



Handbook

2024 Season

## Our Purpose

FHSCG is a section within the Fraser HS Marching Band. We are very much a part of the marching band as any other section. The Color Guard is a visual component of the marching show used to bring the musical elements of the band to life. This will be achieved through integrating drill design, dance choreography, theatrical presentation and equipment work. We emphasize training in the student's ability to spin and perform. Color Guard is very much a group activity, so learning to perform together is our ultimate goal, along with having fun! FHSCG also provides opportunities to teach teamwork, build confidence and self esteem, and teach leadership skills.

## Expectations & Responsibilities

It is the promise of the coaches and members of this group that we shall uphold the following responsibilities:

- Put forth our best effort in giving/receiving instructions.
- Treat all members (active, inactive, provisional) and the coaches equally with the "Do unto others as you would do to yourself" policy.
- Make the learning environment safe from unnecessary harm and injury.
- Provide ideas and designs that will help perpetuate the group's goals.
- Uphold the policies set forth in the handbook.
- Attend rehearsals in a timely fashion.
- Do our best to assure that every individual is given the opportunity to grow and achieve in this activity, as a person and a performer.
- Make this sport a positive experience for all.

Each member, upon acceptance to FHSCG, will acknowledge that they are accepting certain expectations & responsibilities. Members are committing themselves to financial, time, and ethical responsibilities (outlined below) and what specific role they should play in each member's life.

Members of FHSCG are asked to make a commitment to the program through time and effort. As a member, you are required to commit to the rehearsal and performance schedule, as well as showing up on time (5 to 15 minutes early; practices start promptly at the stated time on the schedule).

Members are expected to dedicate time to practice outside of rehearsal:

- Practicing OUTSIDE of rehearsal:  
The best way for a member to grow in this activity is to PRACTICE INDIVIDUALLY. While it may seem that we have a busy rehearsal schedule, we do not have nearly enough time during rehearsals to go over every single, tiny detail. Practicing individually will help students learn time management, responsibility, competition and achievement.
- Stretching & exercising:  
Doing these activities outside of rehearsal will help to build your endurance. The show runs about 15 minutes, with each member moving, dancing, and even running throughout the show.
- Listening to the music:  
Sit on the floor in your room at night before going to bed and visualize the routines in your head. After you learn the drill, visualize that as well. This will benefit you greatly throughout the season.

Members are required to:

- Attend any and all rehearsals (see attendance policy).
- Eat a meal before coming to rehearsals or performances. Do NOT skip meals at band camp either.
- Learn any and all parts of the routines asked/required of them.

- Know theatrical presentation, drill design and dance choreography.
- Each member and their adult will sign an acknowledgement of the handbook to be kept on file as well as a medical form.
- Tryout each year.

It is within the coaches' discretion to not allow a student to perform at events if their confidence in the routines and marching cannot be trusted. It is totally normal to get nervous and make a mistake or two, but if a student is not able to prove that they know their routines/marching sets, they may be required to "sit out" of a performance. This is not a decision that is made lightly, and coaches will seek input from Mr. Rodgers and other band staff before implementing this.

### Attendance Policy:

**Attendance at all rehearsals and every performance or event is mandatory.** Attendance is vital to our success! Please show up 15 minutes prior to the practice start time as listed on the schedule. Attendance is taken at the beginning of each practice/performance. If a student is going to be late to practice, it is their responsibility to inform the coaches themselves. This should only be in the form of a text message or email. An official schedule is given out at the beginning of the season and is subject to change. It is the student's responsibility to inform staff of any conflicts they may have with the FHSCG schedule. Most family activities/vacations can be worked around if they interfere with practices or camps. If a member has a job, please request at least one of our practice days off (either Tuesday or Thursday) if you cannot take off both days every week. This applies to any other activities/clubs/sports/etc. you may be involved in. We are always willing to work with you to balance it all! We coaches just ask that any events be scheduled around practices and performances as much as possible so members do not miss out on an excessive amount of material learned. Each member is a valued, contributing individual to our program and any and all absences decrease from the quality of our preparation and performance.

