

## NORTH ALLEGHENY ORCHESTRA TRIP AUDIENCE POLICIES

### REFRAIN FROM TALKING

The first and greatest rule. This includes whispering during the music.

### NO SINGING, TAPPING FINGERS OR FEET

The musicians do not need your help, and your neighbors need silence. Tap your toes inside your shoes—it's a good exercise to reduce toe fat.

### NOTHING IN YOUR MOUTH EXCEPT YOUR TEETH AND TONGUE

Gum and candy are not allowed.

### DO NOT WEAR WATCHES WITH ALARMS OR JANGLY JEWELRY

You may enjoy the sound, but the added percussion is disturbing to everyone around you.

### DO NOT SIGH WITH BOREDOM

If you are in agony, keep it to yourself. A loud sigh is a downer to those around you (who might be enjoying the performance).

### CLAP WHEN APPROPRIATE, NEVER CALL OUT

You should clap after a piece is finished. (The only ensemble with a multi-movement piece is the NASH String Orchestra—the piece is called Fanfare and Frippery and it's two movements long). Do not hoot and holler at any time.

### DO NOT EMBARRASS YOUR TEACHERS OR YOUR SCHOOL

You are representing your school and you want to be on your best behavior. There are more eyes watching you than you think.

### DO NOT FIDGET OR BRING TOYS TO PLAY WITH

To listen means just that. Use the time to turn on a "video screen" in your mind and create a story to the music.

### DO NOT LEAVE THE AUDITORIUM WHILE STUDENTS ARE PERFORMING

No exceptions, even if you see someone else from another group do it.

### DO NOT LEAVE THE AUDITORIUM WITHOUT PERMISSION

You are not to leave the auditorium unless you ask for permission from a chaperone and you must go alone. No running around with your buddies. If you need to leave, it must be an emergency.

### DO NOT START THE DAY THINKING YOU WILL HATE LISTENING

You may be surprised—if you give it a chance, you might enjoy being there to support the other kids in your very own school district that are excited to make music and be here on this awesome trip, too!

BASICALLY,  
DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT MAKES PEOPLE NOTICE YOU INSTEAD OF THE PERFORMANCE.

Any cell phones, games, beepy watches (really, ANYTHING you bring into the auditorium) will be confiscated and returned upon arrival back in Pittsburgh. If there is something you need to keep with you, clear it with a director or allow a chaperone to hold it. If you cannot follow the guidelines above, privileges on this trip will be revoked, at the directors' discretion.