



Listed below are various policies and procedures (band etiquette) for both students and parents that will help make the program run more efficiently and help hold all our members to high standards of conduct and excellence.

*Failure to adhere to the policies are grounds for appropriate consequences. **

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for all scheduled rehearsals and performances.

Any absence not approved at least 2 days in advance or deemed an emergency will fall as **unexcused and lead to consequences.**

- Notify your band director (or a band staff) at least 48 hours in advance of the date of conflict.
A week or more notice is preferable, given how many students are affected.
- Once the band staff is notified the student can then post on the band app to update the rest of their peers of the absence.

Etiquette

Uniforms

- Never wear the uniform to events other than those designated by the director.
- Always wear the entire uniform with all accessories.
- Never wear any jewelry (including watches) or make-up while in uniform.
Exception: Makeup is required for Guard.
- *Colored* nail polish is prohibited.
- Must always wear full uniform, unless instructed otherwise
- **ONLY WATER** may be consumed while in uniform for performances.
No juice or soft drink is allowed no matter what instrument is played.
- NO FOOD other than what is provided by the BPA may be consumed while in uniform.

Uniforms and West Band apparel

- Must always travel in 2s or pairs. After sun down your 2 cannot be a significant other. **No West member should ever travel alone, ever!**
- No profanity in uniform.
- No public displays of affection.
The only acceptable PDA is giving your family members/ fellow uniformed members a quick hug pre/post performance.
- When watching performances, recognition by respectful applause for West and ALL OTHER bands is allowed.

Misbehavior / General Conduct

- Consumption of alcohol, drugs, smoking, chewing, dipping,

vaping is not permitted.

- Destruction or damaging of property/equipment, are not permitted or acceptable.
- Using Profanity towards Directors, Parents or other students
- Inappropriate Posting on social media that fails to represent the program appropriately.
- Conduct detrimental to the organization and organizations reputation.
- Willful Disobedience
 - *Band members should show respect for directors and chaperones.*
- *Disregard for these rules will result in consequences at the discretion of the directors.*
- *You may lose your performance eligibility for the next performance.*

Parents: Etiquette during performances/competition

- **Parking:** when waiting to pick up your student at West please remain in the junior lot away from the main road so that buses may drive through to park & or to unload students/instruments
This also allows traffic to flow through easier when entering/leaving the school.
- **Students must not leave** until all props and instruments have been properly stored.
****Students will be dismissed once everything is complete.****
- Family members usually wear their "Teal" and sit together to support the band during competitions.
- Spectators should NOT enter or leave the stadium while any band is performing.
- Talk during performances should be limited during the performance.
- Be proud of what our kids do and do not be negative towards others. This includes applauding or recognizing West after their performance.
We ask that the cheering be respectful for ALL BANDS!

***Please refer to the Band Handbook 2022-2023 for more detail**