

RINGGOLD BAND HANDBOOK

Our goal is to provide students with a meaningful, enjoyable and rewarding experience through musical growth, dedication, student leadership, loyalty, and community service. We will represent Ringgold High School and the surrounding communities as ambassadors of excellence, pride and character. **THEREFORE:** All rules, policies, and regulations set forth by the Ringgold School District must be observed at all times.

In addition, there are several other expectations we have for band members' conduct.

BE ON TIME-If you are on time, you are late. If you are early, you are on time. If you are late, look out.

BE NICE- We are all in this together. Treat your staff, chaperones, and each other with the utmost respect and congeniality.

BE THANKFUL-The adults associated with this program are doing what they do FOR YOU. Say please and thank you to the volunteers, chaperones, bus drivers, etc... Manners are important.

BE RESPONSIBLE- Make sure you always have everything you need for all rehearsals and performances every time.

BE NEAT- Always leave an area looking like you were never there. Clean up. We do not have maid service.

BE CAREFUL- Make good choices. If you are unsure, just ASK.

BE AWARE- Use the various informational outlets we provide to be sure you know what is going on at all times. Listen, read texts, check Facebook, look at calendars, ask questions.

***IN THE STANDS**

Pay attention to the game. Watch for times to play, Stay off phones. Listen for instruction.

Put your jacket and hat in such a way that it stays neat and will not fall.

No food or drink unless it is provided by the boosters. You will not be permitted to visit the concession stands nor will anyone be permitted to bring you something from the concession stands.

Always be respectful toward the other band.

Restroom breaks will be given in groups after halftime. If you have an emergency, see a chaperone.

***SIGNING OUT**

All students will ride the bus to and from all football games.

Students will not be permitted to leave after halftime. (Please discuss extenuating circumstances with the director.)

Students will be permitted to ride home with their parents from other events such as parades, Kennywood, and the county fair.

Sign out will take place at the bus for all these events. Parents **MUST** initial next to the student's name before leaving the event.

Students will not be permitted to ride home with other students/friends.etc... If a parent permits a student to ride home with another parent, please submit that in writing to the bus chaperone.

***UNIFORMS**

Uniforms will be stored in the band room when not in use. They will not be taken home under any circumstances.

Black Dinkles are required. They can be purchased at band camp.

Black socks that **cover the ankle** are required.

Black gloves are required and can be purchased from the Boosters for \$2.00

A white t-shirt must be worn under the uniform jacket.

Hair must be tucked inside the helmet.

Do not wear jewelry with the uniform.

Do not wear make-up with the uniform. (It will stain and damage the fabric)

Do not make alterations to the uniform.

Take care to properly hang the uniform on the hanger.

*****You will be charged for any damage to the uniform caused by gross negligence or disregard for the rules*****

***ATTENDANCE POLICY**

All rehearsals and performances are mandatory for everyone.

If you have a conflict with any practice or performance you must discuss the conflict with the director and place a note in the folder located in the band room.

Please turn in sports schedules to the director so we may avoid as many conflicts as possible.

Work is not an excused absence.

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