

Hempfield Area High School Marching Band

Marching Season Chaperone Guidelines

- All chaperones are on duty from the time the students arrive until they leave the building at the end of the event.
- Please correct minor problems and report all problems to the staff immediately.
- Chaperones are not to consume alcoholic beverages or smoke while on duty.
- **NO CHAPERONE MAY GIVE A STUDENT MEDICATION BY MOUTH. ONLY THOSE MEDICATIONS THAT HAVE THE PROPER PAPERWORK MAY BE GIVEN BY THE NURSE.** No Tylenol, etc. Please refer all medical issues to the Nurse immediately.
- As the students leave the building to get in parade block please check to make sure they are in uniform and please assist the members as needed:
 1. – CLEAN Dinkles on their feet
 2. - Over the ankle BLACK socks
 3. - The hem of their pants is a proper length
 4. - No pants or jeans sticking out from their pant leg
 5. - Uniform jacket is on and buttoned and hooked
 6. - Have their helmet and raincoat (if needed).
 7. - Instrument and flip folder, flag, baton, banner, etc.
- If they are getting on their bus please check the same as above and they should have their uniform jacket with them, their hat is in its box and they should have their garment bag and raincoat.
- You are not to carry anything for student/students.
- Mr. Tychinski, Mrs. Flinner, Mr. Giles, Mrs. Haile and Miss Troutman are responsible for the actions of both chaperones and students. If any questions arise, your best source of information is any director.

- On busses, chaperones should be seated in the front and back of the bus. The exception is Bus #1 – the staff sits in front and chaperones only need to be seated in the back. If there are “extra” chaperones, they can be seated in the center seats. No students are to be seated at the rear of the bus. Upon return trip to the school (after dark) at least one chaperone should be seated in the center of the bus.
- Non-chaperone parents are not permitted to be with the band at any time – only those on duty for that event.
- Please be very careful as the band crosses streets. The staff is usually in the front; **please space yourselves throughout the group to ensure they stay together.** Also we need chaperones to stop traffic on both sides of the band and also to follow up at the end of the band members.
- Students are permitted to go to the rest room only after we are seated and settled at a game and permission is given from the directors. Of course, they are escorted by a chaperone – male for the boys and female for the girls. **There should be no more than 5 students going to the bathroom at a time.**
- **Even though each chaperone is given a duty on the busses, at the games or festivals all chaperones are expected to help as needed in every situation, including field set up.**
- Chaperones are on duty to chaperone all the band members, just not their child or children.
- Your number one job is the students’ safety!