

# I Forgot

**Copy this essay on a separate piece of paper. If it is not finished by the end of class, it becomes homework and is due the next class day. If another teacher takes this up in another class, then you will have to write another essay from start to finish.**

I came to school unprepared today since I forgot to bring my band instrument and/or materials to school. I realize that I cannot become a better musician unless I bring my instrument and materials to class. I let down myself, my director, and my fellow students that depend on me to be the best player I can possibly be.

I should take my instrument home to practice, but I must remember to bring it to school daily. I understand that I must be self-disciplined and remember. No one is responsible for my instrument but me. I should maintain it, clean it, and store it properly so that it will remain in good playing condition. My parents have invested a lot of money into my instrument and its maintenance. I owe it to them and to myself to do my best in Band. The only way that I can do my best is to remember to bring my instrument to school.

By not bringing my instrument or materials to Band, I directly affect my status. I cannot play required assignments if my instrument is not in my hands. I cannot practice the assigned music under the supervision of my band director, who can give me the advice that I need, in order to improve. I understand that any assignment that I do not complete while I do not have my instrument must be made up within 3 school days. This is in accordance with the school rules as listed in the handbook that I received at the beginning of the school year. I must remember to bring my instrument to school in order to receive a passing grade in Band.

When I chose Band as my elective, I understood that I would need to be responsible for bringing my materials to class. This rule is the same in Band as it is in my other classes. Materials I need to bring to Band class everyday are as follows: instrument, cleaning and maintenance supplies, reeds (if applicable), mouthpiece, music, my locker combination, and any other materials as my director tells me. I promise to do my best to remember to bring my instrument and materials to class daily.

I realize that if I continually do not play in class, I will be referred to the office for disciplinary procedures and a possible schedule change.