

Rehearsal Etiquette

1. Be prepared for the rehearsal. Learn your part to the best of your ability. If you are not sure how your part is to be played, take it to your private teacher for help.
2. Bring all of your supplies with you to your stand. This includes your music, a pencil and any accessories for your instrument. (extra reeds, rosin, mutes, etc.)
3. Save your chewing gum for after the rehearsal or performance.
4. Show respect for the conductor at all times. Mark your music as he/she directs.
5. Be alert for bowing changes made by your section leader. Bowing changes will “travel” faster from stand to stand if you can see that a change is on its way. Try to remember to mark all bowing changes in all parts.
6. If you are unable to attend a rehearsal, ask your stand partner or section leader if there have been any changes in the music. Simply ask to see his or her music and transfer the bowings and changes into your part.
7. Be attentive at rehearsals. This will help to ensure the time is used effectively.
8. Show respect for other players. Treat others as you would want to be treated if you were asked to play a difficult passage in front of everyone.