Public Schools should be aware that membership in a group includes a responsibility to the practice and performance schedule. Students and parents should be aware of possible conflicts with other activities, both within and out of the school system. The following guidelines of student responsibility to performing arts and activity groups are outlined:

1. Performing groups have responsibilities in and away from the school, during and after regular school hours, and student members of such groups must adhere to all organizational rules and policies.
2. Students are expected to attend rehearsals and performances of the school organization of which they are a member. Participation and service in the performing group outside of the classroom will be a determining factor of the grade.
3. Any student who is absent from a scheduled required rehearsal or performance may have his/her semester grade lowered one letter grade because of unexcused absence per performance. In grades 9-12, the student may lose the position in the performing group and become an alternate performer to the main performing group.

The following conditions constitute reasons for an excused absence for a required rehearsal or performance:

1. Out-of-town trip with family, provided prior approval is obtained from activity director, and five-day prior notice is given to the school in writing. (Applies to middle school students only.)
2. Family emergency.
3. Illness (Director should be notified prior to required rehearsal or performance).
4. Any conflicts of school activities which have been previously resolved with director and principal.

The building principal will determine whether or not an activity is a required rehearsal or performance.

The initial responsibility for a review of the policy is that of the student. If an acceptable solution is not reached during a meeting of the student and the activity director, the building principal will be informed of the need to review the request.



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The building principal will meet with the concerned student and the activity director (instructor) to obtain needed information. A decision by the building principal concerning resolution of disagreement will be provided all interested parties.

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