

Edison Band Procedures

1. **Before School-** Go directly to the Auditorium and have a seat. You may finish homework, talk to your friends, quietly warm up a little, but don't goof off. Getting in trouble = bad stuff.
2. **Band Rehearsal-** At 7:50 you will be called up on stage. Flutes, oboes and clarinets may bring cases on stage; all others leave them in the seats. Bring your music and all other materials to have a successful band period (valve oil, reeds, pencil).
3. **Lessons-** We will evaluate you as an individual players through Playing Tests and check offs of concert music. Lessons take place during the band period by Mr. Wetmore or Mr. Mattsey. When your group is called, proceed QUIETLY, take your instrument and music, and go to the MAP room or locker room. We will be waiting with a huge smiles to hear you play wonderfully!
4. **After school-** After school, go to your locker and gather your homework, then pick up your instrument from your classroom. Instruments get very lonely at night so take them home!
5. **Practicing-** Be smart! Don't practice the whole notes or the whole song until the end. Find the measures that give you trouble, slow them WAY down until you can play them perfectly 5 times, then speed up a little bit at a time. Make it a game. Take breaks during your practice like this- play for 5 minutes, go do something else, play for another 5 minutes, have dinner (rinse your mouth), play for 5 minutes. Try to practice a little each day so you consistently work on your skills and build strength. Don't make practicing a chore, make it fun!