

Getting Ready to Volunteer with the Wiley Band

Before Rehearsal:

- Please familiarize yourself with the volunteer instructions on the website before your scheduled volunteer date.
- Please arrive no later than 7:30am to assist with setup.
- Remember: At rehearsal, Christina's focus is on the students--she will NOT be able to walk you through your volunteer duties.



Things you may encounter at rehearsal:

- 1. Early and Unaccompanied Dropoffs** - If a child has been dropped off before 7:40am without an adult, please notify your Volunteer Coordinator (Beginning Band: Ruth Heuer; Continuing Band: Catherine Bray). The Coordinator will send the parents involved a reminder of the Drop Off Instructions. Parents must make sure there is a band parent volunteer at the curb before dropping off their children.
- 2. Late Dropoffs** - If students enter the band room after 8am, please instruct them to sit in the back and take out their books, but NOT their instruments. Late students should follow along with what we're doing in class, but are not permitted to play with the group.
- 3. High-Quality Student Behavior**
 - Before class, students should be silently getting ready (not talking).
 - During class, students should be engaged in the lesson (not conversing or daydreaming).
 - During rehearsal, our band is going to chatter a bit. This is OK, as long as they are focused on the lesson and making progress.

4. Below-Expectation Student Behavior

The main behavior problems you'll see in band are minor: talking and not paying attention. If you see a child talking or losing focus during class:

1. Go to the student, and remind them what they should be doing.
2. If the problem recurs after you have spoken to the student, have him/her pack up and take a 5-minute time-out, then reintroduce him/her to the rehearsal.
3. (Sometimes, Christina will be the one who sends a misbehaving student to time-out. If this happens, have the student sit for 5 minutes, and then allow him/her to return to rehearsal.)
4. If student still misbehaves, please call his/her parent using the list in your band's clipboard.
5. If we have to call a parent more than twice in a semester, that student will be expelled from the band without a refund. (These last two situations have never happened before!)

5. Band Member Hand Signals

- "V" hand signal means a student needs a volunteer; (water, bathroom, feeling sick, etc.)
- Full hand in the air indicates a musical questions for Ms. Thompson.

☺ Last but not least...we appreciate your help!! ☺