FHSCG will consume a lot of member's evening hours to help build and maintain a quality group of students prepared to bring the marching band's music to life. FHSCG asks that each member carefully considers the commitment they are making and the responsibilities they must accept. If at any time, a member seems to be struggling with academics due to the busy and rigorous schedule during the spring and fall months, the coaches will meet with the parents and student to evaluate the next step that will best benefit the student.

The coaches of FHSCG are **NOT PERMITTED** to offer or give rides to any member of FHSCG. Please make sure you have a way of getting to and from rehearsals, performances, and events.

**FHSCG practices every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30p.** After school starts in the Fall, practices shift to 6:00-8:00p. New members are recommended to attend extra rehearsals with the section leaders from the end of the school year until band camp (Day & time TBD by section leaders). This is beneficial to them as they will receive extra help with anything they may be struggling to learn and adjust to the activity.

There will be one Saturday practice during the summer: **July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ FHS from 9:00a-3:00p.** We will learn most of our routines on this day. Please pack a lunch, snacks, and plenty of water to drink.

**Home Band Camp** is **July 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2024** from **9:00a-3:00p.** The team learns the various drill commands and how to march on the field with the marching band. Students are NOT allowed to leave the premises, so pack a lunch or have someone bring you one. Bring plenty of water and sunscreen.

**Away Band Camp** is **July 29th–August 2nd, 2024** at Michigan Christian Youth Camp. The entire band learns their drill movements for the show. More information is given on this as it grows closer.

Starting **August 7th**, Wednesday night full band rehearsals will take place from **5:00-9:00p; 5:30-8:30p** after school starts. This allows the team to work with the band in an effort to understand their drill and movements on the field better.

**It is required of the guard to arrive at least 2 hours before a performance or departure time** to allow for hair and makeup application, getting dressed in uniform and preparing the equipment for a performance or travel to a competition location. It is INCREDIBLY important that members are there before or at the call time so this can all be accomplished in a timely manner.

#### **Excused Absences:**

A note from a parent/legal guardian is required for: emergency situations (must be turned in at the following rehearsal that the member missed), college visits, vacations. A note from: a doctor notifying the coaches of an illness or injury. A note from a parent or teacher regarding other school related activities.

#### **Unexcused Absences:**

Not showing up at all with no prior or after the fact explanation, social events (i.e. attending a friend's birthday party or other social activity, attending another school's sporting event, etc), homework, or work.

**ANY AND ALL ABSENCES CAN AND WILL BE REVIEWED BY FHSCG TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF A MEMBER'S SPOT ON THE TEAM.**

#### **Injuries:**

If you are injured and cannot participate at rehearsal, it is requested of you to still attend and sit on the side to observe the rehearsal, if you are able. This way you will understand what is going on while you are in recovery. If a student is injured while at a rehearsal, parents will be notified immediately. From there the parents and the coaches will decide the best action to be taken.

#### **Illness:**

If you are sick, contagious or not, PLEASE STAY HOME. If you are not feeling well, it benefits you to stay home and rest rather than to waste your energy being at practice. During the school year, if you stay home from school on the day of a rehearsal/performance, you can NOT attend. Once you are feeling better, at the discretion of your parents, you may attend rehearsals again.

#### **Tardiness:**

If you are going to be late for any reason, please let the coaches know immediately. If the coaches are not notified, it will be marked as an unexcused tardy. Excessive tardiness excused or not, will result in the coaches re-evaluating the member's position on the team. It is difficult for the team and the coaches to rely on a member who has poor time management as it can affect the attitude of the team and as a result carry over into a performance.

