

Student Conduct / Participation

1. Students should be sitting quietly within three minutes after the late bell with book bags under their chair. Instruments should be assembled, reeds soaked, valves oiled, cases placed beside their chair, and a pencil placed on their stand. Most students who are marked **tardy** socialize in the hallway or stroll to class and then run to the band room to be inside by the bell or, socialize inside the class room instead of getting prepared to play. By the time attendance is taken students should be ready to begin.
2. **Off-task behavior, such as socializing, is the number one reason student participation grades are dropped.** Socializing disrupts other students who are trying to learn and Mr. Hammond as he is trying to teach. It is also impolite, causes things to be repeated, slows progress, and wastes time. Asking questions about the music requires a raised hand AND permission to speak. **Talking during testing may result in the test being invalidated.**
3. Only play when instructed to do so. Students who play their instruments when Mr. Hammond is speaking is the second biggest reason why student **participation grades** are dropped.
4. No gum, candy, food, breath mints, cough drops, drinks, toys, lasers, etc. are allowed. Food, drinks, and breath mints for the lunch room. **CELL PHONES ARE OFF AND STOWED AWAY.** Gum and cell phones are the third biggest reason why student **participation grades** are dropped.

Parents: Mr. Hammond uses behavior interventions daily that do NOT result in lowered grades. **Please note that participation grades are not lowered until the fourth infraction.** Each additional infraction costs ten points. A student with a low participation grade has broken one or more of the above rules regularly. If you have a concern, speak to your child first. If necessary, email Mr. Hammond. Improved behavior will improve grades.

Remember, in addition to learning individual knowledge and skills, band students produce a group product. Be a responsible citizen!