

HSS MUSIC DEPARTMENT
MUSIC TOUR/RETREAT CONDUCT GUIDELINES

On our music tours and retreats, the students are representing their school and community. The inappropriate behavior of one individual will reflect on the entire music department and our school/community. All students will potentially suffer the consequences. On the other hand, good behavior will reflect positively on all students and our school and will ensure that future travel opportunities are made available to our music department. The impression left on others by our groups is the responsibility of everyone!!!

THE EXPECTATION IS FOR THE UTMOST OF RESPECT FOR OTHERS AND THEIR PROPERTY, A GREAT DEAL OF COMMON SENSE AND GOOD MANNERS AT ALL TIMES. ONE'S PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS/WISHES BECOME SECONDARY TO THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE GROUP!

1. **Yelling, popping gum, excessive outbursts of laughter or whistling** is not permitted as it may distract our drivers. Normal conversation at **discrete noise levels** is acceptable.
2. **Garbage bags** are provided on each bus/van and everyone shares the responsibility for keeping our vehicles clean and pleasant to travel in.
3. Students who are not returning with the group or traveling only on a certain portion of the trip with the group must have their parents phone the director in advance and also bring a note from their parents as confirmation before departure. This also applies to visits with relatives while on the trip.
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages and use of illegal drugs is strictly forbidden!
5. Your uniform is part of your identity with our music groups. It is your responsibility to ensure that all parts of your uniform are **as clean and pressed as possible**.
6. Rehearsal rooms and warm-up areas should be left as they were found or tidier.
7. Students are requested to remain in a **GROUP** at all times unless instructed otherwise or have been excused for an errand or bathroom stop. This is especially important for special instructions as changes take place in our plans. In many situations you will not receive times and places in advance. **While on free time, the BUDDY SYSTEM is to be adhered to.**
8. Equipment/luggage movement is the responsibility of EVERYONE!!! The bus and van drivers are always so helpful with packing but they do appreciate your assistance.
9. The chaperones and the bus drivers are in charge in the absence of the director and their decisions and directives are to be followed. They are doing their utmost to make your trip enjoyable for EVERYONE.
10. In hotels/motels you have rented space in ONE ROOM for a limited time. Any additional regulations for that establishment must be adhered to. Hallways are never meeting places and one should not move around the hotel/motel in their pajamas. Students must have their room checked by their chaperone before departure. Keys will also be returned to your chaperone.
11. Travel opportunities are extensions of our school programs and the same high standards of conduct and behavior apply on these trips as elsewhere within our school.

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