

Laguna Hills High School Marching Band & Colorguard Travel and Performance Expectations

1: You are a representative of Laguna Hills High School and the Golden Hawk Brigade at all times, in and out of uniform, in and out of school, when we are in public, performing, or watching other groups perform. Make an effort to find something nice to say about each group that you see.

If you've ever seen "The Karate Kid," don't be the guys from the Cobra Kai Dojo... be Mr. Miyagi – humble. Be as gracious in victory as in defeat, and congratulate each group or individual you come in contact with, regardless of scoring outcome. Your behavior, citizenship, and common courtesy will reflect highly on our organization. Failure to act appropriately will result in consequences up to and including dismissal from the program.

2: No matter where we are in the world, you are still at school. All school rules, behavior codes, and **consequences** of conduct apply.

3: The word of a chaperone is law – just the same as if it had come from the Director. Instructions from a chaperone or volunteer are to be followed immediately.

4: Socialization should never be so intense or loud that any parent or staff cannot quickly gather attention and maintain order. Several situations require absolute silence and stillness. These include, but are not limited to: 1: When instructions are being given. 2: When a competing band enters the field. 3: When a football player is injured on the field. Other situations may arise at the discretion of the staff and chaperones and your compliance is mandatory.

5: Every student will travel in groups of two or more at all times. Violations of this rule will be dealt with depending on circumstances, but you should anticipate at the least being glued to a chaperone for the duration of a trip and the ire of your classmates when their privileges are curtailed due to your behavior.

6: Your uniform and instrument care, carriage, and esprit de corps are the most visible public signs of our commitment to excellence. Unless given specific permission from the director, when in public uniforms and show shirts will be worn with zippers closed and with 100% completeness.

7: Cowboys wear "hats" - we wear "Shakos," or "Covers," and they are a part of your uniform. Shakos are to be worn on the head when in uniform. Shakos are to be carried right-side up (we are not asking for Halloween candy).

8: You are personally responsible for the condition of your uniform, and will not be permitted to perform in a dirty, wrinkled or damaged uniform. Consider this when making a decision on where to store accessories when not in use. Eating in uniform is strictly prohibited except for water and "director approved" snacks. Shoes must be polished before every performance.

9: Personal grooming and cleanliness is required, and affects our performance. Hair shall not touch the collar, and should be either long enough to be reliably pinned and worn "up" or short enough to not need further care to satisfy this requirement. Gentlemen shall be clean-shaven and sideburns may not extend past the earlobe. No visible jewelry of any kind is permitted. Failure to adhere to these requirements may result in exclusion from performance.

10: Public Displays of Affection (PDA) are prohibited as per LHHS policy. Discreet holding of hands is acceptable only **OUT OF UNIFORM**. Any other PDA conduct including touching, kissing, petting, etc. will result in an instant principal referral and, depending on severity, dismissal from the band.

11: Plan to remain with the group for the entire event. The only excused dismissal the day of an event is for family emergencies. The director must approve early dismissal in writing at least 24 hours before the event. Students will not be released without the same director-signed document presented to the head chaperone. Please refer to Booster and District documentation for details about approved transportation.