

CHAPERONE 101

Walk behind the band, not along side.

Never break ranks. This would be anytime the band is called into a formation (even if it doesn't look like a formation).

When chaperoning, the head chaperones (Mrs. Weaver) is the liaison to the directors/instructors so that they are not bombarded by 16 parents asking questions. Please direct your questions to her.

Respect the section leaders-they are in charge of the band.

Each bus will receive one attendance book. Decide among yourselves on each bus who will be responsible for bringing the book every time we ride the buses. If you will not be attending the next function, it is your responsibility to make sure the next person has the book. **Attendance must be taken each time we enter the buses ready to depart.** One chaperone per bus will have a 2 way radio, supplied by CPMC and respond if everyone is accounted for before departure.

No CD/stereo/tape player with external speakers-personal listening devices only w/ headphones allowed (Walkman, MP3, etc.) If the bus driver wants to play their radio for all the kids to hear-that's okay, it's their bus. As long as it's not anything offensive (I can't imagine any of our bus drivers doing that, but I had to put it in there)

Drumsticks may be used on a drum pad for practice-never on seats, windows, any other part of the bus or their seat mate.

No body parts or hand gestures are to be displayed or hung out the bus windows.

Nothing is to be thrown out of the bus windows. Especially when we return to the school and are unloading.

Make sure your bus is clean when we arrive back to school. Check each seat. You will be amazed at what gets left behind.

No couples or coed seat sharing behind the chaperones at the back of the bus. **NO COUPLES** are permitted to sit behind chaperones in the back of the bus. Make sure they are separate individuals and not joined by the head and shoulders!!!!

ALWAYS CHECK EACH STUDENT BEFORE ENTERING THE BUS BEFORE AWAY GAMES/COMPETITIONS TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THEIR DINKLES, BLACK SOCKS, TSHIRT, STICKS, ETC. Good idea to have them write their names inside of their dinkles.

No student is enter or be on the bus without a Chaperone on board first.

2 Chaperones sit in the fourth seat from the back-on either side of the bus-and 2 up front in the first seat on either side of the bus.

Only those individuals listed on your buses attendance sheet is permitted to ride the buses. Students are not allowed to switch buses.

No LOUD, SUDDEN, or SHRILL NOISES!!! It can be very unnerving for the bus driver.. Obviously, you can't always prevent them, but making the kids aware and correcting them if this does happen helps.

Kids should stay in their seats at all times. Try to stay on top of them. The band was involved in an accident a few years ago, fortunately everyone was OK because THEY WERE IN THEIR SEAT!!

No student is to walk around by themselves (bathroom) unless accompanied by a Chaperone. (Unless it's their free time, 3rd quarter).

When using the restrooms as a group, chaperones are to stay close by, inside and out of the restrooms. Make a check to make sure all students have left the restrooms before returning.

The Nurse will always ride on Bus #1. Becky Olinger, RN. The EMT'S are : Jim Reagen, rides with the Pit Dads. Terri Rich, Chaperone.

Please- we depend on you. You must let one of the head chaperones know when you can't make an event.

Permanent Chaperones-You are to be at all football games and competitions, missing no more than 2 events.

Rotating Chaperones-You have volunteered to attend certain scheduled events.

Home football games: You must be with the band until they are settled in the stands (watered, deplumed, etc) Chaperoning is your first responsibility. Meeting time is usually 4:30 – 5:00 pm. Help the band members to get dress. It's best to have one chaperone stationed at each uniform rack to assist in locating uniforms. Chaperones responsible for roping off band area in the stadium. Chaperones are to walk behind the band from Red Raider Drive into the stadium gates and them proceed to the band seating area. No student is to leave the stands during the games. 3rd quarter is free time for food, bathrooms. A few chaperones split their time during 3rd quarter so you can watch over the instruments, etc., left in the stands. No student is permitted to eat/drink while sitting in the stands. No student is to have anyone else sit with them while in the stands. No use of cell phones. Once game is over, Mr. Otto will give directions. Chaperones will follow behind students back to school and assist with uniforms.

Away games and competitions: You must be where you are supposed to be at all times. I know that's vague, but you might be doing different things at different events. Your primary job is chaperoning. If you're helping out with another aspect of the band (pit equipment, etc) just let us know. There will be down time sometimes: you want to walk around, take a nap, hit the bathroom, etc, just let us know. We also understand that friends and/or family may be attending an event

and you may want to visit with them-that's fine, but please let us know where and how long you'll be. We need to make sure there are enough chaperones for whatever is going on at that time and where to start looking if we need you. We depend on you!

Upon returning home from away games and competitions. Chaperones must make sure that all uniforms are in proper order and put back into the uniform closet BEFORE leaving for home. It's a long night and everyone would like to go home too!

NO student is to leave an away game or competitions with anyone else (family, friends, etc.) unless they have presented a note to Mr. Otto and it has been approved. If approved the family member, etc, MUST pick up the student from the chaperone/group. No student is permitted to go and meet them somewhere.

Uniforms on/off Good to have-

Some chaperones carry a book bag or bag with the items below and leave on the bus or in the school. It is suggested especially at away games, competitions that you carry a book bag or fanny pack with your personal items. Remember you will need to have your hands free and will be moving around a lot and there is really no where to place your personal bag for safe keeping.

Roll of black electric tape. Drummers and guard – white electrical tape.

Handy Wipes

Paper towels

Equipment Needle and thread

Water and snacks

Flashlight – needed for night games – buses for attendance, finding “lost” articles on buses!

Trash bags

Picking up and distributing grams

Safety pins

Attendance Hair ties/Bobby pins, hair nets

Rules and information

Warming up with band

Watching in the stands

Radios – to be distributed