

PHS Band Chaperones

Frequently Asked Questions

2011/12 School Year

1. Do I *have* to attend Chaperone Orientation if I want to be a band chaperone?

Yes, you do. As one of our former band directors would say, "If there is a problem on one of our trips and something happens to one of our band students, the 'buck' stops with me ... not the chaperone." Because of this, we want to make sure all chaperones perform their responsibilities the way the directors want it to be done.

2. What if I cannot attend either night of Orientation?

The reason we set these dates and put out the information as early as we do is so hopefully you can make arrangements to be at one of the meetings. Unfortunately, if the dates do not work out for you, then you will need to wait until next year to serve on the chaperone crew.

3. Do I get into the game for free?

Yes you do. But please understand that your job is *NOT* to watch the game ... it is to chaperone our band students. If you are thinking that you will ride the bus to the game, sit in the stands and watch the game, then get on the bus and ride home ... chaperoning is not for you.

4. Do we have to wear the chaperone outfit?

Yes you do. The purpose for having chaperones wear the same outfits is two-fold. First, to make it easy for band students and stadium officials to find the chaperones. And second, it looks more professional. Hopefully the cost of the shirts will run around \$25 and we will place orders at orientation. And yes, even if you are doubling as part of the official equipment crew, we ask you to not wear blue jeans.

5. What is the chaperone outfit this year?

It is the same as it was last year ... chaperone shirt and khaki pants/shorts.

6. How do I sign up to chaperone specific games?

At the end of each Chaperone Orientation meeting, those who are present will be given the opportunity to signup for a certain number of games. The reason we limit the number you can initially signup for is because it leaves some spots open for those who could not be at the first night of orientation to get on some of the trips. **(One warning – this season there are only 5 away games which means there could be a possibility that all games will be filled after the first orientation meeting.)**

7. How do you fill spots for the playoff games?

Once we know we have made the playoffs, an email will be sent out 1-2 weeks before each game to let you know that *now* is the time to get your name on the list. Since we do all communications via email, spots will be filled on a 'first come' basis according to when your email is received.

8. Can I request to be on a specific bus?

I'm sorry, but the answer to this question is 'no.'

9. How are bus assignments determined?

Believe it or not, there really *is* a system to the madness. Below is the process that we use ...

- First, determine who will serve as head chaperone on each bus
- Second, place spouses of head chaperones on the same bus with their spouse
- Third, place other husband/wife combinations on buses
- Fourth, fill holes with the remaining chaperones from the list for that game

(Note: this is not set in stone and there may be times when husbands and wives are on different buses.)

10. What if my question was not answered here?

While we try to hit all the questions we've had in previous years, we're not perfect and will definitely miss some. So, if you have additional questions, feel free to contact Keith Stephenson, our chaperone committee chairman. Here is his contact information ...

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