**If a member needs to leave early from a rehearsal, please notify the coaches at the beginning of the rehearsal or prior to the day an early dismissal is needed.**

**If a member needs to arrive late or leave early from a performance, a note from the parents must be turned into the coaches before the performance (NOT the day of).**

If for any reason the coaches need to cancel practice based on an illness or family emergency, the team will be notified within a 12-24 hour time period before practice.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to notify the coaches of your tardiness or absence. **DO NOT** text other members to have them inform the coaches.

If an overwhelming number of team members have notified the coaches that they will not be in attendance on the day of an FHSCG rehearsal, the rehearsal will be CANCELED. Please be aware that the rehearsal may be rescheduled at the discretion of the coaches to make up for the lost time.

The FHSCG coaches do not and will not discourage students from being involved in another sport or activity! In fact, it is encouraged. However, please be aware that color guard is a team sport and every absence by a member can affect the integrity of the team. Each member **MUST** attend the Wednesday full band rehearsal before a performance or event to prepare with the rest of the team and marching band. Failure to do so could result in the member being asked to **NOT** perform.

**If a member misses a rehearsal, they are responsible for making up what they have missed on their own.** Please ask another member to help you learn what you missed OUTSIDE of rehearsal. Please do NOT ask to do it during rehearsal as you will miss more of what is taught and cause the other member to fall behind as well. The coaches have a limited amount of time for rehearsals and every minute is vital to the learning process. This applies to Wednesday night rehearsals as well.

### Rehearsal & Performance Expectations

#### **Rehearsal Attire:**

- NO JEANS OR BAGGY PANTS OF ANY KIND.
- NO flip flops or sandals or any open toed or open back shoe of any kind. We will be running at rehearsals so it is advised that you wear sneakers/tennis shoes.
- PLEASE follow the school dress code.
- Gloves need to be worn whenever equipment is being handled.

If you arrive to practice with non-appropriate attire, you will be asked to have a change of clothes brought to you or to sit out of practice entirely.

Hair needs to be out of your face in a ponytail, bun, bobby pins or headband. We need and like to see your beautiful faces (and to be sure you are smiling!)

Please bring a yoga/exercise mat, old blanket or old towel to practices for stretching and conditioning.

Cell phones should be silenced and placed in individual member's bags during rehearsals & performances. If a member is seen with their phone, they will be asked to put it away. A 2<sup>nd</sup> offense may result in turning the phone into a staff member and be returned upon the end of rehearsal.

All talking and socializing during rehearsal time will be limited and all focus will be allotted to color guard.

#### **Food & Drink:**

- ONLY Water or Sports drinks (Gatorade, Powerade, Vitamin Water, etc) are allowed. Soft drinks, juices, and energy drinks are NOT allowed because they have high sugar contents and therefore can dehydrate you quickly, especially in high heat. (They can also ruin the silks.)
- Bringing small snacks to eat during breaks is also a good idea like granola bars or trail mix. Please **DO NOT** bring anything containing nuts of any kind as we have members on the team who may have allergies.

Chewing gum is **NOT** allowed at any practices, rehearsals, or performances.

All color guard rehearsals are CLOSED. Any family members, friends, coworkers, fellow students, etc. are not allowed to be at rehearsals. As much as we love and want their support, they can end up being a distraction during our rehearsals. If an exception needs to be made, please speak with the head coach prior to the rehearsal.

Members are NOT permitted to leave the premises while on a break from practices.

After you have received your coordinate sheets from band camp, you MUST bring them to EVERY rehearsal ESPECIALLY Wednesday evening practices with the marching band. You are also required to bring your personal marker. Section leaders need to bring their folders/binders with them as well.

