

WSHS Marching Band Chaperone Duties

- Sit at front of bus
- Head chaperone should get Emergency Care Forms from Band Office and return to Band Office after competition.
- Take with you; blue chaperone bag (1 per bus), blue “bus bag” (box of Kleenex, roll of paper towels, extra wipes, icepacks, etc – 1 per bus) the day's schedule, water bottles, snacks. Blue “bus bag” is for longer trips (1 hour or more drive time).
- Administer first aid as needed. Usually bandages, ice packs, anti-itch for bee stings.
- Give out water bottles as requested. Please collect water bottles & cans in separate trash bag to be recycled. (Give to someone who will recycle or take home to your own recycling bin)
- Hand out cookies/treats ON THE WAY HOME (for longer trips).
- Walk to the back with a trash bag once or twice partly to keep an eye on everyone
- 2 people cannot share a blanket
- Only 2 per seat and keep them out of the aisles
- Students will call the roll and band managers will come aboard to give direction when we arrive at destinations. Chaperones stay seated and let the managers give the directions.
- At restroom stops, check bathrooms to make sure everyone is out by departure time.
- While riding in the dark, the green overhead lights should stay illuminated at all times. If the driver turns them off please kindly ask him to leave them on.
- Ensure that at least 2 blue square water jugs and 3 orange water jugs have been filled, you have the 2 plastic bins(top and bottom (4 parts) with holes drilled in them for 5 oz water cups), watering table/cart, and trash bags loaded on the bus or truck. Make sure to have enough 5 oz and 9 oz cups; better to have extras and return some.

While at the competitions:

- We will assist uniform crew as needed, i.e. putting tarps down, helping students dress, clean off shoes.
- Get a water station set up for the band. Plan to provide water once they are in their 2 by line and close to entering the performance site. Set up the table and cups in the plastic cup holders (do 4 holders – 2 for each side of the 2 x 2), prefill the correct number of 5 oz. cups and have trash bag ready to collect the cups. As the students walk by let each student grab a cup of water, then they can toss the water cups and you can pick them up when they are done walking by.
- Stay with them as they move from place to place. While they perform you sit in stands and watch and then immediately get up to follow them back to the buses, where they will change.
- Set up a water station for them back at the buses. They will be very thirsty after their performance. Use the larger 9 oz cups for this water break.
- After they perform they will be told to stay in groups of three or four when going to concessions or the restrooms. 1 or 2 adults should go with them and 1 or 2 should stay in the stands with the rest of the students.
- At least one chaperone accompanies the drum majors and captains when they go back to change into their uniforms in preparation for the awards ceremony.

When we get back to WSHS:

- When we get back to the school, the freshmen will clean out the bus. Please do one last check for forgotten items when they are done. Check overhead bins, seat pockets, along sides of seats, etc. The buses depart quickly, so please be ready to do the final check right when the freshmen are done. Make sure you take any DVDs out of the player.
- Set trash bags next to school trash cans.
- Give recycling to someone or take home to your own recycle bin. Don't leave it at the school.
- Return the blue chaperone bag and leftover water bottles, to the hallway just outside the UNIFORM ROOM.
- Do not put leftover snacks in UNIFORM Room – it will need to go to someone's house for storage.
- Please help with putting things away, getting rid of trash, hauling stuff back inside or to vans.