

Participation Points:

Students will receive 10 points **weekly**. You have the choice of keeping your 10 points each week or not. Ways to keep your points include:

- Being in your seat and ready to play at the downbeat. Tardies and unexcused absences do not earn participation points.
- Bringing your instrument to class.
- Having and using your music in class.
- Being prepared to rehearse by having a pencil, rosin on your bow, shoulder rest or rock stop, and having those things ready at the downbeat.
- Playing your instrument in rehearsal. While we are all learning, it is not necessary to play every note perfectly, but it is essential that you give your best effort.
- Being respectful of your peers and director by being attentive when we stop and start in rehearsal. Some chatter works in rehearsal (“what are the bowings in that line?”), some chatter doesn’t (“what movie do you want to see tonight?”). **Using a cell phone in class is a violation of this guideline.**
- Being respectful of school property and the property of others.
- Adhering to our “zero-tolerance policy” for bullying.