

STUDENT RULES AND EXPECTATIONS  
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**Medicine Guidelines**

1. **Students are NOT allowed to carry any type of medication with them.** This includes prescriptions and over-the-counter meds like tylenol, ibuprofen, and claritin.
  - a. **Exceptions to this rule are what are considered “emergency” meds such as inhalers, diabetic meds, epi-pens, and benadryl.**
2. If you are going to need any kind of medication, even over the counter (OTC), you must have the proper UCPS form filled out by the family physician. Parents can NOT fill this form out.
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 designated UCPS teacher the morning we leave Piedmont High School. She is required to hold onto all prescription and OTC meds, unless you have permission to self-carry the meds from the family physician. **Students can only self-carry diabetic meds, prescribed inhalers, benadryl, and epi-pens.** All other prescriptions must be given to the UCPS employee
5. The Band Medical Form is strictly for the Band Directors information. The form is required to go on the trip, but it does not give the student permission to take any medicine they want. Only the UCPS form completed by the doctor actually gives permission for medicine on the trip.

**Hotel Guidelines**

1. Students are only allowed in their room and the hotel lobby.
2. Girls are NOT allowed on the guys’ floor.
3. Guys are NOT allowed on the girls’ floor.
4. Students are NOT allowed in chaperone rooms.
5. Chaperones are NOT allowed in student rooms.
6. Room checks will be done at “Lights Out” by Mr. Lukac, Ms. Helms, or a designated UCPS employee. For safety reasons, students are not to leave your room after room checks have been done. Adult Chaperones will be in the halls to monitor your rooms. If you are in the halls after room checks, depending upon the severity, you may be sent home at your parents’ expense. Stay in your room and REST!!!!
7. Students should never leave the hotel for any reason.
8. 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 once we return home.
9. Do NOT order room service.
10. Do NOT order “delivery” from outside restaurants (pizza hut, etc.).
11. Do NOT order Grub Hub, Door Dash, Uber Eats, or any other type of delivery service.

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12. The hotel phone is off limits. Use your cell phones if you have to call someone.
13. Be responsible and respectful to yourself and others at all times.
14. 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, do not walk around the halls or lobby area in your underwear, 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.
15. 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.
16. **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.**
17. 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.
18. CHECK OUT: Students should pack as much as possible the night before we leave (Thursday night). 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, Ms. Helms, or designated chaperone will do a final room inspection to make sure nothing is damaged, missing, and nothing is left behind. Don't take the towels or pillows please. They are not yours to take.

**Park Rules and Info**

1. Students that are NOT part of the band trip are NOT allowed to hang out with us. This is a safety issue.
2. Parents or other adults that are NOT part of the band trip are NOT allowed to hang out with us. This is a safety issue.
3. Pay attention to all instructions before unloading the bus at our destinations, such as location the bus is parking, times and meeting locations at the end of the day, and other report times and information.
4. Take only what you need into each park (sun screen, hat, cell phone, bottle of water, snacks, etc.)
5. It is recommended that you take a backpack with you. It will make life so much easier for you.
6. Take a plastic water bottle with you to carry in the parks and refill when needed. It will save you LOTS of money.
7. Florida water doesn't taste very good. You may want to bring some flavored water packets to add (propel packs, etc.).
8. Students will be in groups that they get to pick prior to leaving PHS. Each group will have an adult chaperone with them the entire time they are in the parks.

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9. Everyone will have a 3 day hopper pass. Groups (including chaperones) can hop from park to park as much as they want each day. Depending upon crowds and schedules, it could take anywhere from 30 to 60 minutes to hop from one park to the next. Be mindful that the more you hop, the less time you will have to experience all the attractions.
10. If you need a break from the parks for a little bit, with their chaperone, student groups are allowed to visit a Disney resort to walk around, get a snack, and just relax for a bit.

**Rules for the Motorcoach**

1. The bus and seat that you pick will be your spot 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 and drinks 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 bus.
6. Cups or drink cans are NOT allowed.
7. Plastic bottles with a SCREW-ON-CAP are permitted.
8. Please no body sprays, perfume, scented lotions, or scented hand sanitizers while on the bus. This can trigger an asthma attack for some students or chaperones.
9. The bus 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.
10. Any damage done to the bus in any way will be the responsibility of ALL parties involved.
11. Attendance will be taken EVERY TIME we get on the bus. You must sit in your designated seat for the entire time of the trip.
12. Do not sit on the arms of the seat, stand in the seat, or sit with your knees in the seat.
13. Please keep your cell phone on vibrate or silent while on the bus for the courtesy of others around you.

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

1. The Superintendent reserves the right to cancel field trips with little or no notice due to the security/safety concerns issued by the following entities:
  - a. U.S. Department of State (travel alerts and warnings)
  - b. The National Terrorism Advisory System (Imminent Threat or Elevated Threat warnings)
  - c. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Watch Level 1, Alert Level 2, Warning Level 3)
  - d. National Weather Service

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- e. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
  - f. Other emergencies deemed as critical by the Superintendent
  - g. Failure to follow any of these guidelines
2. In the event of cancellation by the Superintendent, UCPS has no obligation to refund fees or deposits paid to travel agencies or providers of transportation, lodging, or other trip-related services. Parents are responsible for payment of such fees by travel companies and waive any claims against the district for cancellation under this section.

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.