

HENRY CLAY BAND BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

PEP BAND (Football/Basketball)

RULES:

- All FCPS, Henry Clay High School, and HC Band handbook rules will be observed at all times. Failure to comply with **any** of the above rules will result in appropriate disciplinary action.

Buses (for road tournament basketball games)

- Students may or may not be permitted to eat on the bus. All band members **MUST** obey the given bus driver and the rules and regulations of that specific bus. Each bus driver has their own rules. These are not negotiable and must be observed.
- Students may **NOT** stand or move around while bus is in motion.
- Band members should engage in normal conversation volume and must **NOT** clap, yell, sing too loud, or do anything that distracts the driver while bus is en route to or from a game.
- At night, boys and girls should sit on separate sides of the bus or in separate seats depending on the chaperone's discretion.
- Chaperone instruction **MUST** be observed and respected at all times.
- Upon arrival to a game, **NO** students or chaperones should ever exit the buses until given direction by a director.
- Failure to comply with the above stated rules when travelling with the HC Band will result in a phone call home to parents. If the situation is severe, parents must pick up the student in question at the designated location.

Home Football Games

- All band members must report to the band room at the designated time. **BE EARLY!** Late members may not be admitted resulting in a "0" performance grade.
- Non band members are **NOT** allowed in the school building. The exterior doors by the band room will be guarded and **ONLY** band students and band parents will be admitted.
- Students must obey the designated chaperone/parent/director at all times. When given instruction, it is important to move quickly and efficiently to the location or task. Disrespectful behavior will **NOT** be tolerated in anyway. If a student is dismissed from a game, disciplinary action will be handled accordingly including possible removal from the band program. When representing the program and high school, students must assume a large degree of responsibility for their actions.
- The proper uniform must be worn at all times. The directors will notify marching band members of the proper time to change into and out of uniform. **ALL** band

members MUST wear the “HC Blue Devil Band Shirt” at ALL times unless otherwise directed. Students need to understand that when participating or travelling with the HC Band, they are representing the group as a whole, not as individuals. The HC Band has a long standing history and tradition of professionalism whether in the full official uniform or “unofficial” uniform.

- All band members will ENTER and EXIT the stadium together as a group. No one may be permitted to enter or exit by him or herself. The band will move together for safety and supervision purposes.
- The band also sits together as a team for the duration of the game. Non band members are NOT allowed to sit in the band section or in the aisles while the band is playing during a game.
- Behavior and language MUST be professional, responsible, and display good character and integrity.
- Students may NOT use cell phones, iPods, earphones, etc. while in the stands unless given direct permission by a director for emergency use only.
- It is important that band members act courteously during “down” or “free” time. Horseplay or unprofessional behavior will NOT be tolerated. It is important that students handle themselves as representatives of Henry Clay High School and Band Program when given time to get a snack. If students are given time to leave the stands, ALL students MUST return at the designated time set by the directors. NO band member may leave the stadium or go inside the school building at ANY TIME during the game without being accompanied by a chaperone or director.
- ALL instruments must be cared for appropriately during games. If students set instruments down, it must be done in a uniform and safe manner to preserve and protect the instruments from harm as students move in and out of bleachers.
- All band members must pick up after themselves. It is essential that ALL band members clean up trash and leave the stands precisely how they were found initially or cleaner.
- All band students will be released at the end of a ball game together. Students will NOT be allowed to leave whenever they wish. Due to supervision and safety, the directors will release all students at the same time. At football games, the band leaves AFTER the stadium has been cleared.

