

## STUDENT RULES AND EXPECTATIONS 2018 FLORIDA BAND TRIP

### Medicine Guidelines

1. **If you have any kind of medication with you, even over the counter (OTC), you must have the proper UCPS form filled out by the family physician and the parent stating you have permission to bring it on the trip. This includes Tylenol, inhalers, epi-pens, prescriptions, etc.**
2. Students will not be allowed to carry over the counter (OTC) medicine.
3. If a student needs to take any OTC meds, only a UCPS employee may give the student the medicine. If a child does not have permission, then no OTC meds can be administered at all.
4. All prescription meds must be given to the nurse going on the trip BEFORE we leave Piedmont High School. The nurse is required to hold onto all prescription meds, unless you have permission to self-carry the meds from the parent AND the family physician. Students can only self-carry diabetic meds, prescribed inhalers, and epi-pens. All other prescriptions must be given to the nurse.
5. The Band Medical Form is strictly for the Band Directors' and Nurse's information. The form is required to go on the trip, but it does not give the student permission to take any medicine. Only the UCPS actually gives permission.

### Hotel Guidelines

1. Students are only allowed in their room and the hotel lobby. All other floors are off limits. If your parent is a chaperone, and they are on another floor, your parent may escort ONLY you to their room. Girls are NOT allowed on the guys' floor, and guys are NOT allowed on the girls' floor. You will have time to socialize in the lobby with chaperone supervision before "Lights Out."
2. Students are NOT allowed in chaperone rooms unless the chaperone is their parent. No exceptions.
3. Students are NOT allowed in any other room except their own. If this rule is violated, an automatic office referral will be turned in at the end of the trip, and depending on the severity, be sent home at your parents' expense.
4. Room checks will be done at "Lights Out" by Mr. Lukac and/or Mrs. Vitulli. For safety reasons, you are not to leave your room after room checks have been done. Adult Chaperones will be in the halls to monitor your rooms. If in the halls after room checks, depending upon the severity, you may be sent home at your parents' expense.
5. You are not to leave the hotel once we are in for the night, including walking to McDonalds or to the local gas station for a snack.
6. Drugs, alcohol, and weapons of ANY kind (including pocket knives) are strictly prohibited. Possession of these items will result in immediate removal from the trip at your parents' expense, and be dealt with by administration upon return of the trip.
7. DO NOT ORDER ROOM-SERVICE.
8. Do not order "delivery" from outside restaurants (pizza hut, etc.).
9. The hotel phone is off limits. Use your cell phones if you have to call someone.
10. Be sure to call your family back at home periodically to say "hi." I'm sure they would love to hear from you. ☺
11. There are over 100 people going on this trip. Be responsible and respectful to yourself and others at all times.
12. There are other guests staying in the hotel besides the Piedmont Band. Absolutely no horse play, no running up and down the halls, no obscene clothing in the hallways, no bad language, etc. Always set a good example. If you see someone acting inappropriately, be the responsible person and remind them how to act. One person can AND will spoil the entire trip.
13. While in your room, please realize that the walls are not soundproof. Every chaperone will have a list of students in each room. Do not be loud or cause any problems.

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14. **For everyone's safety and well-being, the swimming pool, sauna, weight room, etc. at the hotel is off limits. We do not want anyone getting injured or put in a situation in which they do not feel comfortable.**
15. While at the hotel, use your time wisely and relax. Each day of the trip is full of fun and exciting stuff to do. Use your hotel time as a time and place to "chill out" and go to sleep. The chaperones want to do that too.
16. **CHECK OUT:** When we check out of the hotel on the final day of the trip, everyone must be in the room at the designated time. Mr. Lukac or Mrs. Vitulli will do a final room inspection to make sure nothing is damaged or missing and that you haven't left anything behind. Don't take the towels or pillows please. They are not yours to take.

