

Rehearsal Etiquette

Rehearsal begins promptly 2 minutes after class is scheduled to start. If your class begins at 9:05, you have until 9:07 to get your instrument together and be ready to play. Being ready for class to start means:

- Your instrument is out and assembled
- Your music is on your stand
- You have a pencil
- You are seated in your section with your instrument case under your chair
- You are quiet and ready to begin once Mr. Nash steps onto the podium

Not being ready before class starts will result in being marked tardy.

Once rehearsal has begun students are expected to be attentive, quiet, and focused. Talking is not permitted during rehearsal unless you have raised your hand or Mr. Nash has addressed you. You are permitted to occasionally whisper to someone in your section if you have a musical question related to what we are studying.

Making noise on your instrument when you are not supposed to be playing is not allowed. Your first priority in band class is to listen, and listening is difficult with lots of extra noise.

Often, Mr. Nash will need to work directly with a specific section. If Mr. Nash is not working with your section you are to stay quiet. The best thing to do is to listen to what Mr. Nash is teaching as it may apply to your instrument as well. Talking is not permitted if Mr. Nash is not directly working with you.

Mr. Nash will give you time at the end of class to put your instrument away and clean your section. Your section must be as clean if not cleaner than it was before you got to it at the end of class. Do not put your instrument away early; you will not be late to your next class.