

The Ten Rules of Concert Etiquette

(For Adults)

1 Refrain from talking

This is the first and greatest rule.

This rule includes whispering to or disciplining your other children.

2 Refrain from unwrapping noisy candy wrappers during the performance

If the composer wanted to include crinkle paper noises to the music, he/she would have written it into the parts.

3 Turn off pagers, cell phones, and watch alarms

While many phones and pagers now have very symphonic-like rings, they don't always fit into the musical score, nor do they provide pleasant sounds for your neighbors.

4 Do not wave to your child during the concert

After all, they do know who you are already and they know you are there; you most likely brought them to the concert.

5 Do not take flash photography

You don't want your child to walk off the edge of the stage from flash blindness, do you?

6 Please do not walk down the center aisle with your video camera

Video cameras work just as well from the back of the auditorium (besides; the light is usually not good enough for video taping anyway.)

7 Do not leave as soon as your child's portion of the concert is over

All of the students deserve a full audience for their performances.

Remember, the next time your child's song could be last!

8 Applaud at appropriate times

Some music has several sections. Remember, it's not over until all of the sections have been performed.

9 Do not leave the auditorium during the music

Wait for a break in the concert to visit the restroom, unless you are carrying a screaming child, in which case you should leave quietly and quickly, PLEASE!

10 Go to the concert expecting the best

You just might be surprised how good your student sounds when the other students join in!