

Marching Contest Chaperone Guidelines

1. Be at the band hall 30 minutes prior to departure. Make sure that you sign in with the volunteer coordinator. Be available to help with drink containers, uniform check-out, equipment loading, etc.
2. When traveling by bus, check roll before we leave the school and when we board the bus for the return trip. A bus directory should be on every bus. There is a white binder (directory) for each bus with a sitting chart of the students registered for that bus. These binders are located on the bottom shelf in Mr. Terrell's office. **A roll call should be performed prior to every departure.**
3. Once at the destination of the event and when leaving for the return trip, your assistance will be required for the loading and unloading process. Make sure the students have their required equipment for the performance.
4. Assist the band directors by making sure the band students are in proper uniform and properly dressed. All students should appear to be orderly going out to the field.
5. Make sure no males are wearing earrings. LCISD policies are to be strictly adhered to at school functions wherever they are held.
6. Help with water during the contest – making sure that all the students have water offered to them as needed – especially when first arriving at the stadium in hot weather and right after half-time.
7. After contest performance, help with drinks. Encourage students to take bathroom breaks.
8. Help the students police the area prior to leaving the stadium, gathering up trash (especially what we brought with us) in the stands.
9. After the return to the school, before departing the buses, help the students gather up trash on the bus.
10. After the game the uniforms may be a little sweaty, be sure that the students hang their uniforms appropriately on the hangers, and the uniform bags are draped outside of the uniform – on the hanger. This will allow for the uniforms to dry. There will be someone at the uniform storage door to ensure that this is done. If we, as chaperones, can instruct the student prior to arriving at the band hall to do this, it will speed the placement of the uniforms.

REMEMBER:

- Your first responsibility is to the band students and for making certain that Foster High School is represented in a positive manner.
- You must remain with the band at the game while in the stands.
- **KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS** – whenever and wherever you are a chaperone, be aware of what is going on.
- If a “situation” starts to arise, fix it if possible or report it to a band director. No chaperone should have a confrontation with a student – that is the band directory's job.