

# BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

The following rules are in effect for all band activities. Students must agree to fully comply with all policies as a requirement for participation in band activities.

## Conduct

1. No list of rules can cover everything. Use common sense and good judgment. Maintain self-respect and respect for others. Always represent our band and our school with honor.
2. All band activities are school-related and you are subject to all school rules and penalties. Refer to the current Parent/Student Handbook for additional information. Never forget that you are subject to the laws of the land. You can be arrested for shoplifting, substance abuse, vandalism, etc.
3. Students will have no contact with any drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products. Inform Mr. Holley in writing of any prescription medicine you are taking. An adult may be assigned to hold your medications.
4. **APPEARANCE AND IMAGE: Always be polite and well mannered.** Your maturity should never be in question. Dress appropriately and be well groomed. Be careful about public display of affection. Do not share blankets. Profanity and obscene gestures are unacceptable. Keep noise to a minimum, especially in a hotel, dorm, store or other public places. **The bottom line: If it offends others, do not do it!**
5. Follow the Golden Rule. Show respect to teachers, staff, chaperons, drivers, students, etc. at all times. Be sure to express your appreciation to all the people who help us.
6. **KEEP SAFETY FIRST.** Do not take chances or act without thinking. No roughhousing.
7. It is your responsibility to listen for important announcements or schedule changes.
8. Be perfectly quiet for all roll calls.
9. Be on time (which means to be early) and come fully prepared for all appointments.
10. Maintain a positive attitude.
11. Hazing is against school policy. It is indefensible and will not be tolerated.
12. A good reputation is extremely important. A student who has been suspended or had other school-based disciplinary (or juvenile court) action may be subject to loss of band privileges.
13. A student who is not active with the marching **and** concert bands will forfeit eligibility for certain band privileges including (but not limited to) holding any leadership position or earning lettering awards.

## General Safety Practices

14. Do not talk to strangers.
15. You are to be with our group at all times. Do not venture off alone. When we do separate into smaller groups, you are to be with at least 2 other people at all times.
16. It is always your responsibility to let the chaperons know where you are.
17. Promptly report to Mr. Holley any damages for which our group may be blamed, regardless of when it may have happened or who is responsible. You can be held responsible for any unreported damage.
18. Students are not to venture out of designated areas. Off limit areas include other floors or sections of rooms not in our area and all outside areas unless accompanied by the entire group. When possible, a meeting place for socializing will be designated. Other off-limit areas include the pool (except as specified) and the bar.
19. All band members will follow the designated schedule and be present for all activities, including meals. You are not allowed to leave our group at any time with anyone.
20. Except for parents, no visitors are allowed at any time, without permission from Mr. Holley.

21. Report concerns you have to a chaperone or Mr. H. Like a family, we need to look out for each other. Do not ignore problems nor wait until we return home. Doing the right thing is not being a "tattle tale." On the other hand, do not be a gossip or spread rumors.
22. No playing with shaving cream, water guns, balloons, silly string, ice, etc., in the dorm or hotel at all. Special permission is required for this rule.
23. Your name must be clearly marked on all of your luggage and cases. It is your responsibility to ensure that all of your equipment, luggage, etc. is loaded.
24. Headphones must be used while on the bus.
25. You are completely responsible for all valuables you bring with you. Money and electronic devices are highly susceptible to theft.
26. Roommates and bus companions are your choice. Please be straightforward in working out these arrangements and avoid hurt feelings. These are social times in band and should be a lot of fun. It is your responsibility to make the arrangements you prefer in the first place. There can be no changes after lists are finalized, copied and distributed.

## In the Dorm / Hotel

27. At our dorm / hotel, all rooms and floors that are designated as male or female are strictly off-limits to the opposite sex at all times. **NO EXCUSES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
28. During curfew you are not to be out of your assigned room for any reason at all. (Not even if your room *is* just next to the drink machine.) Do not even open the door. No excuse is acceptable. Plan ahead and take care of your needs before curfew. Do not expect a chaperon to cover for you. After curfew, no one is to enter your room except a chaperon or staff member. Curfew is in effect overnight until 30 minutes before the scheduled time for breakfast.
29. After lights out, there is to be **no sound from your room audible in the hallway, the adjacent rooms or the ones above or below yours.** Other people may be trying to sleep. You also need to go to sleep, especially if we have to work the next day.
30. Do not get up excessively early (no earlier than 2 hours before breakfast) or be loud in the mornings (don't slam doors, run, play boom boxes, etc.). You and the people around you need your rest.
31. In a hotel, please be aware there will be expensive charges for long distance phone calls and room service. You will be responsible for any such charges.
32. Do not give out any names, telephone or room numbers to anyone not in our group.
33. Do know the telephone and room numbers for Mr. Holley and your chaperons.
34. Keep your door locked and bolted. You are not to open your door for any stranger for any reason (use the peephole). Refuse to open the door if the peephole is blocked. When out of your room, keep it locked and be considerate if having to share keys. Do not let doors slam shut to minimize noise. Use caution to avoid getting locked out.
35. Know where the fire exits are located.
36. Your window blinds (or curtains) are to be fully closed at all times during our stay.
37. The dorm or hotel is to be kept neat at all times. Do not rearrange any furniture without approval. Do not leave your trash on the floor - throw it away.
38. Do not throw or drop anything from windows. Do not sit in windows.
39. You may not play instruments in the room.

**Penalties for violations may include but are not limited to: conference with director; notification of parents; loss of rank, office, awards, or other privileges; exclusion from activities (no after school activities); confinement to room; full-time assignment to chaperon; sent home at parents expense (with forfeiture of any fees paid); and additional disciplinary action as appropriate upon return home.**