### **Performances:**

There are 6 things that are vital to the success of a performance:

- Show up on time
- Work hard
- Have & keep a GREAT attitude
- Have a GREAT performance
- Only say positive things about/to each other and about other groups you are watching
- HAVE FUN!! ☺

Members are expected to have everything that they will need for a performance:

- Uniform (SUMMER: Blue shirt, black shorts, white socks, white shoes; FALL: costume chosen by FHSCG staff, black socks, black Guard shoes)
- Show Makeup, Earrings, & hair accessories (if needed)
- Equipment
- Gloves
- Warm Up Jacket and Pants

Failure to have any of these items will result in the member being asked by the coaches to not march as they will not look uniform with the rest of the color guard.

Each and every member will be dressed in the same way for every performance. This includes the uniform, hair style, show makeup and earrings. Please keep in mind that ‘show’ makeup is **A LOT** heavier and more dramatic than everyday makeup. The show is a theatrical performance; therefore the makeup needs to be thick and overdone to be able to be seen from the stands. If there is an issue of any kind with this, please speak with the head coach PRIOR to a performance day.

The only jewelry allowed to be worn for performances are the show earrings. Rings, bracelets, watches, and necklaces can be a distraction & more importantly, hazardous to the member wearing them as they can get caught in the silk while spinning and could cause damage to the equipment.

Any NON guard/band members will be asked to sit elsewhere during the 1st, 2nd, & 4th quarters of home football games.

### **Equipment & Uniform Policies**

#### **Uniform Policy & Care:**

Each member is required to wear the uniforms assigned for the marching season. Please be respectful of the uniform and be mindful of what you are doing while you are wearing it. Please keep in mind that uniforms are expensive and difficult to clean or fix. The same applies for when you are wearing your warm-ups. Your warm-ups proudly display your school name and as such you are a representative of your school. Please present yourself in a manner that you would want others to see you and respect you.

Uniforms are paid for by the students *(the Band Booster Organization pays for ~\$50 of the cost of each uniform)* and as such is property of the students. Students need to take proper care of their uniforms: cleaning them as needed (special instructions will be given when uniforms are handed out), hanging them up CORRECTLY when not in use, placed in a garment bag for transportation to and from the school for performances. If there are any damages or excessive staining or tears to the uniform or the uniform is lost, the student may be asked to replace the uniform at their expense. The black dance shoes used for performances are also paid for by the students. It is advised that you keep the shoes with your uniform so they are not misplaced when you need them for a performance. Members who are seniors have the option to sell back their shoes at the end of the season to sell to any incoming member of the team for the next season.

Warm ups will be kept on until the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of home football games when we will be preparing to take the field for the show. Members may put their warm ups back on after the performance to stay warm and keep their uniform from getting dirty in any way.

Backpacks are available for members to purchase at the beginning of the season to help members carry and bring everything with them to a performance that they use and may need. It is highly recommended that members purchase a backpack. Seniors have the option to sell back their backpack at the end of the season to sell to incoming members for the next season.

Members are **NOT** permitted to eat or drink (water being the exception) while in uniform UNLESS they are wearing their warm ups. For Friday night football games, every member will wear their warm up jacket and pants over their uniform for the pre-game performance and keep them on until the halftime performance.

**YOUR UNIFORM IS A SYMBOL OF DIGNITY, PRESTIGE, AND STATURE. WEAR IT PROUDLY!**

### **Equipment Policy & Care:**

Any and all equipment is purchased by and property of Fraser High School Bands. Each piece of equipment used by the members of FHSCG is on loan and each member should take proper care of their equipment. Just because you are a member of FHSCG, does NOT give you the right to loan things out from the closet to NON GUARD MEMBERS.

**All members should treat all equipment with proper care.** Equipment that is subject to this care includes but is not limited to: silks, rifles, poles, etc. These items are properly taped and weighted by the coaches and all silks should be in good repair. **Damaged equipment should be reported to the coaches IMMEDIATELY.** Please do not attempt to repair any damaged equipment yourself. Flags should be rolled properly and stored in a member's own equipment bag along with rifles and/or sabres (if applicable). Failure to do this correctly could result in disciplinary action. Equipment will be labeled to keep track of each member's own equipment and to account for any damages or losses. If a member's equipment bag is lost or damaged, please notify the coaches immediately so that a replacement bag can be handed over to the member.

