

## BUS CHAPERONES 2016-2017

The first step to becoming a chaperone for band events is registering as a PIE volunteer. Go to our band page: [spiritofwaxahachie.com](http://spiritofwaxahachie.com), in VOLUNTEER box click PIE signup, click NEW VOLUNTEER and then complete. We must have the DPS form completed and a copy of your driver's license.

The next step is to watch your email. Jennifer Summers, head chaperone, will send out an email the week of each away game and/or contest, asking for chaperones. Chaperones will be selected in the order email replies are received. Jennifer will send out email confirmations. For football games, you must be at the band hall by 5:00 p.m. You will not necessarily be placed on the same bus as your child. We need chaperones to get to know all our band students.

Bus chaperones are assigned two per bus and are responsible for:

- Tracking who is on the bus and who is missing
- Getting off the bus and into the stands promptly (at football games) to assist in preparing the bench seats with covers
- Hauling equipment/props as deemed necessary for the given show
- When returning home, ensuring that your students leave that bus better than when they got it. It is not your job to clean the bus, but to ensure that it is cleaned by the kids! ALL kids on that bus—they need to pick up after themselves! It is NOT a seniority thing. Band students have pride in every aspect of what they do.
- If you really don't like teenagers, please do not ask to chaperone. They are great to be around and deserve chaperones who want to be with them, as they are—kids!
- **Reasonably mobile adults only for bus chaperones, as much is asked of you and mobility issues or younger siblings defeat the mission of being a bus chaperone.**

Arrival times for contest days will vary. If you volunteer to chaperone a contest, you must be available all day. Some days run 6:00 a.m. to after midnight.

### Keeping track of students

We use a bus card system. There is an index card created for each student. When the students are on the bus they have their bus card in their possession. When they are off the bus the chaperones for their bus will have the students' bus cards. This easily allows our chaperones to know which students are not on the bus.

### Expectations of chaperones

Chaperones ride on the buses to and from games and contests to make sure our students are safe and acting appropriately. Chaperones all work hard at games and contests to make sure our students' needs are met. This includes passing out water, moving equipment, moving racks of uniforms, collecting dirty uniforms, picking up trash, serving meals, and anything else that needs to be done. Chaperones are there to take care of our band.

### Keep in mind:

- Chaperones need to follow school dress code. We ask that you wear a "Hachie" shirt to games and a show shirt to contests to be easily identifiable with the band.
- NO smoking of any kind (cigarettes, e-cigs, etc.) is allowed around our students. Smoking is banned on all school property so it is not an option.

### Bus assignments

Our students choose the bus they want to ride and stay on that bus all year. Boys and girls sit together. Bus chaperones have the authority to separate students based on their discretion. Holding hands is fine. Kissing/PDA is not. Couples that are deemed as "problem couples" will be handled by the directors.

Duties for Disney chaperones will be covered in a meeting closer to the trip. There are many more duties to discuss.

It is a fun time! We hope you enjoy chaperoning a trip! It's a lot of hard work but so worth it!

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