

## **Barton Pond Percussion Ensemble Rules and Policies**

1. Students must arrive promptly at rehearsal in the music room at 8 am on Friday mornings or for scheduled rehearsals listed at [www.bartonpondmusic.blogspot.com](http://www.bartonpondmusic.blogspot.com)
  2. If a student misses 3 rehearsals without a written notice from a parent or guardian, the student will be dismissed from the percussion ensemble.
  3. Students must be at every performance. The only exception is an emergency. If a student misses a performance without a doctor's or parent note that indicates that an emergency took place, the student will be dismissed from the percussion ensemble. One of the goals of the music program at Barton Pond Elementary is to teach students accountability.
  4. Students should wear the specified attire for each performance. If a student is having trouble getting the clothes necessary for the performance, please contact the music director, Ms. Stephanie Sanders, at [ssanders@wcpss.net](mailto:ssanders@wcpss.net) for assistance.
  5. Students must exhibit good behavior in percussion ensemble rehearsals, music class, and performances in order to remain a member in the ensemble. If students fail to show good behavior in these settings, the students will be dismissed from the Barton Pond Music Clubs Program. Showing good behavior includes:
    - a. Remaining quiet during rehearsals unless instructed to do otherwise
    - b. Following directions given by the instructor
    - c. Respecting others
    - d. Leading by example
- \*After receiving three behavior notices, a student will be dismissed from the percussion ensemble.
6. Students need to have a positive attitude when participating in percussion ensemble activities. Being in this ensemble is a privilege.
  7. Students are required to keep up with their music as a member of the percussion ensemble. Another goal of the Barton Pond music program is to teach students responsibility.
  8. Students are not permitted to bring food or drinks to percussion ensemble rehearsals. If a student brings food or drinks to rehearsals, he or she will be asked to discard it. Students may bring a water bottle to rehearsals.
  9. Students are required to check the music blog for information about percussion ensemble events, activities, and music that will be performed. The music blog can be located at [www.bartonpondmusic.blogspot.com](http://www.bartonpondmusic.blogspot.com).
  10. Students will be given a pair of drumsticks to use for the percussion ensemble. If your child loses his or her drumsticks, you will be required to purchase a new pair of drumsticks for your child.
  11. Students should not be playing with their drumsticks in their homeroom classes or anywhere else around the school outside of percussion club. Teachers and administrators have the right to confiscate their sticks indefinitely if students violate this rule.
  12. Students are required to practice at home. Good musicians practice. Please practice your music at home so that we can maximize our time in rehearsals. You can visit the music blog for videos to assist you in practicing at home.
  13. Students are required to have fun while participating in the percussion ensemble. Performing music is exciting. Students should enjoy being in this ensemble.