**If any equipment is lost, stolen, or excessively damaged, the member will be responsible for replacing the equipment at their expense. Fees will be placed on the member's band account.**

Any individual that is **not** on color guard **is not permitted** to use the equipment **FOR ANY REASON**. Our equipment is valuable and expensive so please refrain from allowing others to 'play' with it.

### **Storage:**

Equipment is stored in the color guard closet in the band room. This closet is for color guard use only. It is to be used for equipment and prop storage. It is **NOT** to be used as a locker or storage compartment for members' personal belongings. During rehearsals and performances **ONLY** are members permitted to store their personal belongings in the closet. Do not leave random articles of clothing, empty bottles, or trash behind in the closet.

**It is YOUR responsibility as members of FHSCG to keep the closet clean and organized.** If at any time the coaches notice the closet to be in disarray, members will be asked to stay after a rehearsal or performance to assist in the cleaning and reorganizing of the closet.

Please respect the space and remember to clean up after yourselves.

### **Student Commitment \*TENTATIVE\***

New members are required to fill out a Marching Band Commitment Form. This is a requirement from the Fraser Band and is due **by Thursday, May 7th, 2024**. Students can turn these into FHSCG staff or to Mr. Rodgers/Mrs. Fielder in the band room.

\*\*\*\*Students will be required to turn in a **\$50 commitment fee (due x/x)**. This fee will be used towards your required payments. **However, if a student "drops out" of FHSCG past the grace period date (x/x) and does not respond to attempted contact from FHSCG and Fraser Band Staff, this fee will not be refunded.** In order to make sure we receive all the required equipment and apparel for the season (uniforms, warm-ups, silks, etc), we have to place orders as soon as possible. It is also imperative that we give our drill writers the correct number of team members. A drop in numbers can affect how the rest of the team looks on the field during performances. We understand that things happen, and sometimes a student and their family realizes they cannot commit to the color guard. That's okay! We'd love to have you back next season, or to see you shine in another activity.

This **\$50 commitment fee** is due **mm/dd/2024**. Students/families have the option to revoke their spot on the team by **mm/dd/2024** and be refunded their \$50. Any equipment that has been loaned to the student must also be returned by this date. If a student drops past Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, the \$50 commitment fee will not be refunded and a hold will be put onto their student account for any equipment not returned.

### **Financial Responsibilities**

All fees are expected to be paid by the specified due dates. Due to past situations, FHSCG will **ONLY** be accepting **CASH** for all payments. We will **NOT** be accepting checks for any guard related expenses. Band Camp and any other band related payments can be cash or check made out to Fraser Band. All financial matters must be addressed with the coaching staff on an individual basis.

Members of FHSCG will be responsible for costs for the season. A general overview of items to be purchased and the costs are listed on the weebly (**costs are subject to change due to inflation or supply chain issues\***).



Fees for the season are due in 3 separate payments of the member's entire cost for the season. If any member would like to pay their entire amount in full, that is acceptable as well.

The **first payment (due 5/21)** will go towards: tape, gloves, summer uniform shirt & backpack. The **second payment (due 6/4)** will go towards: uniform & makeup. The **third payment (due 6/27)** will be for shoes & warm ups. The show shirt is optional and due separately and therefore is not included in these payments. Please note that payments vary for each student depending on their member status and other circumstances.

**Please note that the fee for band camp (\$275) is NOT included above. That is a separate payment owed to Fraser High School Bands and can also be paid in separate payments as well.**

Any fees not paid will be noted on the member's student account through the school. This could prevent the student from participating in events such as the Homecoming Dance, graduation, prom, etc.

