

We endorse the statement made by the Youth Orchestra Division of the American Symphony Orchestra League – of which we are members.

We, the members of the Youth Orchestra Division of the American Symphony League, recognize and value the vital role played by music educators, both private and public, in the training of young musicians. It is our expectation that members of NYSO will participate in at least one school music program if available.

The following are reasons to join and stay in your school music program:

1. School music programs are an excellent place to learn and gain practical experience.
2. School music programs will qualify you for:
 - Access to “all-state” groups: superior experiences and honors
 - Access to state solo and ensemble festivals, soloing and small-group playing
 - Access to “all-county” or “citywide” groups, superior experiences and honors.

Other benefits of the school music program:

- Playing daily is invaluable to a musician
- Students who want to major in music need all the experience they can get
- Additional recognition and leadership training
- Additional musical training and literature
- Eligibility for school scholarships
- Recommendations from music directors for scholarships, college entrance and special events

You can make a tremendous contribution to these programs

- Serving as a role model for others, sharing your talents
- A public school program may have gotten you started in music; you can give something back to the public schools by according them your responsibility and loyalty.