

Should students be able to listen to music during class



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For**

School can be difficult, some students can be distracting, you may be struggling to learn the lesson, or you just cannot concentrate. I have a solution. Listening to music during class will be beneficial to students. Others may think that music will be too distracting or not school appropriate. The truth is that music calms the body and nerves, creates an environment of concentration and focus, and blocks out other classroom distractions. Listening to music during class will aid students and help our school be more successful.

First, music should be allowed because it calms the body and the nerves. Instrumental music or music without lyrics works especially well. Did you know that babies can hear and recognize music before they are born? Listening to music that is familiar to you from before you were born can spark outlines of calming memories. Studies claim that listening to music can calm and de-stress you so that you can work in class.

As well as calming the nerves, music can create an environment of focus and concentration. If you like the song you are listening to, concentration and productivity increases. Many studies have pointed to music's ability to help employees be more productive or help children learn more effectively. This proves that music is good for our brains and will therefore help us learn. Listening to music will be the best tool for students to use to concentrate and be productive.

Not only does music have the power to calm you and help you concentrate, it can also block out other distractions in the classroom. A recent study at the University of Miami looked at how music affects workplace performance. It found that people who listened to music worked faster, more efficiently and more creatively than those who didn't. Creative problem solvers are exactly what C.V.M.S. needs.

Listening to music will be a great thing at our school. Music during class helps calm your nerves, concentrate, focus, and block out distractions. Instrumental music should be the only kind permitted because it has the best results. Students should be allowed listen to music during class time. More music at our school means better test scores and happier students. Music is our number one asset to use in our path to success.



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Against**

Currently at Canyon View Middle School, students are not allowed to listen to music during classes and breaks. This is a wise policy as listening to music would be more of a distraction than a benefit. Music would create more distractions in classes, more phones would be out and ringing, and inappropriate music could and would be listened to.

First, music being listened to during classes would cause distractions. Classes should be full and education and learning. I think the music would cause classrooms to be full of music and not learning and concepts which is why we are here. Students would be more interested in finding a new song they like not be focused on their school work. Also, the teacher would not be able to get the attention of the class because the music would be blaring in student ears. As stated, students would not pay attention to school work and failing grades would be more frequent than ever.

Second, phones would have to be used. Not all classrooms have electronics to get on and listen to music. This would cause many conflicts with the no phones allowed during schools hours rule. Dishonest people may not want to listen to music and would just play with their phones, text their friends in other classes, or look up the latest on Instagram. There is no way to monitor this. Since phones would be out and about, people could have their phones on and the volume up which could ring and beep during class and would cause even more distractions.

Third, inappropriate music could be listened to. People have their own style and like to listen to their own kind. This would be fine except for some music has bad language. There is no way to monitor or know what type of music is being listened to. This music could cause bad thoughts and more bad language would be used. This would create a non-inviting school environment. School may not be as enjoyable.

In conclusion, music would not be a benefit at Canyon View Middle School. Though some people may say that it will help with tests and anxiety, it would most likely cause distractions, hurt grades and test scores, and create an environment that is not helpful to learning. Music most definitely should not be allowed at Canyon View Middle School.



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