### **SchoolPay:**

Parents can make payments towards band camp through SchoolPay. This is a district-wide system many parents use for sports payments and other school activities. We are hoping to get clearance to use this as a payment option for all FHSCG fees. Once we are approved, we'll send out an email letting parents know how to make payments, as well as update the Handbook.

### **Fundraising**

FHSCG offers many fundraising opportunities as does the Fraser Band Boosters. Members are encouraged to participate in these fundraisers to help offset the cost of fees and to build up money saved in their band account for following years. FHSCG holds numerous fundraisers including:

- **Car Wash & Bake Sale (June 23rd):** Money goes to individuals who participate & equipment costs.
- **Bottles & Cans:** Money goes to individual member's costs.
- **Calendar Fundraiser:** Money goes to individual member's costs.
- **Rams Horn Fundraiser:** Money goes to individuals who participate & equipment costs.

### **Team Communication**

We use the Remind app and the BAND app to communicate with parents and students. The Remind app will be used for timely reminders, while the BAND app will be the home base for all things FHSCG. On the BAND app, you can find a calendar with the FHSCG/Marching Band schedule, links to YouTube videos of routines, Stripe payment, messaging with the coaches, etc. All students are **required** to sign up with Remind and BAND. It is **strongly** suggested that parents sign up as well.

Remind App

- Text fhscg24 to 81010

BAND App

- Coaches will provide a link/QR code to sign up

**STUDENTS:** A new team member-only group chat is usually created every year. This is a great way to bond with your teammates and ask questions. Returning members usually head this up.

### **Ethics & Disciplinary Action**

We understand that being on a team does not mean you will always get along with everyone. However, FHSCG is a team sport and we must have respect for each other. Any concerns a student or parent/guardian may have are encouraged to be brought to the attention of FHSCG staff. We want to make it clear that any and all problems or “drama” that affects the team can be dealt with responsibly. If a student or parent/guardian feels that the coaches need to be aware of a situation, please reach out so we can set up a time to meet and discuss any concerns. Mr. Rodgers will also be made aware of any situations and can meet with us as well if necessary. FHSCG Staff tries to make FHSCG a fun, inviting, and safe space. We do not condone any gossip or talking down upon fellow team members and band students.

#### **Attitude:**

The greatest single factor that will determine the success of any organization is **attitude**. It takes dedication to reach goals. All participants within this group are valuable to its purpose. You are expected to come to a rehearsal to work with the right attitude of sincerity, concentration, and dedication to working hard to achieve success with your teammates; and not argue, text, or chat. Disruptive behavior or any other actions that could be considered as causing stress or creating tension within the guard will not be tolerated. This applies to any and all performances and events as well.

Members showing excessively poor attitudes throughout a rehearsal, performance, or any event at any time may be reprimanded by the coach or coaches with the result of being asked to sit out or excused from the event.

#### **Respect:**

Facilities and spaces that we have obtained for rehearsals or performances are provided to us at no cost. Please be mindful of this, and remember you are representing your school. Disrespect of any facility that we acquire could result in loss of that facility. Therefore it is your responsibility to care for each and every site we rehearse at.

#### **Behavior:**

- Profanity: We will not and should not use profanity while in uniform, at rehearsal, or at performances or events for any reason at all. If you know any of these words, please forget that you know them for the time being. Please help your teammates follow this policy.
- Slander: Each person is just that, a person, and proper respect must be given to each. Respecting each other and the coaches can only result in one thing: achievement. Disrespect of any person, regardless of their position, is intolerable. Follow the golden rule: If you don't have anything nice to say, then don't say it.
- Negativity: This is the one thing that can destroy a guard faster than anything else. Everyone has bad days- but do not let ONE bad day be the reason to cause discord among the team. If you need a moment to collect yourself, just ask.

**Please DO NOT friend request or request to follow any FHSCG staff on ANY social media platform.**

FHSCG has social media profiles for members to follow on Facebook, Instagram, & TikTok. Fraser Band Boosters also has 2 Facebook pages to join/follow. Please keep in mind that any misconduct on any of these accounts will not be tolerated. Inappropriate, negative and rude comments will be removed. If the behavior continues, the individual(s) will be removed and blocked. This goes for students AND parents/adults.

