

## STUDENT AND PARENT INFORMATION

The Greater Columbia Music Teachers Association (GCMTA) welcomes students and their families and friends to the new school year of recitals, festivals, and competitions. We want our events to be a source of enjoyment for all who attend.

Please observe the following:

1. No food, drinks, gum, crayons, coloring books, magic markers, felt tip pens or electric games may be brought into the performance space. Cell phones and beepers must be silenced.
2. No pictures should be taken during an event. Video cameras are acceptable because they do not use flash, but please prepare your equipment before the event begins and video only your own child. Flash pictures may be taken after the recital.
3. Children may not play with toys on the floor because it is a distraction.
4. It is distracting for performing students when young children and babies are out of control. If younger siblings cannot be contained they should be left at home. Please take children out if there is a problem during the event. Generally children under six should not attend public performances.
5. Parents are asked to supervise younger children at all times, ensuring their safety as well as respect for the property. When younger children use the restroom, please have an adult in attendance.
6. If you must leave the performance area for any reason, please do so between performances.
7. Performers should arrive 15 minutes prior to starting time and report directly to the chair or monitor.
8. Performers should dress nicely. Casual dress (jeans, shorts, T shirts) is not appropriate.
9. GCMTA recitals are generally scheduled to be less than one hour in length. Please remain for the duration of the recital. All students deserve a full audience.
10. The performing order of students will not be changed once the programs have been typed. Please do not ask to play first to leave early.
11. Students should bow after performing, to acknowledge applause.
12. **Students who will not be present for the entire recital will be allowed to play and will receive their critique (as applicable) but will not be eligible for Gold Cup points.**