

# The Learning Environment: Classroom Standards and Procedures

## Listen to the Director during instruction or announcements.

- During instruction, listen attentively.
- Students are to play their instrument only after instruction has been given.
- Students who negatively talk back after given instructions will receive disciplinary action.

## Be respectful of each other and each other's property.

- There is zero tolerance for bullying of any kind. Any student caught bullying will receive disciplinary action.
- When learning an instrument, some students may progress at different paces. This may mean that some more time will be spent on those who need it. Under no circumstances shall any student make any gesture (sighing, rolling eyes) that would cause other students to become upset if they were in need of extra help during class.
- Unless given specific permission by the Director, students should never handle or play on another student's instrument. ***This rule especially applies to percussion equipment.*** Only percussionists should handle percussion equipment.
- Students will be careful of other classmate's property. That means if a student must get up during class, they will be careful of their surrounding classmates' book bags, music stands, and instruments.

## Be respectful of the band room.

- Never ever run in the band room. There are expensive instruments that could become damaged if there was an accident.
- Always place backpacks underneath your chair. This will allow the Director to come around and help students without tripping!
- Any damage done to the band room due to a student misbehaving will be the financial responsibility of that student to fix or clean. Accidents happen, but if students are following the classroom rules and procedures, there will be no incidences.
- No food (*especially gum!!*) or drink is allowed in the band room.
- Keep your area and the band room clean.
- If you borrow band room equipment (mutes, cleaning supplies, cork grease, etc.), be sure to put it back in its proper place.

## Be prepared for class, rehearsals, and performances.

- Students unprepared will receive point deductions from their weekly participation grade. Being prepared means having a pencil, paper, music, instrument, or instrument accessories (reeds, mouthpieces).

## Have a positive attitude!

- Learning and playing an instrument can be difficult at times. However, with the correct attitude, you will be amazed at what can be achieved! Having a positive attitude about band is the first step toward a successful experience in the Wakulla Middle School Band program!

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## **In Class Discipline Procedures:**

1. Students will receive one verbal warning for rule infraction during class (one warning will be given regardless of current weekly participation grade status).
2. Students will then have name written on the board for second infraction (10 points off grade). They will also have to fill out a discipline log.
3. Students will then have lunch detention if there is a third infraction for that day (an additional 20 points off). The student will not be given lunch detention for the rest of the week unless the student breaks a rule again during class (after being given their warning). It will be an additional 30 points off for every day the student receives lunch detention. They will fill out a line in the discipline log for every rule infraction. Multiple days with lunch detention within the week will result in a phone call home to parent.
4. If a student receives multiple lunch detentions or if their name is written on the board multiple times within a month, a parent conference will be requested of student's parents.
5. A student who hits another student or throws any object in order to either break school property or harm another student is an automatic referral. (All points off weekly participation)

In the student's weekly participation grade, there will be a record kept of points taken off each week, and for what reasons the points were taken off. If the student has misbehaved in class and has received point deductions, the student will receive a clean slate every week at the start of the week. Any misbehavior that occurs during the week will affect the overall weekly participation grade.

## **Student Rewards:**

At the end of every class, there will be one student chosen to receive a Pride Paw for having good behavior and/or for setting a good example for the class. Students may also receive a Pride Paw for taking the time to help other students, clean up the band room, stay after school to tutor younger students, etc.