

Classroom Rules - Survival Tips
Room 250
Flores

1. No playing or talking when I am talking. 50 (or more) students vs. 1 teacher make this rule a necessity.
2. Don't hang, put your feet on or lean on my music stands. They are for holding music not a person. Punishment for breaking this rule starts at yelling, and progresses to throwing you out the window if you continue.
3. Warning!!! I am not sure why it is the default position of a 5th / 6th grader to deny everything first, but trying to talk your way out of a mistake will only increase your punishment by a factor of 3. The best way to deal with a mistake is to take responsibility for it, chances are I will just let it go.
4. You get one copy of music, after that it's a Quarter a copy. Oh, and I will probably give you a "where is your brain" look as I make the copy. You should have music folders, and do have lockers to keep your music.
5. Don't touch anything that is not yours. I have some cool stuff in my room that you will want to touch, DON'T! Look at the previous sentence "My Room". I promise not to come to your house and start messing with stuff in your room, in return please don't mess with mine.
6. The band room is not a great place to run in. No room at Dana has more expensive or fragile equipment, so keep the running outside the building.
7. Computers. During the school year you will be working on the computers in the room. Don't, for your sake mess with my computers. Use them, but don't change anything about them. I don't care what your favorite screensaver is, leave mine alone. I know some of you think you are computer geniuses, but I have been a computer nerd longer than you have been alive and have built all of the computers in the room. I will know if you mess with them. Don't be the one I make an example of. All other school computer rules apply.
8. The white board is for me to write on, not you. Please don't take my markers and write messages to your friends, just talk to them at lunch or in science class (that is a joke, don't talk in science class, the science teachers will feed you to the lab animals).
9. Ok, the BIG one, the most important rule; if you have a question raise your hand and wait for me to call on you. Don't raise your hand, and then scream out your question. It is simple, easy, and effective, but most of you will break this rule many, many, many times.
10. **Lockers:** Lockers will be issued to all instrumental students based on seniority. You may only put your instrument, music book, and music folder in the locker. Some students will share lockers so please refer to kindergarten rules about sharing.

So by now you must be thinking "this guy is a jerk", and you may be right, but these rules must be followed or we will not get any work done. Playing a musical instrument takes work; the fun part is the concerts and trips we take. To do these things rehearsal must be organized and effective. I promise you if you follow the rules you will enjoy the class much more than if you don't.

Please look over these rules with your parents, sign and return them to me.

Student Name Printed

Period

(Student Signature)

(Parent / Guardian Signature)