

## KNOW THIS!

1. Chaperones are here to support the students. The lead chaperone coordinates the efforts of all chaperones so that staff can focus on our students. Please take questions/concerns to lead chaperone first.
2. If there is a question regarding appropriateness of students dress, please bring it to the attention of the lead chaperone, the lead chaperone will get final decision from Mr. Fisher if necessary.
3. Upon completion of a competition or performance, students need to either **A.)** Completely change out of the band/color guard uniform or **B.)** Wear uniform pants, shoes, suspenders (fully up), and plain white or white Northstar band T-shirt.
4. At no time is the use of vulgarity or profanity acceptable. Please ask students to refrain from using this type of language.
5. At no time is poor sportsmanship acceptable. Immediately bring this to Mr. Fisher's attention.
6. Public displays of affection are not appropriate. If you are uneasy about the display, it is inappropriate, please ask them to stop.
7. Front line (mallets, timpani, etc.— the Pit) are responsible for moving their equipment to its performance position. Chaperones are there to assist.
8. School district policy does not allow the playing of any rated "R" movies. Furthermore, if you are uncomfortable with the movie selection you have the authority to stop or not allow the movie. You have complete authority on this matter.

## LEAD CHAPERONE

A group of chaperones will work much for effectively and efficiently with a lead chaperone. Here are some suggestions to help you with this responsibility.

1. Get their early (15 min) to ensure field show diagram is right, make sure a plan for luggage check is clear, etc.
2. Use the radios for everything from adjustments to lights out on overnighters to tracking down that extra pair of gloves. Mr. Fisher has the radios.
3. Please introduce yourself to all of the chaperones and welcome them.
4. Assign chaperones to each bus and take the initiative to assign responsibilities as it relates to moving equipment.
5. Check for a pit diagram, water, extra uniform box, distribute walkie talkies to a chaperone on each bus (preferably the medical people), answer questions as it relates to bus control.
6. Mr. Fisher will contact the chaperones the week before a performance to remind everyone of when to arrive. The general rule of thumb is to arrive 15 minutes prior to the "load the equipment" truck time on the itinerary. For parades, please arrive with the students.
7. You can't over-communicate with other chaperones. We always feel like we're in the dark.
8. It really is a lot of fun. Enjoy.

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## Northstar Marching Band

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Marching Band CHAMPIONS!!!!**

## Northstar Chaperone Guide



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## Overnighters

1. Luggage and some instruments go in the cargo area under the bus, big instruments usually end up in the equipment truck. Any instruments in the cargo area (under the bus) go on the right side, luggage on the left. The kids may not remember this.
2. Keep an eye on uniforms – they should not go under the bus and should be cared for, i.e., not stuffed into an overhead locker or wadded up under the seats like they do with their own clothes.
3. Be prepared to pitch in with anything from serving food to guiding busses to their parking places. Not our jobs, however Northstars are known for high character and willingness to pitch in wherever needed to help keep things moving.
4. If a pool is at the premises, chaperones should work together to make sure that someone is pool side at all times. Our job is to ensure they are safe, not act as life-guards.
5. When doing an evening room check, knock on the door and announce that you are doing a room check. Walk into the room and look between the beds and in the bath room for “extra” students. Students should all be visible. “She/he is in the bathroom” is not accepted. Remind the room of the “lights out” time, that uniforms need to be hung properly, lights need to be turned out, and there can be no sound. Please close the door behind you.
6. Don’t make rules that can’t be enforced without having to open the door (must be in bed, TV must be off, etc). Any questions, ask the lead chaperone.

7. A few chaperones may need to stay up until a couple hours after lights out to ensure everyone really is asleep. Chaperones are asked to sit at strategic places to monitor the doors of the rooms. How many and for how long is left up to lead chaperone.
8. Chaperones are asked to do a post check-out room check to make sure no uniforms are left, etc.

## Parades

If you have it, wear a white or purple “polo” shirt with khaki pants. Shorts or skirts are not permitted by parade officials.

1. Water – where is it, is it full, who has it, who will carry it. Medical folks will help. Sometimes you will have to get creative in keeping the water bottles full.
2. Medical support – Mr. Fisher will make every attempt to have two medical people on hand at the events. The medical people will address any extenuating student medical issues. Please introduce yourselves to the chaperones so everyone is aware of who you are.
3. Bus control – a dull roar is best case. When you get back one chaperone should check each bus for trash and uniform parts. Students know the drill, just get the trash bag started back.

## Field Shows

Our job as parents is to get the truck loaded/unloaded quickly and to help get things set up on the field. There may be a diagram showing where everything goes.

1. Load the truck – Jerry has been doing this for 20 years. He has a system, our job is to let him implement it. Nobody else will be there every event. Take the time to tell him thanks for two decades of support to the Northstar Band. If you are not needed and there is extra time, you may leave and return.
2. Unload the truck – Get everything on the ground, the kids and the pit boss will sort it all out.
3. Moving stuff to the field– Lead Chaperone assigns everyone an instrument to help out. Please stick with what you’re asked to do.
4. On the field – we have to sit in front of the stands, out of sight, while our kids play. Not the best view but still fun.