

Chaperones

Chaperones are needed for games, competitions, parades, concerts, and trips. Pit Crew is also included as chaperones. A Ratio of 1 chaperone to 10 students is our ideal goal. (This number could increase slightly at competition as the band has to go in separate areas) Senior Parents have priority with chaperoning, followed by Junior, sophomore, and freshman parents, if we have too many chaperones per event. Below are guidelines for chaperoning.

Please remember that as a chaperone you are setting an example of behavior and are there to help all students, not just an individual child.

Duties:

Help load buses and equipment trucks with necessary equipment

Help maintain order, enforcing Decatur City School, Decatur High School, and Decatur High Band rules.

Help set up and tear down stand for students during football games; Maintain setup area for competitions help line up for parades, and make sure everyone has rides home from events.

Chaperones must ride the buses, and have a chaperone badge on while chaperoning

Chaperones must stay with the band at all times, unless it is an emergency. You may not leave the physical area of a game or competition.

Assist/Take roll on buses both on loading and unloading.

Help students be responsible for cleaning up all areas the band are in and keeping up with their personal items, band instruments, uniforms, and additional equipment.

Report any medical issues to the Chaperone Chair, and to assist with additional needs that may arise from an emergency situation.

Upon returning to the school chaperones need to stay until the Chaperone Chair has dismissed them from the event. Please return all badges to the Chair at the end of event.

There must be two chaperones until all students are picked up.

DHS Band Rules:

Behave in a mature polite and courteous manner as a representative of Decatur City Schools, Decatur High School, and Decatur High School Band, both students and chaperones.

The Decatur City Schools Code of Conduct is in effect at all times during the time the band is required to arrive until they are dismissed. Anyone in violation of the rules of the Code of Conduct must be referred to the DHS Band Director or Chaperone Chair.

During DHS Band events, chaperones are an authority and should be treated as such by students. If this authority is challenged it needs to be referred to the Chaperone Chair or DHS Band Director.

No PDA (Public Display of Affection) is allowed.

Students are responsible for any personal items.

Students may not eat while in uniform.

Bus Rules:

Students must stay in their seats while the bus is moving.

All hands, feet, and all other appendages must stay inside the windows at all times.

No PDA (Public Display of Affection) is allowed. If the band is required to take combined bus, the bus will be divided by a female section and a male section with chaperones in between.

Music can only be used with headphones; if the noise is excessive, it will be asked to be turned down.

No talking is allowed: while a bus driver, chaperone, teacher, or director stands up to speak or when the bus comes to a stop at a stoplight, stop sign, or railroad crossing.

No OPEN food or drinks on the bus at anytime.

Chaperone, director, or teacher may reassign seats as necessary.

Students are responsible for any personal items.