

CONCERT ETIQUETTE

Please read and discuss this etiquette guide with your class.

Before leaving school:

- *use the restrooms
- *leave food and books
- *wear a coat or jacket

On the way to the concert:

- *chat with your friends
- *listen to instructions
- *look for Century II

Entering Century II:

- *follow the usher's instructions
- *look for the color path to follow
- *stay with your group
- *listen to your leader
- *look at the art exhibit in the lobby

Finding your seat:

- *chat with your friends, more quietly now
- *treat the Concert Hall with care

Waiting for the concert to begin:

- *observe the stage where the orchestra sits
- *find the four families of instruments
- *watch the musicians take their places
- *listen to the musician's warm-up
- *watch for the concertmaster to enter when the lights dim
- *do not leave the Concert Hall unless there is an emergency
- *get very quiet!

Waiting for the conductor:

- *sit quietly
- *watch the left side of the stage
- *applaud when the conductor appears

Listening to the concert:

- *sit quietly; do not rock or kick the chairs
- *watch the conductor
- *look for instruments you know
- *listen for familiar music
- *enjoy the beautiful music of the Wichita Symphony

Between pieces:

- *clap to show the musicians your enjoyment
- *HINT: clap when the conductor brings down his arms and turns to face the audience

After the concert:

- *listen for instructions to return to your bus
- *leave the Concert Hall quietly
- *write to the musicians of the Wichita Symphony about the concert