

# 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!