

MT Band Room Rules and Use

The Band room is open first thing in the morning until at least 3:30 pm every school day. The room is also open at least 30 minutes before every rehearsal. The room can be used for practicing for any period during those times.

The procedure for entering the classroom is:

- Enter the classroom before the final bell rings.
- Place backpacks/books against the wall.
- Set up your chair and stand in your assigned spot.
- Retrieve music and your instrument in its case (including reeds, valve oil, drumsticks, etc.).
- Sit in your seat and begin following any directions that may be on the board such as putting music in order/locating theory assignments.
- Begin warming up your instrument - no unnecessary loud noises.
- Wait for further instructions from the director.
- **Setup should be completed in less than 5 minutes!**

The rules of the Band room are:

- Always look at the person giving the instructions and follow them.
- Be ready to play on time (be there early – arriving "on time" is late).
- Stay in your seat; moving around while others play is not respectful.
- Raise your hand to speak
- Store your instrument and music in the assigned places – NOT ON THE FLOOR. Do not leave books or other personal belongings in the Band room unless in your slot (in the folder cupboard).
- Instrument storage areas are for instruments only. Space is limited - do not leave any other items in that area.
- Instruments are not to be played by anyone other than the owner or renter. If it's not yours, DO NOT touch it.
- Practice rooms are to be used for practicing only. No food or drink is allowed in the practice rooms at all; please do homework at a desk in the main room.
- Put chairs and stands away after you use them. If you use a chair or stand in a practice room, put it away when you're finished.
- If you make a mess, clean it up (this is your Band room, take pride in it)!
- Food, non-water drinks & gum are not allowed during class or rehearsal. Playing with food particles in your mouth will cause buildup inside your instrument. This grows mold and other substances that will damage your instrument and can cause you to possibly become ill. Water is allowed and recommended in sealable bottles, please drink water only.