

Chaperone Guidelines

Overall:

Our number one goal must always be the safety of all students...not just your own. Take whatever action you deem necessary to keep our students safe.

With that said, please do not take student discipline into your own hands. If a student is violating trip rules, please calmly bring the violation to the student's attention, then contact a director. Please do not feel the need to lecture a student about their behavior. Additionally, please do all that you can to avoid being alone with a student.

A mentor of mine once compared working as a chaperone to being a customer service representative. Our job is often to deal with issues and problems that arise. To that end we must be flexible and patient, always focusing on the "customer" ...in this case our students. On the flip side we also reap the benefits of working with some incredible young people.

Please keep your eyes and ears open at all times and, when in doubt, report any issues to the director immediately! The chain of command for the BHS Band is director -> other staff -> chaperones. If you ever have a question about anything please see Mr. Steele.

Please abide by all rules that apply to our students while chaperoning.

Only designated, approved individuals may accompany the band to performances. This includes staff, chaperones, logistics, uniforms, and other committee members. Siblings cannot accompany you with the band while chaperoning.

Before departure:

1. Assist with loading and unloading as needed...logistics needs our help!
2. Help supervise the distribution of uniforms and the changing room areas. Familiarize yourself with the guidelines for care of the uniforms and help enforce them. Keep an eye out for jewelry, girls with their hair down, and students without tall black socks on.

On the bus:

1. Please assist with enforcing all bus rules
2. No co-ed seating is permitted.
3. Students should not sleep in the aisles.
4. All electronic devices should have headphones. No music or other noise that might affect others will be permitted.
5. All Baldwin bus policies apply.

6. Students should remain seated on the bus at all times. Please do not allow students to leave the bus until instructions have been given. Unless instructed otherwise, wait for an OK from the band director.

At performances:

1. Help students stay organized while unloading, and traveling to the performance area.
2. While in the stands at football games, students should be in their seats with their sections. They will play frequently in the stands and will need to stay focused at all times on the game. Please assist in helping our students to be at their best as they perform in the stands.
3. Students will inevitably need to use the restroom while at performances. Please check with Mr. Steele before taking students to the restroom. The procedure for visiting the restroom may change depending on our performance venue. However, a good general rule of thumb is that students should travel to the restroom in groups, with a chaperone.
4. At football games and competitions the band will often get the chance to hear other bands perform. Students should remain at parade rest (or seated in some cases) and should not talk under any circumstance during another band's performance.
5. Unless otherwise noted, no food or drink is permitted in the stands at football games. An appropriate, director approved snack will usually be provided. Please check with Mr. Steele about potential exceptions.
6. Outsiders should not be permitted to be with the band at performances. Any guest should be cleared by Mr. Steele.
7. Help will be needed at most performances to pass out and collect plumes, as well as distribute snacks and water.

After Performances

1. Please stay until the trailer has been unloaded and all uniforms have been collected. More help means we all get home sooner.