

W. W. LEWIS MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND GUIDELINES

1. Students should enter the band room in a quiet and orderly manner. Conversation in a normal voice will be allowed until the director steps on the podium.
2. Students should be in class on time and be ready at the first downbeat.
3. No individual playing of instruments until the director gives the downbeat.
4. Come to class prepared to play your instrument, not to do other class work.
5. Students are to refrain from talking while the director is giving instructions, and avoid any conduct or attitude that distracts from the efficiency of the rehearsal.
6. When the conductor gets off the podium, you may talk quietly, unless instructed to remain quiet during a brief sectional instruction period.
7. Because of the possibility of accidents and the question of who would be liable, a student is never allowed to play on another student's instrument.
8. Band students should bring **instruments, music, and a soft lead pencil** to every rehearsal. Instruments should always be in top playing condition. **INSTRUMENT CARE SHOULD BE DONE AT HOME, NOT DURING REHEARSALS.**
9. We cannot allow gum, food, or drinks in the band room because of the damage they may cause to instruments and the band room facilities. Deliberately destructive actions will not be tolerated.
10. Assigned instrument shelves and the rehearsal hall must be kept clean at all times. Trash cans are always available for use.
11. Instrument cases and music folders **must** always have identification tag or label, and must be closed and stored properly on assigned shelves.
12. Students should not draw on method books that are distributed by the director. However, students will need to write some information in the books. This must be done in pencil only. Fingerings or letter names of notes should not be written in the book. Beginner practice CD's will be available for check-out. Please treat these CD's with care. If the disc is damaged, the book will need to be replaced. The student is responsible for replacement of lost or damaged books and CD's.
13. At the end of each rehearsal, students will return to their chairs and remain seated when the bell rings. Class will not be dismissed until all chairs and stands are neatly set to their proper location. To avoid injuries, students exit in an orderly manner. Students are never to leave the room without the instructor's permission.
14. The director will assign students to chairs or places in their respective sections according to his best estimate of the student's ability, and where the student will be of most value to the organization. Play only your assigned part during rehearsals and performances.
15. Whenever an instrument might require an overnight stay at the repair shop, the student should keep his mouthpiece in order to be able to play a loaner instrument during rehearsal. A written note signed by a parent is required when an instrument needs to remain in the repair shop.
16. **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL PUBLIC PERFORMANCES.** Naturally, extreme illness or death in the family is excused. The director must be notified before the event takes place. **All excuses should be addressed to the Director from the parents. Please refer to the Grading Policy for more information.**