

OVERNIGHT TRAVEL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Grissom High School Band is the most elite organization at GHS and is known throughout the United States and abroad for their excellence in performance. Your reputation precedes you in all your travels with this ensemble. As students of the Grissom Band you are ambassadors for your high school, your community, your city, and your state. You are expected to act as young ladies and gentlemen at all times and treat everyone with respect that you come in contact with.

****This is a school sponsored trip! All rules and regulations for Grissom High School and Huntsville City Schools are in effect, including the right for band directors to search for any illegal substance. This includes your luggage and your room. If there is something illegal found in a hotel room, someone's luggage, or on their person, EVERYONE IN THAT ROOM COULD BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE BAND DIRECTORS AND HUNTSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS.**

****NO ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS OF ANY KIND (SMOKING, CHEWING, AND DIPPING) ARE ALLOWED AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON WHILE TRAVELING WITH THE GRISSOM BAND.**

****ANY INFRACTION OF THE SUBSTANCE RULE WILL RESULT IN THE STUDENT(S) BEING SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY WITH POSSIBLE EXPULSION FROM GRISSOM HIGH SCHOOL AND THE BAND, SENIORS WILL NOT GRADUATE.**

****ALL MEDICATION WHETHER PRESCRIPTION OR OVER THE COUNTER MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE SCHOOL NURSE AND MEDICAL ASSISTANT at least 2 DAYS BEFORE TRIP DEPARTURE. Students are not allowed to self-medicate except for Epi Pens and Asthma Inhalers. These medications must be listed on your Huntsville City School Medical Form.**

****The most important thing you can do concerning these matters is use common sense. Respect each other's rights and feelings and be courteous to everyone. Everyone deserves to have a good time, but it takes everyone's cooperation. **EVERYONE INCLUDING THE ADULTS MUST BE WILLING TO COMPROMISE OR WE WILL NOT HAVE A SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE TRIP!****

****THOSE WHO CANNOT OR WILL NOT ABIDE BY THE RULES OF HUNTSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS, GRISSOM HIGH SCHOOL, AND THE GRISSOM BAND COULD BE SENT HOME OR CONFINED TO THEIR HOTEL ROOM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TRIP.****

BUSES

BE ON TIME FOR EVERY DEPARTURE TIME OR YOU WILL BE LEFT. Be seated on your bus **AT LEAST 5 minutes before departure time. This goes for students and adults. ie: If we depart at 7am be on the bus at least by 6:55am seated ready for roll call.**

Do not sit on the arm rests or lean back over the back of the seat.

Headphones/earbuds are required for all electronics on the bus at all times – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Please talk in your normal voice. **DO NOT YELL or sing loudly!!**

Do not leave the bus until the next departure time and other information is announced.

DO NOT RUN WHEN YOU GET OFF THE BUS!

HOTEL

Remember you are a guest in the hotel where we are staying. You do not own it; you are a temporary resident who is expected to behave like a mature young adult.

Please remember when taking a shower there will be two shower curtains. One goes inside the tub and other other goes outside the tub. Otherwise you will flood the bathroom floor.

DO NOT plug in 4 hairdryers or curling irons at the same time or you could short out the room's circuit board.

Everyone is to be in their room by the announced curfew, which may be on your schedule and announced each evening upon arriving back at the hotel. Be sure you have registered for the trip Remind alerts.

DO NOT RUN AND YELL WHILE AT THE HOTEL FOR ANY REASON!!!! There are other guests around and **WE WILL NOT DISTURB THEM!**

You will be issued a room inspection card (1 per room) to list **ANY DAMAGES IN OR AROUND YOUR ROOM (HALLWAY)**. Complete and return to your chaperone at the room check the first night. This is for your protection. We will have an accurate account of any room damages.

You are allowed in the room of the opposite sex **ONLY** before curfew, with the doors and window curtains **OPEN!!**

Play the TV in the room at a low volume so it cannot be heard in the hallway or any other room.

THOSE WHO DO NOT ABIDE BY THESE RULES WILL SPEND ALL FREE TIME CONFINED TO THEIR ROOM WITH NO GUESTS! A chaperone will have to stay back at the hotel with you and not participate in any activities to babysit you. They **WILL NOT** be happy with you so behave and it's all good.

