

Orlando, FL General Information

GROUP CONDUCT

In Orlando, FL and en route, the general public will judge our school and community by our conduct and appearance. Each student and chaperone is a representative of our school and community. Certain guidelines are necessary for a well-planned and organized trip and adherence to these guidelines will assure you of a positive experience. **Our trip is a school activity and all school policies concerning conduct will be in effect throughout the trip.** Failure to adhere to those policies will result in disciplinary action during the trip and possible further action by the school upon our return home.

LUGGAGE

In addition to your instrument case, each person is allowed **ONE** large suitcase. Any carry-on bags will be stored under your chair or in the overhead compartments on the bus. Use your checklist when packing. **Make sure you have everything.** Pack any liquids in bottles (shampoos etc.) in plastic bags to protect your other items in case of accidental spillage. Bring extra bags to store dirty clothes in. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS!** Boldly label everything you take on the trip with your complete name and address.

BUSSES

We will travel on chartered busses. **THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES TO THE BUS LIST AFTER THE SIGN-UP DEADLINE UNLESS THE BUS CHAPERONE DEEMS IT NECESSARY. DO NOT ASK TO CHANGE!**

It is important that you report to the busses at least five minutes before the scheduled departure time for roll check. Please be time conscious.

Pick up ALL litter and trash and deposit it in the trash bags provided.

RADIOS, IPODS, CD PLAYERS AND PORTABLE DVD'S WILL ONLY BE USED WITH HEADPHONES.

Traveling with a large group requires thoughtful, courteous behavior from everyone. While traveling, remain in your seat except to go to the restroom. Use the restroom on the bus only when absolutely necessary. Long trips = bad odors! Restroom stops will be made during travel times. **Please refrain from loud talking and loud noises.** Think of others and we will all enjoy the trip more.

The busses are equipped with VCR/DVD Monitors. **All movies shown will be approved before the trip....this includes those of you with portable DVD players.** Movies must be rated G, PG or PG-13. Movies in those rating codes that contain excessive language or sexual innuendo will not be permitted.

QUIET HOURS

While traveling on the busses, sleeping/quiet hours will be from 11:00 p.m. until after the breakfast stop the next morning. During quiet hours there will be no talking, and sleeping will not be allowed in the aisles. Stay out of the aisles unless you are going to the restroom.

SPENDING MONEY

The cost of two meals per day (breakfast and dinner) is included in your trip payment package while IN Orlando. Meals during the bus trip to and from are NOT included and you will need to bring money to cover them. In addition, you may choose to bring money for souvenirs, snacks etc. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR MONEY.** Most hotels will cash travelers checks, consider this option.

You are encouraged to bring non-perishable items for snacks.

EATING ESTABLISHMENTS

Please exercise good manners in dining areas. Do not be loud or impolite. Be patient when you have to stand in line, EVERYONE will have time to eat...cutting will not be necessary. Allow others not traveling with us to enjoy their dining experience as well. Most sit down restaurants will expect you to tip wait staff at a minimum rate of 15% of your bill amount.

DRESS CODE

The school dress code policy is in effect. Please do not wear revealing clothing or clothing with suggestive or inappropriate language. Students are not allowed to wear halter tops, cut off tops, transparent shirts or blouses or short shorts. No sagging please!

All clothing, including bathing suits, should be within the parameters of good taste. Directors shall have the final decision in determining if wearing apparel or appearance is in violation of good taste. If in doubt, wear a colored t-shirt over your bathing suit.

UNIFORM

Students will not be bringing their school uniforms for performances. We are requiring them to wear their Red Polos and Black dress pants for our performance.

TRAVEL

Prior to departure on Thursday morning, all luggage will be randomly checked by the drug dogs. Luggage will also be checked for name labels. It is YOUR responsibility to load YOUR instrument and luggage. Do not assume that someone else has loaded your stuff. **Once your luggage has been loaded, you will not be permitted to go back to your car. Please be certain you have all your items before you load them Thursday morning.**

At all stops, students will remain on the bus until instructed to exit by chaperones or directors. It is imperative that you pay close attention to times announced for meal stops, etc. and be back on the busses when instructed.

LODGING

All phone calls will need to be made from lobby phones. This includes local calls. You may use the phone in your room for room to room calls only. There will not be any calls made after midnight unless calling a sponsor's room in an emergency.

Students may bring cell phones to keep in touch with family, etc. but the school or band does not assume any responsibility for loss, etc.

Students will not be able to purchase pay per view movies from the hotel.

Students will not be allowed to visit other students from other groups anywhere at any time. Socializing with members of our group should be limited to lobby areas, etc. No loitering in the halls.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE BOYS PERMITTED IN GIRLS ROOMS OR GIRLS IN BOYS ROOMS. IF YOU WANT TO VISIT WITH STUDENTS IN OTHER ROOMS, GO TO THE LOBBY AREA.

Room captains are responsible for the room key and to see that the room remains tidy and free of litter. Any damage will be reported immediately to the chaperone. Do not collect souvenirs from the hotel rooms, including towels, etc. **ANY MISSING OR DAMAGED HOTEL PROPERTY WILL BE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF THE STUDENT(S) CAUSING THE DAMAGE.**

Reasonable curfew times will be announced each day, at which time all students will be in assigned rooms and remain there. **NO ONE IS PERMITTED OUT OF THEIR ROOM FOR ANY REASON AFTER CURFEW.** If there is an emergency, use your phone to call your chaperone and ask for assistance. There will be room checks at the time of curfew and hall monitors will be used during sleeping hours.

TOBACCO AND ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

School policy does not allow the use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or controlled substances. Possession of these items will not be tolerated and will result in serious disciplinary action. Violations could lead to an early trip home at your parent's expense. Do not put yourself and others in danger of jeopardizing future travel opportunities or the opportunity to graduate on time by violating this policy.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

WE ARE REQUIRING ALL MEDICATION, PRESCRIPTION AND OVER THE COUNTER, BE IN ITS ORIGINAL CONTAINER AND PUT IN A PLASTIC BAGGY WITH THE STUDENTS NAME AND DOSAGE PROPERLY LABELED. The sponsors will keep all medications with them. This will prevent any medications getting into the wrong hands. **Parents must complete a school Administered Medication Authorization Form.**

SAFETY CONCERNS

During periods of time when you are not under the direct supervision of a chaperone, please use the buddy system. **Students are to be in groups of four or more at all times.** Any student(s) found to be traveling with fewer than four in a group will be assigned to a sponsor for the rest of the trip. Don't jeopardize your safety. Use cautious judgment and stay with people you know and trust.

P.D.A.

Even though you may wish to express your emotional feelings toward others in a physical manner, the impression this act displays to others around you sometimes causes feelings of discomfort or disgust. Please refrain from Public (and private!) displays of affection for the duration of this trip. After one warning, you will be placed on separate busses. Blankets and jackets may not be shared while on the bus.

Band Handbook policies will also be in effect.

I have read the preceding trip handbook and understand it completely. By signing this I agree to abide by the policies set forth by the directors.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date