

BUS RULES

The bus ride to and from band performances is part of the excitement of being a member of the band. By following a few common sense rules, you can help make the trip a pleasurable one for all concerned. Remember, most rules are made in the interest of efficiency and safety.

RULES IN EFFECT FOR ALL BUS TRIPS:

1. Be on the bus when expected. You are expected to ride the bus at all times.
2. Attendance will be taken prior to any departure. The bus will not move until this is done. Please cooperate by sitting quietly until attendance has been completed.
3. Eating is allowed, but use common sense. All drinks must have a screw on cap. No glass or sticky items, like gum, allowed. Trash needs to be placed in trash cans or bags and not on the floor, in your seat, or in the bathroom. It is critical that students always maintain control of their drinks. If they spill on the bus, you will be living in a sticky mess for the remainder of the time we use that bus.
4. Walkman, MP3 or iPod players WITH headphones are allowed on the bus. Absolutely NO personal music players without headphones. This is a safety rule. Do be aware, however, that although the bus will be locked, thefts can and do occur. If you find that any of your belongings are missing, notify a staff member immediately.
5. Do NOT bring valuables on the bus. Security cannot be guaranteed.
6. Do not bring anything more than you need.
7. Listen to your chaperones and staff. They are there for your safety and are following the guidelines set up by the band director. A request from them is a request from your director. If you want to be treated with respect, you need to be respectful.
8. Different bus drivers have different rules. If a driver makes a request, you need to follow it, even though it may be different from another driver. They are responsible for your safety.
9. When we arrive at a performance site, the rule is "BE FLEXIBLE". The situation is a little different at each place, but generally when we arrive:
 - a. Everyone stay seated
 - b. Staff will get off the bus and meet with the director
 - c. Wait for instructions from staff

STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND CONSEQUENCES

For Championships, it may become necessary for a student to be escorted by the room chaperone to their room if they become out of control or refuse to do as they are told. In this case, the student will be required to accompany the room chaperone everywhere (within reason), and could be assigned to sit in a specific seat by the director if that is deemed necessary.

In extreme cases in which OUSD rules have been broken or in cases of repeated defiance of rules, it is up to the band director to determine the appropriate course of action. Course of action can include but are not limited to:

1. Suspension upon return
2. Expulsion upon return
3. Detention upon return
4. Referral upon return
5. Immediate trip to the airport to be sent home at parent's expense
6. Call to parent
7. Separation from the group
8. Non-participation in other band functions