

## **CLHS Falcon Band Chaperone FAQ**

### **I've never chaperoned before, what do I need to know?**

Nothing. We'll provide instructions and be available to answer your questions. Register as a CCISD volunteer and respond to the weekly email when you can help.

### **What do we do?**

Our main task is to keep the students safe and ensure they have their required equipment for each event. We help the kids get onto the buses, refill water jugs, distribute plumes, help with the pit percussion and props at halftime, cheer for the band at half time (that part makes it all worthwhile), hand out washcloths and drinks after they perform, and help get the band back home safely. We take care of the logistics so the band directors and students can concentrate on their show.

### **Do I have to go to every game/event?**

Absolutely not! We know your schedule is busy and most parents work full time. It's a big operation and takes a lot of people to be successful, but we understand some have lives outside of band. You will have the opportunity to indicate your availability for each game or event.

### **What do I need to bring?**

Your enthusiasm, patience, flexibility, positive attitude, and comfortable shoes. We request chaperones wear parent band shirts to be easily recognizable to the students, but if you do not have one, just wear navy or red shirts. And don't forget comfortable shoes.

### **What about playoff games?**

If the football team makes playoffs, we will need chaperones for those games as well.

### **I would love to chaperone, but it might be best if I didn't ride on my student's bus. Can you accommodate?**

Yes - we get those requests each year and try to accommodate them whenever possible.

**What kind of buses do we use?**

We use air-conditioned school buses for transportation to most events. We typically use charter buses for spring trips.

**How early do I need to be at school to chaperone a game?**

It depends on kickoff time and how far we need to travel for the game, but we typically meet in the main building cafeteria around 4:45. Once we have a quick chaperone tag up to go over any details, we head to the buses around 5:00 before the students are released to start loading.

**What if I do not want to ride the bus or I cannot make it to the school?**

No worries. Some parents come to the chaperone tag up then drive themselves and some meet us at the game.

**Why would I want to do this?**

Because your student will remember your involvement with the band long after graduation and we need the help! The Falcon Band is successful each year because of parents like you. Chaperoning is also a great way to stay involved in your student's busy life as well as meet his/her friends and other parents. Plus you can eliminate the hassle of driving/parking and get free admission to the events.

**Still have questions?**

Send us an email – we are happy to talk to you about any of your concerns.

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