**Park Rules, Regulations, and Information**

1. Pay attention to all instructions before unloading the bus at our destinations; location the bus is parking, times and meeting locations at the end of the day, and other report times and information.
2. Take only what you need into each park (sun screen, hat, cell phone, bottle of water, camera, etc.) It is recommended that you take a small backpack with you. It will make life so much easier for you. (HINT) Take a small, plastic water bottle with you to carry in the parks and refill when needed. It will save you LOTS of money. Florida water doesn't taste very good. You may want to bring some flavored packets to add to your water (propel packs, etc.).
3. **While at the Disney Theme Parks, students are to get in their small groups, with at least one adult per group. This is to ensure everyone's safety while "hopping" from park to park and to make sure no one makes a bad decision.**
4. Groups must be decided upon and reported to Mr. Lukac before we leave from Piedmont.
5. Once groups are picked with adults and students, you must stay in those groups. **Students are not allowed to split into smaller student groups.** All students and chaperones must stay together the entire time in that group.
6. Disney offers free, clean transportation by way of bus, ferry, and monorail from each park. Monorail is only offered to and from the Magic Kingdom and Epcot. You can take the ferry to and from Hollywood Studios and Epcot. You will have to travel by Disney Bus to get to go any other Disney Park. Your hopper pass is only good for the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios, and Animal Kingdom. All other Disney attractions are off limits.
7. Students are not allowed to go to Disney Springs (formerly Downtown Disney), Typhoon Lagoon, Blizzard Beach, or any NON-monorail resorts.

**Rules for the Motorcoach**

1. The bus and seat that you pick will be your bus for the entire duration of the trip. No switching. No exceptions.
2. Ear phones must be worn with all electronic devices while on the bus.
3. The restroom on the bus is only for EMERGENCIES. We will stop every few hours for restroom and stretch breaks. Everyone is required to get off the bus at stops. This is not my rule.
4. Food should NOT be brought to the coach when returning from a meal stop. Snacks from home are permitted.
5. Thermos bottles or coolers are not to be brought on the coach. Cups or drink cans are NOT allowed. Only plastic bottles with a SCREW-ON-CAP are permitted.
6. Please no aerosol spray cans (hairspray, etc.) while on the bus.
7. The coach will be your home-away-from-home for 5 days. Please keep it clean by not leaving personal items lying around and by putting all trash in the trash can.

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8. Movies are allowed on the bus. R rated movies as well as PG-13 movies are not allowed, even if it's your own movie, on your own DVD player, and you're the only one watching it.
9. Any damage done to the coach in any way will be the responsibility of ALL parties involved.
10. Roll will be taken EVERY TIME we get on the bus. You must sit in your assigned seat during this time. You are encouraged to stay in your own seat while on the bus at all times.
11. Do not sit on the arms of the seat, stand in the seat, or sit with your knees in the seat.
12. Please keep your cell phone on vibrate or silent while on the bus for the courtesy of others around you.

### **Things to Take With You**

- Instrument and everything you need for your instrument (harness, drumsticks, etc)
- Uniform
- Marching Shoes AND BLACK SOCKS!!!!
  - Put these in your carry-on bag on the first day.
- Hat box and Hat.
- NO GLOVES.
- Each person may take one (1) suitcase/bag that will be stored under the bus, and one (1) small carry-on bag. Please only take what is needed. It is encouraged to use your small carry-on bag as your bag to take into the parks if you want. A backpack is the perfect size to carry things into the park, but PLEASE only take what you absolutely need.
- **Comfortable clothes to play in the parks (stay in Dress Code Policy)**
  - **IT IS FLORIDA. Most students that got sick on the 2016 trip did not dress for the warmer weather and ended up getting overheated.**
  - **Dress for band camp conditions AND HYDRATE OR DYDRATE.**
- Comfortable walking shoes. You will be on your feet most of the time, all day long. Do not wear brand new shoes to the parks. Your feet will die. Wear broken-in shoes that still have good support. You may want to bring another pair of shoes to alternate each day. Flip-Flops are not recommended. Once you're feet start hurting, you will most likely be miserable for the rest of the day and trip.
- Bathroom items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc...
- PJ's
- Movies for the bus ride (optional)
- Money for meals, snacks, and souvenirs
- Small pillow and blanket for the bus ride (optional)
- Sunscreen (remember this is Florida)
- Cell phone
- In case of an emergency, you must give your cell phone number to Mr. Lukac prior to departure of the trip. All adult chaperones will be given your cell phone number as well. Again, this is only for safety concerns. If something happens, we need to get in touch with everyone as quickly as possible.

