

Behavior Guidelines

All band members are expected to follow the instructions of any teacher, staff member or chaperon *without question* unless said instruction is a violation of civil law or moral standards.

All school rules and policies are in effect at all band functions.

Any band member possessing or using any controlled substances, which include tobacco and alcohol, during any band function is subject to immediate removal from the organization, referral to school authorities, and if applicable, the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Band members will not play on or play with the equipment of others. This practice can lead to potential damage and a general lack of respect for the property of others. If you see someone picking up an instrument or equipment that is not theirs, remind them.

Destructive activity will not be tolerated, whether it be something as seemingly innocent as playing on a wall, locker, or door with drumsticks, or bumping things with horns or equipment, or something more overt as deliberately damaging equipment, throwing objects, writing on walls or leaving trash around. An organization with class, mature members, and pride will not permit acts such as this. It is the responsibility of everyone to see that these types of things do not occur. If you see it, stop it. If they refuse to stop, notify a director, staff member, or chaperon immediately.

Band members should not remove, play with, hide, or take all or part of the uniform of others. The uniform is obviously an essential part of the performance. If you have a problem with your uniform, don't take someone else's. See the uniform people for assistance. Take care of your own uniform.

All students travel to any off-campus activity on the bus. If you wish to ride home from an event with your parents, they must sign you out in person, at the conclusion of the event, and you will be removed from the bus roster. Students will be released only to parents or guardians. Only directors may release students, not chaperons or staff. Please be aware of this policy -- it is for your protection as well as ours.

Band members are expected to use good judgment and show respect for others in displaying affection. An impassioned embrace or more ardent demonstration of feeling is best kept for private moments. Band trips and activities are not "carte blanc" make-out opportunities. Keep your raging hormones in check and don't embarrass your friends or cheapen your relationship by taking things beyond the limit of common decency.

Any time there is a critical incident involving our people, our people and other band members, our people and "civilians," or any incident involving police or other authorities, the directors are to be notified immediately.

Any injury that occurs during a band function should be reported to the director without delay.

At any band contest, festival, trip, or other function, band members should move from place to place in a group. Do not go off by yourself, especially after dark. To leave the site, you must have permission from the director.

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Food and soft drinks are not allowed in the stands at football games. You will be given a break during third quarter. When you re-enter the band section, get rid of your food and drinks without being told. Water is absolutely allowed, as it will not damage the instrument.

Students play their own instrument when in the stadium. It is important to present the image of discipline and pride at all times. The band plays only as a group, except when the percussion section plays in support of the cheerleaders. There should be no individual, indiscriminate playing.

Only Band members are allowed in the Band section of the stadium.

When the Riverton Band "falls in" to march to or from any location, there is to be absolutely no talking. When we march in formation, we are observed by the public and by other bands, and our tradition of success demands that you exhibit the highest level of personal and ensemble discipline at all times. You are "performing" whenever you are in public, whether you are getting off the bus, marching to the stadium, or on break. Do not embarrass yourself and your friends by acting in an immature manner.

Following any football game or competition, it is your responsibility to insure that all your equipment is put away correctly. Individuals who do not participate in the Riverton Band program should wait outside the band room to help limit confusion and expedite dismissal.

Attitude

Those who have a positive attitude, regardless of their individual skills, will always have a place in the Riverton Band program. Regardless of your ability, if your attitude is not positive, if you are not doing your personal best to make the group successful, you should not be a part of this band. In fact, students who do not project an attitude that is positive and cooperative will be given the opportunity to change their personal perspective or else leave the organization.

Those who have pride in themselves will generally project a positive attitude.

Characteristics of a positive attitude include a generally cheerful outlook toward rehearsals and performances, cooperation in the preparation and maintenance of equipment and facilities, and an eagerness to do what is necessary to be successful.

In short, the ideal band member is someone who is always willing to give their best for the good of the organization.