

# **Rules of Conduct**

## **Green Hope High School Band**

### Expectations of Student Conduct

#### **GENERAL**

- 1) Students will conduct themselves at all times in the manner that best represents the highest ideal of the Green Hope High School Band. Outward display of positive behavior and respect for others and this organization are expected from everyone at all times. Be wise in making decisions.
- 2) Students will not be in possession or use tobacco products, alcohol, any illegal drug or anything that could be used as a weapon while with the band at any function. **CONSEQUENCE A**
- 3) Students in the band will resolve disagreements properly and fighting will not be tolerated.  
**CONSEQUENCE A-B**
- 4) Care of the uniform is important. Do not eat in uniform at any time without the director's permission. Students may only drink water while in uniform. All uniform parts are to be properly hung and stored after each use. **CONSEQUENCE C**
- 5) In the Green Hope Band the drum major acts as the director's assistant. The drum major has full authority over the entire band unit. All members of band will follow the directions of the drum major.  
**CONSEQUENCE B-C**
- 6) Adult chaperones donate their free time to lend critical assistance to this organization. Students will show respect toward all adult chaperones. Students in this organization will do as directed by all adults and not "talk back." Any instance of conflict between student and chaperone must immediately be turned over to the band director. **CONSEQUENCE B-C**
- 7) A number of adults will be hired as adjunct staff to the Green Hope High School Band. At all times these people are to be treated as guests to our organization. Students will follow the staff's direction.  
**CONSEQUENCE B-C**
- 8) All individual problems (personality conflicts, teasing, etc.) between students should be taken to a chaperon and then to the band director. **CONSEQUENCE A-C**
- 9) Do not play or handle other student's equipment or personal belongings. **CONSEQUENCE B-C**
- 10) Outward displays of affection will not be a part of this group at any time. **CONSEQUENCE A-C**
- 11) Be on time. To be on time one must prepare to actually be early. **CONSEQUENCE C**
- 12) Respect the belongings of others. Theft-**CONSEQUENCE A**, others **CONSEQUENCE B-C**
- 13) Care for one another.
  - a) All issues regarding the health and well being of any student must be reported to a chaperon.  
**CONSEQUENCE C**
  - b) Any knowledge of inappropriate behavior must be reported. **CONSEQUENCE B-C**
- 14) Be prepared for all events and have proper equipment, dress, and accessories for the pre- determined activities of the group. **CONSEQUENCE C**
- 15) Any activity that (the director feels) endangers the safety of the student, the safety of other students, or damages people's property cannot be tolerated and may result in a student being sent home.  
**CONSEQUENCE A-B.**

### **TRIP CONDUCT**

In addition to the general rules of conduct above, students must follow all stated additional rules for trips and events. If there are to be any specific variations in these rules, they will be covered before each event.

### **BUS**

- 1) Students will have opportunity to sign-up for bus preference. The director and lead chaperone will make revisions and post lists for travel. Students must travel on the bus they are assigned and students will not change bus assignments.
- 2) Student roll call is a very important procedure. Students will remain completely silent until roll is complete. **CONSEQUENCE C**
- 3) Students will follow the direction of the bus driver with regards to safety precautions.  
**CONSEQUENCE B-C**
- 4) Students are asked to keep up with their belongings during travel and to keep the bus neat at all times.
- 5) Students will be expected (on a rotational basis) to completely clean the bus after each trip.
- 6) Seats may be reassigned by a chaperone if behavior becomes an issue or if it is in the best interest of the safety of the students to make a seating change.
- 7) Boarding and unloading busses is at the discretion of the band director and/or designated
- 8) Snacks may be brought on the bus but under the following conditions: 1) no coolers; 2) no glass containers; 3) students clean up after themselves. Allowing students to have snacks is a privilege that will be revoked if the students cannot clean after themselves.
- 9) Students may listen to music only through headphones. No “boom boxes” will be allowed on the bus.
- 10) Electronic games are permitted, but the responsibility for security of this property belongs to the student who owns these devices.
- 11) On band trips the students will have designated check-in times with chaperones. To ensure student safety, it is critical to the operations of this group to be punctual and responsible with check-in procedures. **CONSEQUENCE B-C**

### **HOTEL**

- 1) No boys may be in girls' rooms and no girls in boys' rooms. Whenever possible rooms for the boys and girls will be on separate floors. If this is the case, boys are not to be girls' floors and girls are not to be on boys' floors. Common co-ed areas will be designated by the director and lead chaperone and will have the presence of a chaperone at all times. **CONSEQUENCE B-C**
- 2) Students must be in rooms, quiet and lights out by the stated times. **CONSEQUENCE B-C**
- 3) Student must stay with the band and chaperones at all times and no student shall ever be by themselves in public areas. **CONSEQUENCE A-C**
- 4) Students need to be aware that the hotel will be occupied by other guests. Be quiet in your rooms and quietly move from room to room and from your room to the bus as to not to disrupt any other guest.  
**CONSEQUENCE C**
- 5) Hotel facilities (ie. game room, pool, commons area) can be used only if a chaperone is on duty and the hotel is allowing the use of these facilities at that time of day. **CONSEQUENCE C**
- 6) There will be room inspections periodically on the trip and at the end of the trip before check-out.

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Wake County Public School Board Policy 6400 has very specific rules pertaining to student conduct. As a school organization, the Green Hope Band is bound to the policies set forth by Wake County Public Schools on all activities including travel. Therefore, the school penalty for any infraction on a band trip will be in accordance with what the penalty would be if the infraction occurred on campus during a typical school day.

## **CONSEQUENCES**

- A- *A very serious offense.* Students will be placed in their room under supervision of an adult for the remainder of the trip and parents will be contacted. Students may be sent home immediately (at the expense of the parent) depending on the seriousness of the infraction. Students will face disciplinary action upon return to campus. Students will be suspended from band activities for an extended period of time.
- B- *A serious but not extremely serious offense.* Students will be assigned disciplinary action and may be restricted in the activities of the group for the remainder of the trip. The parents of a student may be contacted and may face further disciplinary action by the school upon return to campus. Students may be suspended from future band activities as a result of these infractions.
- C- *A minor infraction of rules.* Students will be assigned a disciplinary consequence (cleaning of bus, moving equipment, etc.). Students may have their itinerary altered on free time, etc. In all likelihood these situations will be dealt with in house and parents and administrators are not typically informed of these violations. Chronic situations will result in parents and administrators being involved and possible suspension/ removal from the band.