

CHAPERONE DUTIES – LOCAL COMPETITIONS

We always need chaperones to ride the buses; however, chaperones who ride the buses may not bring other children with them. If you wish to bring other children and still want to chaperone, you can drive separately and meet at the destination, or you're welcome to follow the buses (but there is no guarantee you will be able to park by the buses). Either way, please make sure you are there when the buses arrive. Room for chaperones on the buses is limited, so turns will be "rotated".

Please note that being a chaperone does not mean that you will get in to the competition for free. It depends on how many passes, if any, each competition's officials distribute to us. You can check with VP's if wristbands are available upon arrival at the competition. Any time a student is not in uniform, blue polo shirts **MUST** be worn—no exceptions!

Check in:

- ✓ Check in with Co-VPs of Marching Band. If you are riding the bus, check in at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled departure. If you are meeting at the comp, please check in as soon as you arrive. You can look for our truck "Blue" and the buses to locate us.

On the bus:

- ✓ Make sure to ride the bus you are assigned to.
- ✓ Please make sure that students do not become rowdy and remain seated with arms inside.
- ✓ On charter buses, students may not use the restroom on the bus.
- ✓ The bus driver may have additional rules that must be followed.

At the competition:

- ✓ Upon arrival, please wait to unload students off the bus until directed to do so. When they get off the bus, students should be directed to use the restroom. Chaperones can follow the group to the restroom to make sure they do not get lost. After they return, they will be under the direction of the director or staff, so you can make your way to the ticket booth to purchase your wristband and then return to the bus area before students divide into their ensembles/warm-up groups.
- ✓ Water: Chaperone's will accompany each ensemble to their warm-up area with enough water for each student in that group (1-2 chaperones per each of the following ensembles: Brass; Front Ensemble; Woodwinds; Percussion; Color Guard). Staff/coaches will direct you as to when to serve them water. Note: remember to take a trash bag. Any remaining water and trash can be taken back to the bus area. Generally, at this point, chaperones can either proceed to the stands to watch the performance or stay with the band.

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- ✓ Food: After the performance, chaperones will return to the bus area to help set, serve and clean-up dinner. Dinner will be provided for volunteers after all students and staff have been served.
- ✓ Free-time: After dinner and dessert, students will be allowed to walk around, go the restroom or go watch performances (visitor/student side of the stands only). Chaperones should divide into groups and walk around these areas to make sure everything is ok. It is not necessary for us to assign chaperones to each group of students, as they are allowed to be free during this time as long as they are following the rules. Rules are: 1) must be in groups of 4 or more 2) behaving like young responsible adults 3) not disrupting others 4) no physical displays of affection such as hand-holding, hugging etc. If you see a student not following the rules, please direct them to go sit in the stands for the rest of the evening and report what happened to either the director, staff member or VP's.
- ✓ Awards/load bus: Students will be told what time they need to meet in the stands, chaperones should meet in the stands prior to this time to secure our section to watch awards and help get our group together. While in the stands, our students are to be courteous to the other bands at all times: No disruptions, yelling or walking around while the other bands are performing. They should give the other bands the courtesy that they would expect for themselves. After awards, we proceed directly to the bus, load and head home.
- ✓ Upon arrival back at the school, students are not to be dismissed until the bus is clean!
- ✓ Misc: You may be asked to help get the pit equipment on and off the field. If a student requires First Aid, please notify the director and/or VP's immediately. Any student leaving early must check out with either the director or VP's.
- ✓ As always, schedules are subject to change. These directions are meant to be used as general guidelines and may be modified as needed for each competition.
- ✓ Color Guard will have additional chaperones duties. Please contact Color Guard VP's prior to the event to confirm any additional duties.
- ✓ As always, we are very appreciative of your time and thank you for helping! Remember to always have fun, treat others with respect and enjoy your time!

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