

Expectations

General Expectations:

1. All school policies are in effect.
2. Be respectful to everyone around you.
3. Be prompt, "If you are early you are on time, if you are on time you are late..."
4. Be prepared.
5. Bring a positive attitude.
6. Turn in all forms on time.
7. Follow directions of those in authority.

Rehearsal Expectations:

1. Come ready to rehearse...physically prepared, mentally prepared, have everything you need, bring your best attitude and work ethic.
2. Have your instrument in good playing condition.
3. No cell phone usage during rehearsal.
4. Bring your music in a flip folder (with drill written in).
5. It is recommended to have the Lyre appropriate to your instrument.
6. Bring a pencil.
7. Wear appropriate marching attire:
 - Low-top Athletic shoes (no sandals, boots, dress shoes, etc.)
 - Socks
 - Shorts or loose fitting pants (no tight pants, shorts should be fingertip length)
 - Shirt (Sleeveless shirts are OK, NO Spaghetti straps or cut-off T-shirts with big arm holes, no midriff shirts)
 - SUNSCREEN at least SPF 15
 - Clothing may not contain inappropriate slogans or pictures
8. Pick up after yourself.
9. No driving on the band practice field immediately before or after any rehearsal. This includes friends and families.

Equipment Expectations:

The use of school owned instruments is a privilege. They should be well maintained, and returned in the same condition that they were issued.

Woodwinds:

1. **3 working reeds- rotate them**
2. Cork grease
3. Neck strap (sax)
4. Swab

Brass:

1. Clean mouthpiece (plastic only at Directors discretion)
2. Polishing cloth
3. **Slide/valve oil- use it at least every other day**
4. Slide grease (tuning slides that move)

Percussion:

1. Stick/mallets as appropriate- taped white
2. Drummers are financially responsible to replace drum heads that are broken.
 - One replacement set is given for normal wear and tear to tenor players.

Bus Expectations:

1. Be respectful of those around you. Keep conversations and games to an appropriate “inside” volume level.
2. Upon arrival at the completion of a trip, percussionists and tubas will change quickly and then take care of their equipment. Others with instruments on the truck should unload and take care of their instrument immediately (before changing out of uniform).
3. Movies may be viewed at the Director’s discretion.
4. No messy snacks. Drinks must have lids.
5. Keep your area clean.
6. Public displays of affection should be limited to hand holding.
7. Quiet times will be designated and observed. Bring something to occupy this time if necessary.
8. No singing in groups of one or more.
9. No blankets on the bus.

Game-Day Expectations:

1. Some days we wear a designated outfit to school/rehearsal. Everyone participates.
2. Failure to attend a final rehearsal may result in loss of spot.
3. Be prepared and on time to inspection.
4. Gloves and plumes may come off once you are dismissed into the stands.
5. Hats, Jackets and/or Parkas will remain on unless instructed by a director to take them off.
6. When we play in the stands everyone participates.
7. Band members, staff, and designated booster helpers are the only people allowed in the band seating area.
8. No food is allowed in uniform, unless provided by the band.
9. Restroom trips will be taken after pregame, and again after halftime.
10. Band members, staff, and designated booster helpers are the only people allowed in the armory.

Miscellaneous Expectations:

1. Public displays of affection should be limited to hand holding.
2. We are lucky to have such nice facilities. Keep them neat by picking up after yourself.
3. No horseplay. (Yes, it may seem like harmless fun, but people get hurt!)

4. No “energy drinks” at band. We highly discourage using them before rehearsals and performances as well, because they are unhealthy and potentially unsafe given the nature of what we do.