

Student Expectations

NOTE: Please respect people's personal space because it differs for everyone.

If you feel you have been harassed, contact the directors so the appropriate action can be taken.

- Profanity is unacceptable in our program. Disciplinary action will be taken.

- Any time there is a critical incident involving band members versus any other group/individual, or any incident involving police or other authorities, the directors are to be notified immediately.

- Any injury that occurs during a band function should be reported to the director, chaperone, or trusted adult.

- **NEVER WALK ALONE** at any band contest, festival, trip or other function, band members should move from place to place in a group (three or more people). Do not go off by yourself, especially after dark. To leave the site, you must have permission from the director.

- Be considerate to all other performing groups. Always be respectful, attentive, and a positive audience. We expect the same of our peers.

- Non-Band Members are not allowed to sit with the band while at any performance venue. This includes football and basketball games.

- All members are responsible for keeping our areas organized. Attendance will be taken and members will not be dismissed until all areas used are cleared by our Chaperone Team.

- Kindness and courtesy are one of the marks of our program, say "Please and Thank You".

- Social Media is a powerful tool. Please remember that negative posts directed at anyone will not be tolerated. You will have one warning and then you will be removed from the OCHS Band Program if the behavior continues.

Students who break rules either on a trip or at school do so selfishly and without thinking of the results to them or the effect it could have on classmates and the entire band. In an outstanding ensemble, every participant has a crucial and exacting role to play. If a person is missing due for any reason, they place an additional burden on every other member in the ensemble and it can have disastrous effects on the success of the performance.

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Travel Expectations

As a member of the OCHS Bands, you will have many opportunities to travel with your ensemble. These trips will range from a one day “up and back” concert to full trips of a week or more. Our primary goal for trips is to provide an educational and musical experience, both for the audience and ourselves. Our “Code of Conduct” applies, in addition to these specific rules.

1. NO DRUGS, NO SMOKING, NO ALCOHOL, NO VAPING.
2. **No hanging out in rooms that are not your own without the door open and adult supervision. Be in your assigned room at bed check.**
3. No staying out or leaving rooms after bed check is complete.
4. Do not leave your room in the morning until you have been released by your chaperone.
5. Respect other people’s property (hotel, bus, restaurant, suitcases, backpacks, etc..).
6. All school and civil rules are in effect for the duration of the trip.
7. Follow all instructions of directors, staff, and chaperones, and treat them with respect.
8. Students must stay in designated groups.
9. If given “free time,” students must follow the times given by directors or chaperones.
10. OCHS Band “Code of Conduct” applies at all times.

Any other activities which are perceived as being non-beneficial to the individual or group will be dealt with by the directors or chaperones.

Consequences

A student caught violating any rules marked above can be immediately removed from the trip and sent home at their parent’s expense. In addition students will receive a failing grade for the activity/competition, and will be subject to the punishment specified by the OCHS Administration. The student will not be allowed to participate in band for the remainder of their time at OCHS.

Bus Expectations

Much time will be spent traveling on buses. For the health, safety, and comfort for all participants, the following rules have been established in addition to our “Code of Conduct”:

1. Be early for all departures.
2. Do as the bus driver asks when on the bus.
3. Do not switch or change buses/airline seats without the director's permission.
4. No unnecessary moving around on the bus. No standing on seats.
5. Keep heads and limbs, etc., inside the bus at all times.
6. iPods and other personal players (headphones only) are allowed on the bus, but for your own hearing, the volume level should not be loud enough to be heard by others.
7. Leave non-essential valuables at home.
8. Be Clean and Neat. The Chaperone Team will be responsible for doing a final bus check.
9. **Everyone** is expected to help load and unload equipment.