

HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS

CHAPERONE RULES AND GUIDELINES



Chaperone Rules and Guidelines

Thank you for volunteering your time as a chaperone for the Mighty Husky Marching Band. Ultimately we are first and foremost concerned with the well-being and safety of our students. This is why these chaperone guidelines are in place. After reviewing the guidelines, if you have any further questions, please ask Jennifer Plata, Chaperone Coordinator (210-363-6429), or one of the band directors.

The following is advice that will help with all chaperoning situations:

- Teenagers don't always think clearly and responsibly, help them.
- Don't ignore inappropriate behavior. (Beware of Couples) **No PDA!**
- Try not to compound a situation by over-reacting.
- Respect students' and their privacy, but enforce all rules.
- You are every student's parent while chaperoning. .
- All band students must have a water jug at all games.
- If you are unsure of how to handle a situation, Please ASK!

Football Games

School rules are in effect at all times, especially with regard to smoking, drinking, and drugs.

No smoking allowed for adults as well as the students.

Please be respectful to our Band directors and other chaperones. Never countermand the authority of the Band Directors or the Chaperone Coordinator. If you disagree with them, please keep it to yourself until a more appropriate time.

Never be unkind in front of the students, directors, or other chaperones.

Chaperones and staff should set a good example with regard to conduct, language, appropriate dress, etc.

It is the duty of all the chaperones to uphold the policies of the band directors and of the schools of which we are guests.

You cannot bring students with you that are not in the High School Band. Students not in the Band must find other transportation.

Chaperones are advised to arrive fifteen to thirty minutes before departure time. Find the Chaperone Coordinator and she will give you your bus assignment and chaperone badge. Turn in your chaperone badge at end of the event.

Water coolers should be filled by the chaperones before the games and loaded into the trailer along with the plumes.

Once students have been released to the buses, take attendance and if anyone is missing, report it to the Chaperone Coordinator.

It is the job of the chaperones to ensure the safety of the students and to help maintain order on the buses. The Bus driver will determine an acceptable level of noise and activity. It is your job to enforce his/her rules whether you agree or not.

One chaperone will be asked to carry the medical bag and forms. In the event that a student needs medical attention the chaperone needs to make those items available.

Please make it a point to remind students to have everything they need for the performance (all uniform parts, hat, instrument, band shoes, stand music, black socks, etc.)

When we arrive at the stadium, allow drum line and drum majors only to exit the buses. Everyone else shall remain on the buses until notified by the Chaperone Coordinator and/or the band directors.

Accompany the band into the respective performance venue and set yourself up so that you can have an eye on students at all times. Chaperones need to sit with or around the Band Block to act as a buffer zone. Chaperones should not sit with the spectators.

Plumes are handled and cared for by the chaperones. Plumes will accompany the Band at all times. Plumes will be passed out 8 minutes before the end of the second quarter and collected as the students return from the performance field.

If we are providing water (Gatorade) for the students after their portion of the performance, it will be the responsibility of the chaperones to make sure the coolers get into the stadium and back to the truck. You will also need to help serve, and police the area before we leave.

While the Band is out of the stands (performing or off for third quarter) some chaperones will keep people out of the seating area. This will also be our break time.

Students desiring to use the restroom must be accompanied by a chaperone.

Please do not provide food to students during or after the games.

Chaperones will help monitor students during break and watch for potential problems. This is a time when students need the most protection.

Students are to return home with the band unless prior arrangements have been made with the Band Directors.

After the Band has left the seating area at the end of the game, check to be sure that all trash is picked up and left in garbage bags and that no items have been left behind. Return hats, gloves, instrument cases etc. to the band director when we return to the high school.

When the students have left the buses at the conclusion of a trip, check to be sure that the busses are left neat and clean, that all windows are up, and that no belongings have been left behind.

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