

TJ Marching Band Chaperone Guidance

- ♪ TJ Marching Band is not an “extra-curricular” activity. It is a class.
- ♪ Chaperones will be assigned one of the following three duties:
 - Bathroom Escorts:
 - Students will be escorted in groups to the restrooms during the 3rd quarter of games. No more than 6 students to a group and two groups can go at the same time.
 - Instrumentalists should not leave their entire section empty; break the section up into different groups. The band continues to play during bathroom breaks.
 - Uniforms:
 - You will be assisting Noreen Gramm, the Uniform Chairperson for the TJ Band.
 - Distribution and collection of plumes
 - Assist the students in putting away their uniforms in the band room uniform closet.
 - Assist with laying out the American flag in the auditorium if it is extremely wet.
 - Snack Distribution:
 - The Band Patrons provide the students with a snack and drink after half time.
 - Depending on the type of snack, distribution maybe handled differently and instructed that day.
 - You will assist with the preparation for distribution during half time and clean up afterwards.
 - You will also be asked to watch over the students belongings during their performance. At some away games, the band is seated in the stands alongside the fans.
 - You will need to collect all trash left behind as the band leaves the stands; there is nothing to remain.
- ♪ All chaperones are expected to assist with the collection of the American flag from the girls and deposit it in the appropriate barrel at all home games.
- ♪ Effective with the 2017-2018 Marching Band Season, changes have been implemented regarding Chaperoning.
 1. Children/Students that are not a member of the TJ High School Marching Band are not permitted to ride the Band buses to performances. No exceptions will be made. We understand that this was permitted on a case by case scenario in the past; however, we are taking a firm stance in this position due to liability reasons.
 2. If you are chaperoning a home game and are unable to secure babysitting for a younger sibling, you may be permitted to bring that child with you under the following conditions:
 - a. Only one (1) child. Friends to keep them company are not permitted,
 - b. They must be respectful in keeping behind the scenes (bleachers),
 - c. They must not get in the way of the band which includes but is not limited to: no tossing footballs, no horse playing, and no interference with the band.

While we understand that in the past exceptions were made or permitted, we need to consider the safety of all and to eliminate any unnecessary liability of those who would not be covered. Remember, you are there to fulfill your chaperone duties.

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- ♪ Chaperones will be assigned to buses for away events.
 - Please be sure to remind the students to use the restrooms prior to departure for they may not have an opportunity to do so when they arrive at the event until sometime later.
 - You will be required to take attendance prior to leaving the school and on the return trip home. Notify Mr. Mirabella if a student is missing.
 - Please assist in carrying any items to the field that may be necessary.
- ♪ **DO NOT...**
 - **Correct** a student for any misbehavior; report the behavior to the Chaperone Chairperson who will communicate the matter to Mr. Mirabella or Mr. Erdely. Emergency issues should be communicated directly to the band directors.
 - **Engage** in any controversial conversations with the student body sitting near the band; if there is a problem notify the Chaperone Chairperson.
 - **Permit** students to get off the bus until directed to do so. Stay on the bus until all student have left the bus.
 - **Stand** in with the band to watch the game; including the drumline or near the side of the field closest to the bleachers. All chaperones are to be located on the far side of the Auxiliary.
 - **Purchase** food from the concession stand for yourself or for any student.
- ♪ **PLEASE DO...**
 - **Help** other chaperones with any of the duties; however do not neglect your assigned duties.
 - **Remember** that the snacks and water are for the students and staff. If there is enough even after the students are offered seconds, chaperones will be permitted to have some.
 - **Remember** that it is all about the TJ Marching Band and not about the chaperones.
 - **Love** the students of the TJ Marching Band.