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Right now, music in class at CVMS is not allowed. Some people think that it distracts students from learning. I disagree because it is a proven fact that students who listen to music are able to concentrate better in class, and they can be much quieter. Also, certain types of music can calm students down and help them focus on their work. I think students should be able to listen to music in class because students concentrate better on their work.

Concentration can be hard to come by, can't it? There are many things that may help students focus better like certain foods or maybe a TV on in the background. My favorite would have to be music. When I have my headphones in, it blocks out everything else, and I am able to finish my work a lot faster than without music.

Some teachers have rowdy classes because kids don't have anything to do or get distracted and talk with one another. If students listened to music, they would leave each other alone and be a lot quieter. Students would focus on their own assignments and not on the latest piece of gossip.

As with concentration, listening to certain kinds of music may calm students down very quickly. When I listen to loud songs, I tend to get riled up; but when I listen to soft songs, I calm down. Many other students experience this as well. With music in school, students would be relaxed and not so stressed. During tests, students would not worry about messing up as much and finish their tests a lot faster which would leave more time to add to the curriculum.

In conclusion, I think that students should be able to listen to music during class because students can concentrate better, it can keep them quieter, and it calms students down. Now that you have read this, what do you think about music in school?

By Makala Pierce

Against:

At Canyon View Middle School, personal music and MP3 players are not allowed in class. You might ask yourself, how come students can't listen to music during class? Do teachers hate us? Actually, they don't. They do want us to learn as much as possible. Teachers and administration are aware that music in class does more harm than good. Music in class distracts students, students don't focus on what the teacher is teaching, and it's loud.

First, music distracts students from completing their work. Students are so busy focusing on the lyrics, they don't focus on their assignments. Assignments don't get done. If students don't do their work, it leads to bad grades. Bad grades lead to no college opportunities, etc. And isn't this what school is all about, furthering education?

Second, students wouldn't listen to their teachers. So then, what is the point of having a teacher? The teacher is there to give instruction. Allowing music would send a message that what the teacher is saying or teaching is not important. And bottom line, most students wouldn't learn.

In addition, the class can become very loud with music. Students could start singing and dancing to their music. Students may want other students to hear the song they are listening to and either call across the room to tell their friends about the song or take out the headphones so everyone can hear it. When class is loud and chaotic, there are many students who cannot focus and learn.

In conclusion, I don't think school is the place to listen to music. There are many more important things to focus on. Music is definitely a distraction! Students wouldn't listen to their teachers, and it can become very loud. Teachers and administrators obviously thought this out before making the "No Music" rule. The music rule should stay the way it is.

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