

Chaperone Duties for Home Football Games

Report time is based on what the plan for the band is. If the band has stayed after school for practice and is having dinner provided at the school then you should arrive at the same time they are having dinner – usually around 5:00 pm. 4-6 people are usually enough for the duties of the night.

- 1) Put the bleacher covers on the bleachers by 6:15 pm. There are **black bags with black bleacher covers** located in the uniform room. There is another bag with the extra white covers.
 - Start at the bottom row; for 2016-2017, use 3 covers on each row. How many rows you cover depends on the size of the band. In 2013 we needed 9 covered rows.
 - Cover **EVERY OTHER ROW** – kids sit on covered row, instruments are placed on uncovered row in front of them.
- 2) Tape off the band section using the yellow “Reserved for Band” tape found in the chaperone supplies.
- 3) When the band goes down to warm-up prior to the game have 2 chaperones go with them, bringing along 1 of the blue chaperone bags (with first aid supplies in it).
- 4) When they go onto the field you may go sit in the band area. Keep the blue bag with you during the game.
- 5) Take out enough water bottles for each student (plus 10) so for 123 band students in 2016 take out 135 water bottles. The size (8 oz or 16 oz) depends on the weather. Number the water bottles with a black permanent marker.
- 6) Fill 3 water coolers with ice and water from the cafeteria kitchen. There is a red 5 quart bowl in the one of the chaperone bins in the uniform room that can be used as an ice scoop.
- 7) Put one water cooler at the top row of the band section. In addition you should tie up 2 trash bags next to the coolers.
- 8) Put two water coolers, the folding table and 9 oz cups at the bottom of the hill near the scoreboard, if that space is available. As always, be flexible about space.

- 9) Sometime during the second quarter the band will begin to leave for warm-up. Drums usually leave first, then guard and the rest of the band. Have two chaperones fill water cups during second quarter.
- 10) When the band has left, recruit a couple of parents to sit in the band section to keep it reserved for the band. Often the visiting pep band comes over to our band section to watch our band's half time show. Be welcoming, but caution them not to walk on the bleacher covers.
- 11) After the half time performance students will come for snack and water at the base of the scoreboard area. They will have a break for water and sliced apples. Students may go into the building in pairs for a bathroom break as well, as permitted by the band manager. After this break they will go back into the stands for the rest of the game and change after it. Chaperones are responsible for setting up the water, providing the apples, and cleaning up the area afterwards.
- 12) After the game, remove the bleacher covers (often parents sitting nearby will help) and stow them away. Once in a while, the covers need to be wiped down with spare towels because they get damp with dew.
- 13) If there are dirty, wet towels, recruit a parent volunteer to take them home, wash and dry them, fold them and return them.
- 14) Return empty water coolers, tables, extra cups, and blue chaperone bag to the uniform room.

List of things needed for Football Game

- 3 – Five Gallon Water Coolers filled with ice and water
- 1 – Plastic Folding Table
- Bags of Bleacher Covers
- 150 – 9 oz plastic cups
- 135 – 8 or 16 oz water bottles
- 1 – black permanent marker
- 4 – Trash Bags
- Sliced Apples
- Extra towels – sometimes needed at end of game to dry off bleacher covers from dew that forms at night
- Chaperone Bag