

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES

1. The orchestra rehearses every class. Since we only meet every other day, it is the student's responsibility to develop a personal practice schedule for the off days. This is especially important during the weekend.
2. Maintain your focus and energy during rehearsals. There is never enough time to rehearse so don't waste a moment!
3. Students will set up and take down their own chairs and stands as needed.
4. Have a pencil at every rehearsal and use it during rehearsal.
5. Demonstrate correct playing posture whenever you are playing your instrument. You will look better but more important, you will sound better.
6. **No** food, gum or drinks (water is ok) during rehearsals or performances.
7. Be responsible for emergency supplies like extra strings, rosin, rock stops, shoulder pads etc. These items will not be supplied by the school.
8. The director dismisses the class NOT THE BELL!
9. If you are having a bad day, don't let anyone know in orchestra. Let the music soothe you and you may have a better day!
10. A performance is like the final test of what you have learned. It is reason we are in orchestra. Be excited and happy to share your talent with others when you perform. Wear the uniform correctly with pride. Look good and you will sound that way, too.