

JHS MARCHING BAND

PROCEDURES & EXPECTATIONS FOR TRAVELING

Polish instruments the night before!

ARRIVAL TO PRACTICE

- 1) All band students must arrive to practice WEARING the following:
 - a. Squad shirt
 - b. Black shorts for underneath uniform
 - c. Long black socks
 - d. Black marching shoes
 - e. Hair done for hat
 - f. Sweatpants/sweatshirt if necessary

Garment bags should be brought and hung up upon arrival. They should contain your full uniform and (empty) shoe bag in the back zipper pocket.

- 2) Guard members should come wearing normal rehearsal attire. All uniform items must be packed.
- 3) All students must bring a change of clothes, *including shoes*. You cannot ride home on the bus in uniform.
- 4) All students must have their rehearsal items: backpacks and water jugs

BOARDING THE BUS

After practice ends and everything is cleaned/packed up:

- 1) Gather all belongings and find a seat in the gym lobby. You should have a snack at this time. *Make sure everything is picked up and thrown away before leaving.*
- 2) Loading crew will begin loading when buses arrive. Loading crew should
 - a. Place belongings in seat before starting. *You can only reserve a seat for yourself and your bus partner.*
 - b. Load garment bags – NOTHING BUT UNIFORMS IN THE BAGS (NO SHOES)
 - i. Bags are loaded by instrument. Drum Majors will have these lists.
- 3) Drum Majors will call students to load by seniority.
 - a. No one is to take another person's seat if it claimed.
 - b. Two students per seat always.
 - c. Flutes, Clarinets, Altos, Trumpets all go on the bus. All others will go on the trailer.
- 4) Once all are on and buses are loaded attendance will be taken by the bus captain.
 - a. ALL SILENT DURING THIS PROCESS.

ON THE BUS

- 1) No loud talking or singing
- 2) No inappropriate language or conversations
- 3) No PDA or touching of any kind. If we see this you will be asked to stop. *If we have to ask a second time you will have your seat moved.*
- 4) If you are using your phones you need ear buds or headphones
- 5) Listen to your chaperones and staff. No talking back, eye rolling, etc...
- 6) Eating on the bus
 - a. We will tell you when it's time to eat dinner. *We all eat at the same time.*
 - b. Pack a healthy dinner – no sugar or unhealthy foods/snacks. Nothing but water to drink. (water jugs)

- c. All garbage must be thrown away into the garbage bags. These will be sent through the bus after dinner. If you see garbage on the ground just pick it up and throw it away, even if it's not yours.
- 7) About 10 minutes before we arrive to the competition site we will have “quiet time”. Everything should be shut off at this time and talking should stop. This is a time to refocus before getting off the bus.

ARRIVAL TO COMPETITION SITE

- 1) Staff and chaperones will get off the bus first
- 2) Loading crew will then get off and begin unloading uniforms/instruments. **Garment bags go on the racks by instrument.** There will be tags on the racks.
- 3) All other students unload once given the signal. You will be given a time to be ready.
 - a. Act appropriately moving from place to place. Move with a purpose.
 - b. Use the restroom if you have to (inside school; chaperones will take you)
 - c. Find your garment bag on the rack (by instrument)
 - i. Band members – change at the buses
 - ii. Guard members – change in the bathrooms at the school
 - d. Empty garment bags go back on the racks, **zipped up!**
 - e. Get instrument out, check it over.
 - f. *Get hats*

WARM UP PROCEDURES – Winds & Battery

- 1) Stretch
- 2) Basics
- 3) Music Warm up
- 4) Tune
- 5) Ensemble arcs – hit show spots
- 6) Move to field in 2 lines
- 7) Perform!

POST PERFORMANCE PROCEDURES

- 1) Circle up
- 2) Walk back to buses
- 3) Put instruments away
- 4) Change out of uniform
- 5) Loading crew load uniforms/instruments on buses
- 6) Use restroom (with chaperone permission)
- 7) If there is time, head back to the field to watch the rest of the show
 - a. IF HEADING BACK TO THE FIELD YOU MUST GO IN A GROUP OF 3 OR MORE (NOT 1, NOT 2, 3 OR MORE!)
You must stay with this group the entire time you are at the field. Chaperones will help monitor this.
Remember, listen to our chaperones AT ALL TIMES.
- 8) Once results are read, head straight back to the buses and wait for the staff. If you need to use the restroom that is the time, NOT once the staff comes back.
- 9) Bus captains take attendance – remember, SILENCE during this process
- 10) Once staff is back on the buses we will leave!
- 11) Call or text your ride at Fredonia to make sure you have a ride when we get home.

ARRIVING HOME

- 1) Adults off
- 2) Loading crew off – unload and lay bags out nicely
- 3) Clean buses – NO ONE LEAVES UNTIL THE BUS IS SPOTLESS
- 4) Students dismissed, pick up garment bag and instruments