PARK INSTRUCTIONS

When you are in small groups, you are directly responsible to the chaperone to which you are assigned. This person will have specific instructions for you at the beginning and during times you are in the park. A good time to check in is lunch time.

DURING THESE TIMES YOU MUST BE RESPONSIBLE AND USE COMMON SENSE! NEVER EVER GO ANYWHERE ALONE!!!

Be sure you have registered for the Remind texts for this trip. We will use this method of communication throughout the trip.

Text this message @ghsbtrip23 to 81010

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make sure you know your check-in times and locations AND BE THERE ON TIME!!! Failure to do so will result in you losing your free time OR WORSE – GETTING LEFT SOMEWHERE BY YOURSELF!!!
2. Do not approach any strangers or allow them to join your group.
3. Do not leave the general area that your group is assigned to. If your entire group is moving to another area – STAY TOGETHER and then divide if that is allowed.

**THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT!!!!
PLEASE READ VERY CAREFULLY!!!!!!**

1. ALWAYS USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM!!!! Never get away from the your group by yourself!!! Make sure someone always knows where you are.
2. Make sure to stay within the boundaries set for you. DO NOT LEAVE THESE AREAS FOR ANY REASON.
3. DO NOT APPROACH OR GET INTO ANY STRANGE VEHICLE. BE WARY OF ANY STRANGER TRYING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH YOU. THINK ABOUT IT!!!

GENERAL TRAVEL TIPS

MONEY

Be very careful with your cash money or credit/debit card, meal vouchers cards. Please see itinerary for the meals you will need to purchase. You will want to take money for souvenirs as well.

We strongly encourage you NOT to carry cash loose in your pocket or purse! Have some type of wallet, credit card holder, etc. If not, you are very likely to pull something else out of your pocket and drop it.

When you are paying for something, do not pull all our money out of your pocket and spend 5 minutes counting it. People see it and are tempted to take it away from you.

Do not leave your money laying around loose in your room. Always keep it in your wallet/purse and out of sight.

LUGGAGE AND INSTRUMENT REMINDERS

Everyone is allowed **ONE SUITCASE** for underneath the bus. We have lots of instruments and equipment to pack under there. You have to carry whatever you pack so pack smart!

Percussionists will be responsible for packing their marching instrument and concert instrument cases under your bus. Same for Sousaphone and Tuba players. Same for anyone who plays more than one instrument and are also in color guard. Guard will take one piece of equipment.

We will not wear gloves or gauntlets for the parade. We hope to pack shakos and plumes in boxes or cases to put under the buses.

Everyone is responsible for putting their Uniform bag inside the bus in the overhead compartment.

Clarinets, flutes, oboes pack your instrument inside the bus up top. All other instruments will need to be packed tightly under the bus. We will decide on what percussion instruments we need to take with us and percussionists will need to pack those in cases.

THINGS TO PACK

Concert **AND** Marching uniform in provided hanging bag with:

Tuxedo shirt, TWO pair of black socks, black shoes for marching and concert performances, clothes for under marching uniform (t-shirt/shorts), guard uniforms. We will have you bring these items beginning March 20th to put in your hanging bag so you do not have to remember to pack it Wednesday night.

Check the weather before we go and pack appropriate clothing and rain gear if necessary. It usually rains every afternoon in Orlando between 2:00-4:00pm.

Sunscreen while in parks. You do not want to be sunburned before you perform Friday night OR in the parade on Sunday. **Please take this seriously!**

The Travel Company is providing small drawstring backpacks for use while in the parks. Everyone must wear their lanyard at all times in the parks. It can hold your park tickets and meal card.

Clothes for bus ride. Buses can be cool so bring jackets, blankets, pillow, etc. (you may want to have something to change into at least an extra shirt AND DEODORANT for the Sunday night bus ride after being in the park all day. Leave this inside the bus. We CANNOT unpack the bottom of the bus to get to your luggage once we load it that morning).

Clothes for parks for 3 days. Depending upon the weather. Long pants or shorts. Jacket in case of rain.

Money for the meals not included. 4 lunches, 1 dinner and 1 breakfast

DEODORANT!!! You may have to reapply during the day.