Chaperone Guidelines

Green Hope High School Band Chaperones ensure that band members have sufficient adult supervision at all events. The main objectives of the chaperones are to ensure student safety and to assist with students who become sick or injured.

- All chaperones must be registered volunteers with WCPSS before being allowed to assist as a chaperone. This can be done at the office of any Wake County Public School.
- Student safety is the primary focus.
- Only chaperones may be present during practices unless there is an emergency. All practices are closed with the exception of the last 10 minutes of Thursday practices allowing parents to see the last run through. Keeping practices closed will allow the students to maintain full concentration.
- Chaperones are there to ensure student safety and to assist students who are sick or injured. Chaperones are not to participate in any portion of the rehearsal with the students (e.g., stretches, warm-ups, etc.). Chaperones should not enter the rehearsal space (practice field, gym floor, etc.) unless it is an emergency. This is for the safety of the students as well as the chaperone.
- Chaperones are not to distribute any medication of any kind to a student, including OTC or prescription medications. Chaperones are not allowed to be made aware of any medical conditions or needs or hold medication for a student. In emergency situations, chaperones are first to call 911 then alert the band director or other WCPSS employee immediately.
- Generally, students should take the lead on loading, unloading, and transporting instruments and equipment. Students have been trained on how to properly handle equipment, and it gives them a sense of ownership and responsibility. Chaperones should be present to monitor safety.
- Basic First aid kits must be carried with chaperones at all times. If an injury/illness occurs please handle the injury/illness per WCPSS guidelines and do not be afraid to ask for assistance.
- The director sets the itinerary. Chaperones are present to ensure students are where they need to be on time and safely. Please be flexible when changes are made.
- The director sets student behavior. If students are not complying with your direction please take immediate action to solve the problem and if necessary contact the chaperone chairperson (Maressa Mathura 919-608-2922) for assistance. If school rules have been violated please contact the band director immediately. If a law has been broken contact an administrator and the police immediately.
- Chaperones should communicate with the band director/instructors through the Chaperone or Band Camp chairs only. If there is a particular performance/behavioral issue with your student please contact the band director/instructor through e-mail to set up a time to discuss this with him/her. It is inappropriate to try and speak with the instructors/staff during practice/performances/competitions regarding your student unless it is an emergency.
- Always treat students, staff, and other chaperones with respect.
- The purchase and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco use is prohibited during chaperoned events. This includes overnight trips where no alcohol or tobacco is allowed in the chaperone’s luggage or hotel rooms as well. Smoking in your car during any chaperoned event and consuming alcohol prior to event are not allowed per WCPSS policy.
• At least one chaperone needs to go with each group when the band splits for warm-ups or sectionals. The first aid bag should go with the largest group. A chaperone needs to go with any single student or small group that needs to leave the area for any reason. This includes the bathroom.
• Chaperones are asked to wear Green Hope Band shirts (green or maroon) and tan pants for easy identification by students/staff/parents.
• Chaperones walk/ride with the band when traveling from one location to another. Students should be quiet and professional when in formation and chatting with them is discouraged unless direction is needed.
• Hydration/nutrition is crucial to the safety and function of the students. Chaperones will provide water/snacks at designated times. Please understand that there will be times when these items are not permitted unless medically necessary.
• Once the students have begun rotation (getting dressed, section meetings, warm-up, etc.), there should be no further communication with them from chaperones unless it is an emergency. This includes interacting with them, gathering them for pictures, etc. This is the time for the staff to get them focused and ready to perform their best.
• As a chaperone, you are a chaperone for all students, not just your son/daughter. In marching band, it is likely that parents will not be placed with the section to which their son/daughter belongs. In addition, chaperones, should not allow any “special privileges” for his/her son/daughter or other students. Examples include purchasing food when it isn’t allowed for the entire group, separating them from the rest of the group, etc.
• Have a positive and flexible attitude at all times! This is an important part of the high school experience for these students. The job of chaperone is to help enhance this by keeping the students safe at all times.