

## DeLand High School Marching Bulldogs Football Game Procedures and Expectations

*Please read this document in full prior to the first game so that you are aware of the expectations for all band members.*

- On gamedays, band members wear the shirt for that game (spirit or show) to all their classes to show unity and pride in our band family. The shirt will be announced at the beginning of the week.
- Immediately at the end of the school day, all band members report to the band room to start the process of loading the trucks.
- Flutes, clarinets, alto saxes, trumpets, and mellophones (new this year) all go on the bus with the students. All other instruments and equipment will be loaded on the trucks.
- Percussion will load immediately after school.
- Operations Team will be responsible for loading and unloading the trucks.
- ALL band members attend Family Dinner together in the cafeteria.
- Uniform distribution begins after Family Dinner.
- Inspection -
  - Inspection occurs at a designated time prior to loading the buses. At inspection, all students are expected to be fully dressed in uniform and section leaders will make sure each member has everything they need for the game. Students out of compliance will have to fix it before we leave.
  - Woodwinds have inspection in the choir room.
  - Brass has inspection in the band room.
  - Percussion has inspection in the blackbox (new this year).
  - Colorguard has inspection in the dance room.
- All band members will ride their assigned bus to and from the football game.
- Attendance will be taken each time we board the buses. All band members must be SILENT during attendance and only speak to respond to your name. This is imperative for student safety!!!
- Upon arrival at the stadium, students will unload their bus and proceed to line up by section to prepare for marching into the stadium.
- Woodwinds carry their instruments in the case to be prepared for rain. Brass and percussion leave cases on the trucks.
- Once in the stands, band members will stand in an organized manner paying attention to their lines front to back so that we create a unified and well-disciplined look across the band.
- The band will warm-up together once we are set in our stands block. After warm-up, we will prepare to play the Star Spangled Banner and Fight Song to start the game.
- All band members will stand and play together when we perform in the stands. Do not play when we are not playing together.
- Do not call out requests for stands tunes.

- If you have a question, ask your section leader or someone else on leadership. Do not call out to Ms. Leimer or other staff members from the stands.
- Students will be given one water bottle upon arrival in the stands. Students may refill their water bottle throughout the game using the coolers located at the sides of the band. Students will be given an additional water bottle after we march halftime.
- All trash and empty water bottles must be put in the trash cans. We DO NOT leave our section messy.
- No food or drinks (other than water) are allowed in the band section. Snacks and concession items must be consumed outside the band section during the break. Break will occur during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter during most games. If we do not march at halftime, break will occur during halftime.
- **Only chaperones, designated volunteers, and band staff are allowed in the band section with the band students.** All other spectators must stay outside the band section. This is for the safety of our students, volunteers, instruments, and equipment.
- Students who need to use the restroom during the game must be accompanied by a chaperone. We only use the restrooms located on the side of the stadium closest to the band.
- During the break, students must stay in the band area or at the north concession stand/restroom area (closest to the band). Band members may not go into the main stands or anywhere past the band section. Again, this is for the safety of our students.
- After the break, students must be back at their seats by the time there is 1 minute left on the game clock.
- Students who do not follow these expectations will lose their break at the next game. Severe discipline issues or insubordination could result in a more severe consequence such as being suspended from a game or being expelled from the band.
- At the end of the game, band members will be dismissed from the stands by section to load the trucks and buses. At this time, everyone must do one final check for trash in the area and throw it away in the proper receptacle.
- Upon arrival back at the school, all uniforms must be hung up correctly and all instruments/equipment must be put away before band members leave. The band room, choir room, blackbox, and dance room must be clean and tidy as well.