**The use of drugs or alcohol during guard rehearsals, performances or related activities is strictly forbidden and will NOT be tolerated. Conduct like this will result in immediate expulsion from the team.**

If, at any point, a member feels like they need to speak to an adult about ANY problem in or outside of the guard, the coaches are here and ready to listen. We have an 'open door' policy and all information is confidential. Issues will not be discussed with anyone else unless the member and coaches agree that it is necessary.

Those who are not working towards success have no place in this group. FHSCG reserves the right to dismiss any participant at any time for conduct that is hurtful to the program or for any valid reasoning. Any and all violations of these rules will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis in an appropriate manner. Continual disregard of this policy can result in provisional status and possibly expulsion from the group.

**Violations in these rules will result in the following disciplinary actions:**

1. **1<sup>st</sup> offense- documented verbal warning**
2. **2<sup>nd</sup> offense- documented written warning**
3. **3<sup>rd</sup> offense- meeting with coaches and/or band director and parents**
4. **4<sup>th</sup> offense- may result in expulsion from the group**

**Provisional status:**

Provisional status is a serious status for any member. It is available to the staff to use in the event that an unforeseeable event of such magnitude occurs without good reason; the staff will hold a documented meeting with appropriate parties to go onto the member's file. A list of parameters will be set forth to the member to reinstate their active status. Upon completion of the parameters another meeting will be held to re-evaluate their status.

**Expulsion:**

If the parameters have not been met to the expectations of the guard staff they may vote to expel the member from the group.

**\*\*When the members of a competing group have pride, maturity, class and style, *it shows*. When the members of a group are lacking these qualities, *it shows even more*. Remember, it takes much longer to build a good reputation than to ruin one.\*\***

**Parent Conduct & Info**

Please remember that the FHSCG staff are only human. Each of us has responsibilities outside of FHSCG and while we love this sport unconditionally, sometimes we are not able to devote all of our time to it. If there is a mistake, problem, or issue, we will do our best to quickly and efficiently resolve it, but please be mindful that some things take time and may not be resolved quickly.

Parents/Adults are expected to set a good example to their performer by being supportive of ALL performers, staff and volunteers. Any parent/adult who engages in inappropriate behavior towards another parent/adult, student, or staff at any time may subject their student to disciplinary action as listed above.

Please make note of the time that rehearsals start and end so you are there on time to drop off and pick up your child. Yes, there are times when rehearsals can go past the end time, but please be patient with us as we have a lot of material to cover in a short amount of time. The coaches will NEVER leave a student or students alone after our rehearsals but please do not abuse this policy.

The FHSCG Staff will need and greatly appreciate the assistance of parent/adult volunteers at various performances to assist with picking up equipment. As this is Halle and Sydney's first year leading the team, we will take any help we can get! A Sign Up Genius link will be sent out/shared for events.

Parents of FHSCG members are encouraged to participate and join the FHS Band Booster organization. Meetings for the Band Boosters are the First Thursday of every month (except the summer months) at 7pm in the Band Room. The meetings are greatly beneficial to you as a parent. Information on other fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, band camps, performances, etc is given. We provide much of the same information they give to your students to relay back to you, but we understand that it does not always make it ☺

We encourage you to come to the performances and events to support the marching band & color guard whenever you can. We have quite a cheering section now, but are always welcoming new supporters!

Your student may hear talk near the end of the season of band letters for varsity jackets. Yes, your color guard student is eligible for a band letter! Just print out the form online and fill it out. Bring it to the head coach to approve and hand it over to Mr. Rodgers. If they are awarded the letter, it will be presented to them at the band banquet held at the end of the season.

If you or your student has ANY questions, comments, or concerns about anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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