

BOBCAT BAND GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Attendance at Rehearsals and Performances

1. All band members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances unless excused by the band director. In case of an emergency, it is the responsibility of the student to contact one of the directors before the rehearsal or performance, (unless impossible) or the absence is unexcused.
2. Students absent during a marching band rehearsal, unless excused by their director in advance, will forfeit their place in the marching line-up and will serve as an alternate. If their absence was caused by an emergency or illness, they will be returned to their position as soon as possible.
3. Punctuality is of vital importance in the band. The nature of the band's operation at football games, concerts, and travel away from home make strict adherence to a schedule very important. Students who are habitually tardy or absent will forfeit any position of responsibility or honor with the band and may be transferred out of the band.
4. Students will be given an approximate time for a rehearsal or performance to be completed.
5. Transportation should be present for the students when the event is over; we will not continue to wait over 30 minutes for rides. If a student cannot be provided transportation to and from band on time, it will be necessary for the student to withdraw from the performing group. In case of an emergency or an unavoidable situation, call as soon as possible to make arrangements for transportation. If you have a problem with transportation, contact one of the band directors and let them make your name available for car pooling, etc.

Conduct

Band students will demonstrate an attitude of good discipline and attention during rehearsals. Each rehearsal should be a musical learning experience for each student. Each performance will be only as good as its best rehearsal. Disturbances by band students in rehearsal shows a lack of interest and respect to the band; therefore, they should find another activity to hold their attention.

Football Game Rules and Conduct

Every student must attend each football game. The only excuses accepted for absence are death in the immediate family, contagious illness, or a doctor's note.

Behavior in the stands includes:

1. No sunglasses, hats (except band shakos) or other inappropriate attire
2. No food or drinks in the stand at any time. (Water is permitted)
3. No visitors in the stands unless approved by a band director
4. Exit stands by going to the end of the row and down the stairs
5. Uniforms should be worn in full dress unless instructed otherwise by a band director
6. The proper band t-shirt must be worn under the uniform coat at all times
7. The band will only perform in the stands the tunes which have been rehearsed

8. All band students should be back in the stands after the 3rd quarter break with instrument, flip folder, etc., ready to play at the beginning of the 4th quarter. **If you miss the 1st note of the 1st song of the 4th quarter, you will miss the 3rd quarter privileges in the following week.**
9. In order to keep uniforms and instruments in tact, students should keep movement in the stands to a minimum. (No dancing allowed)
10. No jewelry should be worn while in band uniform
11. **YOU are responsible for putting up all of your equipment after each game!**
12. Long hair must be put up under band shako during performances
13. Suspenders should be worn at all times
14. No playing on horn in stands unless instructed to do so by a band director
15. Do not spray perfume, hairspray, deodorant, etc. in the band hall or on the bus.

Bus Conduct

On band trips, all band members will ride to and from the destination on designated buses.

- If the parents of the band member needs the student to leave the original destination with them after the band has finished its performance, the band director must be notified prior to the trip before the band member will be permitted to leave. The director must have written permission from the parents and the students must be picked up by the parents or a designated person.
 - In case of an emergency, the band director may approve other means of transportation.
 - Band students are expected to follow all rules and regulations established and approved by the School district in the "Student Handbook" and "Code of Conduct."
 - Everyone is to remain seated.
 - No food or drinks on bus without permission.
 - Do not put heads and arms out windows while traveling.
 - Uniforms must be worn or carried on hangers.
 - No hitting or banging on bus or seats.
1. No initiations (such as decorating faces with makeup, shoe polish, etc.)
 2. No shoe polish writing on buses (ours or anyone else's.)
 3. **No exit through rear door** except in an emergency.
 4. Do not get off the bus until the director has given instructions to do so
 5. No switching buses without directors permission..
 6. Group singing and chants, etc., are permitted as long as it doesn't get rowdy.
 7. No squealing or unnecessary shouting.
 8. Chaperones will be in charge of checking the roll each time the bus departs.
 9. Chaperones have the authority to assign seats.

10. At the end of each trip, the student is responsible for unloading his/her own equipment. Nothing should be left on the bus.
11. Do not play instruments on the bus.
11. When the bus comes to a halt, all talking, noises, and other distractions shall cease until bus is in motion or permission is given.
12. Appropriate behavior should be conducted at all times on the bus between males and females.
13. All school rules and policies should be observed at all times.
14. Radios, tape players, CD players, etc. are permitted only if the student uses headsets.
15. Absolutely NO hairspray, perfume, or nail polish used on the bus.