

Instrumental Music – Band Rules

Instrumental Music is offered to fifth and sixth grade students in DeKalb County as an elective. Recent studies by psychologists have shown that the study of music can increase IQ test results and raise students' achievement in all subject areas. There are many colleges that offer music scholarships to certain deserving students. Taking band is a privilege, and if you sign up to take this course, certain responsibilities are required.

- The very first rule that is taught in band is: **No Talking**. Talking is never aloud unless the student raises his/her hand and is called upon by the teacher. This rule is very important because it teaches discipline, cuts down on class confusion and disruptions, and allows class instruction to flow smoothly.
- Laughing is not allowed in band. This is very important because it helps in establishing discipline, and helps to promote a positive learning environment.
- Students should maintain their instrument in good playing condition. Classes missed due to having an instrument in poor playing condition usually results in the student falling behind. If the instrument is in the shop, that parent should send a note with the student and the instrument should be repaired as soon as possible.
- Students should always have proper equipment such as their book, pencil, good reeds for woodwinds, their instrument, and music everyday for class.
- Students should write down their band homework assignments daily in their band journal, and have their parent/guardian sign daily for the correct date.
- Students should maintain proper behavior daily during band class at all times.
- Students should always walk in the hallway quietly and in a straight line.
- Students should take their instrument home daily to practice their assignments in order to have assignments prepared for class, and to get better on their instrument.
- Future field trips and activities are scheduled based on the performance and conduct of all band students as a whole.
- When students follow directions and band rules, band can become fun and enjoyable. Students learn faster, field trips can be scheduled, enjoyable music can be passed out, and in return students will feel good about their progress.

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