

Chaperone Guidelines and Duties

The staff and IMPA want to Thank You for volunteering your time and energy for marching band trips. This is a great way for parents / guardians to become involved in a wonderful program and to help support their children during the school year.

- Arrive at school at the same time as students to help with loading and other preparations.
- Discipline is the direct responsibility of the Band Director. Notify the director or Head Chaperone if you notice something that needs to be addressed.
- Be friendly and get to know the students. WE ARE FAMILY.
- Be sensitive to the needs of the students, and assist them in solving unexpected problems.
- Any health problems should immediately be brought to the attention of the Band Director. Medical emergencies may occur during travel, and students may need medical attention and / or to be transported to a local hospital.
- Keep track of students, including counting students when loading buses.
- All Central Valley School District rules and regulations should be followed just as if we were at school... Notify any violations to the Band Director.
- Waiting is a necessary part of chaperoning. Consider bringing along a book.
- Chaperones are expected to help with the cooking. The Food Coordinator will pick her Sous Chefs for the day from those chaperones on the trip. Please expect to help with cooking and be prepared to help with serving and clean up after each meal.
- Smoking, drinking, drug use, and excessive displays of affection ARE NOT permitted on band trips by students or parent volunteers/chaperones. Violations of these rules will result in chaperoning privileges and duties being revoked, and the violator will be dismissed from the group.
- After the band returns to the school, chaperones should stay until the all the uniforms, equipment, etc have been unloaded.
- Parents are needed to help get Pit equipment on and off the field.
- Chaperones are expected to bunk in with students. They are also expected to stay up for an hour after lights out. This is to make sure the students are not getting up, that they are abiding by the rules.
- Have fun!! You'll be surprised by how much you will enjoy the camaraderie with the kids and the other adults.