### **What NOT to Bring With You**

- Bathing suit (no swimming at the hotel or anywhere else)
- Drugs of any kind
- Alcohol of any kind
- Weapons of any kind, including pocket knives
- Playstations,, X-Box, etc...
- A BAD ATTITUDE (we ALL want to have a great time, including ME!!!!)

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**Union County Public School Guidelines for Field Trips**

1. **Student Behavior**
  - a. Students must follow the UCPS Code of Student Conduct and the behavior guidelines in the school's Student Handbook during field trips. Violations of disciplinary rules may result in student being sent home before the end of the field trip or other consequences as set for in the Code of Student Conduct and/or the school Student Handbook.
  - b. Students are not allowed to operate motor vehicles while on a field trip, even if they are licensed drivers.
  - c. Students are subject to all laws of other states or foreign countries while on a field trip. Parents must agree to assume responsibility for any fines or other penalties that may be incurred as a result of a student being arrested or convicted of violating the laws of other states or countries
2. **Supervision**
  - a. Chaperones of the same gender as student-participants must accompany all field trips. A minimum adult/student ratio elementary is one to six, middle and high one to ten, is required, including an adequate number of school personnel, unless special circumstances, e.g., medical conditions, disabilities, etc. require more supervision.
  - b. In addition to the driver, at least one member of the school staff must travel in each bus used for a trip, and at least one staff member or adult assistant approved by the principal must travel in each automobile used for a trip.
  - c. Volunteer screening requirements apply to all chaperones on field trips.
  - d. Generally, two academic days are the maximum for field trips. This may be placed near a weekend to make the trip longer if necessary.
3. **Disclosures.** Parents must be informed that:
  - a. All field trips will be cancelled in the event of a Severe (Code Red) Homeland Security Advisory System National Threat Level or an act of terrorism, war, civil unrest, power failure, severe weather conditions, or where other emergency conditions exist.
  - b. UCPS reserves the right to cancel field trips with little or no notice in the event of a High (Code Yellow) Homeland Security Advisory System National Threat Level.
  - c. In the event of a cancellation by UCPS, the district has no obligation to refund fees or deposits paid to travel agencies or providers of transportation, lodging, or other trip-related expenses. Parents may be held liable for payment of such fees by travel companies.
  - d. Parents must agree to waive claims against UCPS in the event that UCPS cancels a field trip for one of the above reasons.
  - e. Other required disclosures may be added at the discretion of the Superintendent. The school must document that each parent received the required disclosures.

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These rules are set up to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment while on the trip. Failure to comply with any of the rules will result in an office referral upon return to Piedmont High School. If the action is severe enough, then the student(s) involved will either be confined to their room for 24 hours with a chaperone, or be sent home immediately at the student's parent's expense. The parents will be made aware of the situation before any action is taken. The parents will either drive to Florida to pick them up, or the student will be flown to Charlotte-Douglas Airport at the parents' expense.

No student will be allowed to get on the bus from Piedmont High School without the return of the last page of this packet with his or her signature AS WELL AS the signature of his or her parent or legal guardian.

Thank you for your understanding of each rule set forth for this trip. As stated previously, the safety of each student is the main goal during this trip. Please encourage your child to follow each rule accordingly. We want each student and adult to have a great time at Walt Disney World.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at:

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Please sign and return this page ONLY.

Students and Chaperones will get another itinerary on the day of departure.

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I (parent/guardian/student) have read and understand the rules and expectations for the Florida Band Trip. I understand that if my child breaks any of these rules, he/she will be dealt with accordingly. Depending upon the severity of the incident, I understand that I (parent/guardian) will pay for my child to be sent home from the trip by either driving to Orlando to pick him/her up or wire the money to pay for my child to fly home.

I (parent/guardian/student) also understand and agree to the guidelines that UCPS as set forth for all field trips that groups from the school district must adhere to.

I (parent/guardian/student) understand that any and all medications must be submitted in writing using both the Band medical form and the UCPS medical form in order for my child to take them on the trip, including over-the-counter medications.

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PRINT Parent/Guardian Name

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date