

Band Boosters

The purpose of the Mandarin Band Boosters is to advance the best interests of the Mandarin High School bands by giving support as requested by the band director. All parents or guardians of students enrolled in the Band Program are members of the Band Booster organization. Maintaining an active band program requires support and funding beyond that provided by the school system. The Band Boosters organization, a non-profit corporation, was formed in 1991 to provide this support. Activities include the following:

- Purchase and maintenance of uniforms
- Provision of funds for the purchase and repair of instruments and equipment
- Provision of funds for the purchase of music and supplies requested by the director
- Furnishing chaperones for band events
- Organization and implementation of fund-raising activities
- Maintenance of website
- Encouragement of new parent involvement
- Support and advocacy for music programs in the public schools

MHS BAND CHAPERONE GUIDELINES

The support and assistance of parent chaperones is necessary to the success of band activities. Selected parents of band students will act as chaperones at band functions. Chaperones are expected to support the philosophy of the program as stated by the director. Chaperones will ride on the buses and stay with the band during the entire activity. Anyone who volunteers to be a chaperone accepts certain responsibilities and will be expected to carry out assigned duties. The Band Director will coordinate recruitment of chaperones for overnight trips. Punctuality is necessary. Chaperones are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages immediately before or during band activities or trips. Smoking is not allowed. The Director will make rules and guidelines with the safety and welfare of the band members in mind.

Chaperone Selection

Parents **MUST** complete an online volunteer application with the Duval County School Board. Once your volunteer application is approved, it will be good for two (2) years.

Go to www.duvalschools.org. Click on 'Community' and then 'Volunteer Information'. Proceed with your online application.

Once you have received your approval letter, please make a copy and return it to director or chaperone chair. You **CANNOT** chaperone or volunteer without a copy of your letter and/or card on file with the band.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Report on time and pick up your chaperone badge from the Chairperson. Bus and duty assignments will be made at this time. Turn in chaperone badge at event's end.

Please make sure you log your volunteer hours in the notebook on the table outside of director's office. Each volunteer has separate sheet and they are in alphabetical order.

- There will normally be two to four chaperones on each bus.
- A student officer (Bus Captain) will check roll and report to the Director on Bus 1.
- See that all MHS band rules are followed. The Director will provide more specific rules as needed.
- While the band is out of the stands (performing or break during third quarter) some chaperones will stay to watch the seating area, while most will help with equipment.
- There will be no food, drink, or gum in the band seating area except coolers of ice water.
- Individual permission for a student to leave the seating area may only be granted by the Director and students must be accompanied by a Chaperone.
- The band will not leave the seating area until instructed to do so by the Director. Restrooms can be used during third quarter when the band is dismissed for break.
- After the band has left the seating area at the end of the game, check to be sure that all trash is picked up and put in garbage bags, and that no items have been left behind.
- For safety reasons, when leaving a football game, close all bus windows and keep them closed until the bus is several blocks away from the stadium.
- When the students have left the buses at the conclusion of a trip, the student Bus Captain will check to be sure that the bus is neat and clean, that all windows are up, and that no belongings have been left behind.

After every band event, one (1) parent volunteer will be needed to wait outside the pool area until all band members have gone home.

- If you have a problem with any student failing to follow directions or showing disrespect, **see the Director immediately**. Do NOT ATTEMPT TO DISCIPLINE A STUDENT. The role of a chaperone is to guide and assist. The Band Director will handle all discipline problems.
- If a student becomes ill enough (in the opinion of a chaperone) to warrant calling his/her parents, the Band Director will be informed of the situation and will be responsible for

contacting and discussing the problem with the parents. If there is such a problem, see the Director!

NO medications (prescription or over-the-counter) may be given to band members without parent permission. ONLY Duval County School Board employees may obtain that permission and distribute meds.

- Please be reminded that your children who are not band members are not to be brought with you when you chaperone. If you have any questions concerning chaperoning, or to volunteer to chaperone, please contact the Chaperone Chairs whose names appear on the Band Booster Board of Directors list in this handbook.

Competitions

All above guidelines apply to competition. The main difference is the length of time you are 'on-duty'. Be available to assist the Director and her staff as needed. During the show, you may go into the stadium to watch the band perform but as soon as the band marches off the field, you need to join the band as they return to buses to put away equipment.

Departure times from competitions and scheduling will vary upon the band's performance and if they make finals. Be prepared to get instructions from the Chaperone chair or Director when your assistance is needed.