

CHAPERONE GUIDELINES

General Guidelines

Chaperones are the most valuable members of the marching band entourage. They are reminded while serving as chaperones that they represent themselves, the band director, the band, ACHS and the Palm Beach County School District. When traveling with the band, expectations for behavior are high among students and adults alike. The primary purpose of having chaperones is to help insure **STUDENT SAFETY**. The secondary purpose is to relieve the band director from a portion of student supervision and meeting other student needs.

When chaperoning, parents are to sit with the band. When NOT chaperoning, parents are asked to sit with the spectators. Chaperones may not bring siblings of the band students when they are on duty. We encourage and welcome family involvement in band activities, however parents must have their full attention on the band students when serving as chaperones.

When chaperones observe unacceptable student behavior, language or other decorum violations, please try to deal with the student as privately and courteously as possible. If you have a question or concern, please go to the lead chaperone first, then to the director. Should a parent, student or anyone be openly defiant, rude or threatening, see the director immediately. In the case of threatened harm, seek out the nearest resource officer.

Chaperones are not to give their children or their friends privileges. Students are to be treated equally as possible. Chaperones are discouraged from loaning students money. Students are made aware of financial needs well before the band leaves for an event. If you see a student in need, please send him/her to speak to the director. Neither the band nor the booster organization is responsible for the repayment of money loaned by a chaperone.

Chaperones may not smoke near the band, are never to consume alcohol, other mind altering drugs or be under the influence when chaperoning. There is also no eating in the band area as well.

CHAPERONE DUTIES

HOME GAMES

Pre-game

- **Check in with lead chaperone**
- Fill coolers with water and make sure to have cups available
- Make sure "Band Area" in stands is dry, bring towels to wipe down if not
- Make sure "Band Area" is clear of other spectators
- Bring First Aid Kit to the stands
- Check to make sure Drum Major Podium in stands is secure
- If rain is threatening, bring ponchos to the stands
- Roll out pop-corn machine and set it up

During the game

- Chaperones should flank the band where they can monitor the students
- Observe students for over-heating, illness and other physical needs
- Keep other spectators from the band area. Students have been instructed that this is not social time for them outside of the band
- Be available to assist band director, drum majors and students as needed

During Half-time

- Pit crew should report to field to move equipment
- One chaperone should remain in the stands to monitor the “Band Area”
- One chaperone should accompany the band to the warm-up area (they may leave when the band moves to the field)
- One or two chaperones should accompany the band to the field to watch students in case of falls or heat related illness. Make sure to bring water to the South end zone.
- At the end of half-time Pit crew should remove equipment
- Chaperones should accompany the band to the SOUTH end zone

Third Quarter Break

- Distribute water to any visiting band members, director and then our students.
- Monitor students for appropriate language and behavior in BOTH bands.
- Monitor the instruments left on the field or in the end zone.
- Escort students to the restrooms – remember this is not for a social road trip.
- Escort students back to the stands

End/After Game

- Retrieve any band “stuff” left in the stands and remove trash
- Bring coolers, First Aid Kit, Cups, Etc. back to band room
- Accompany band back to building
- Keep parents and other non-band members from entering the band room
- Return all items to its appropriate place
- **Check out with lead chaperone**

Away Games

- Follow pertinent “home Game” guidelines
- When riding a bus, chaperones should be dispersed throughout the bus
- Chaperones will be assigned to buses and will HELP quite the bus for student leaders
- If not riding the bus, but you are chaperoning, please report to the lead chaperone upon arrival at the game
- Help maintain student behavior on the bus