

Mohonasen Music Parents **Chaperone Guidelines**

Thank you for volunteering to chaperone. It is a fun and rewarding experience however, teenagers are teenagers and may try to push the limits. This is a learning experience for the students participating in the program.

Basic guidelines for chaperones:

- Please arrive ~25 minutes prior to the bus departure and meet in Mr. Jones' office. You will be paired up with another chaperone and assigned to a bus. Each pair of chaperones will be provided with a backpack. The backpack contains the attendance list for your bus, medical forms, first-aid kit, safety pins, black socks, garbage bags, etc. for each bus.
- You may, or may not be assigned to your own child's bus.
- Chaperones must be located in the front and the back of the bus.
- Please take attendance prior to the bus leaving. The students are assigned to a specific bus and must remain on that bus for the season-No switching is allowed. Many times parade attendance is taken by students writing their names on a paper provided in the backpack.
- Mr. Jones will inform the bus driver when the students need to get dressed prior to arriving at the field show competition (FSC) or parade location.
- Prior to going on the field, chaperones are to stay with the students at all times. This is the time students may need materials from the backpack. Chaperones can help zip uniforms, check for black socks, adjust jacket sleeves, tie shoes, etc. as needed.
- Once the students have performed, accompany them back to the buses to change. At that point they are free to eat (food is typically available to purchase) and sit to watch the remainder of the competition. The backpack should be with one of the chaperones at all times.
- If chaperoning a parade, chaperones must march with the students. One backpack needs to be with one chaperone on the parade route. The group looks the best when chaperones wear black, orange, or Mohonasen shirts/jackets. ☺
- Please take attendance prior to leaving a FSC or parade. Call out the names, and count.
- If a student is to leave a FSC or parade with someone else, a note (signed by the parent/guardian) must be given to Mr. Jones, and to the chaperone.
- Mr. Jones will inform everyone if the group will stop to eat and/or bathroom break.
- If the group stops, please take attendance again prior to leaving the rest area.
- Prior to arriving back at school, please pass a garbage bag. Two students will be selected each trip to make sure any remaining garbage is picked up and to sweep the bus. It is the students' responsibility to clean up the bus after each trip. Chaperones are responsible to ensure it is done by the students.
- Please make sure all students have transportation to their home prior to leaving the school.
- No child can be given medication (prescribed, or OTC) unless it is listed on their health form. There are no exceptions.
- Please make sure our kids act safe and responsibly when traveling and competing. Our kids need reminders sometimes. ☺
- Talk directly to Mr. Jones regarding student behavior concerns.

Your time, patience, and support as a chaperone are greatly appreciated!