

Desert Vista High School Band Department

2014 Marching Band Trip Expectations

These guidelines are intended to promote unity within our group. These expectations need to be discussed and understood in order for the trip to run smoothly and safely.

1. All students must be on time for all call times, bed checks, and meeting points and must stay together unless released.

- a. This element is crucial to the success and happiness of the students on the trip. We are on a tight schedule. In order for us to do everything planned, we must be considerate and mindful of the time. We have bus drivers to consider and exchange times to organize. If you need to leave the group for any reason, permission must be obtained from a chaperone or a staff member.
- b. Any student not behaving in a timely and reasonable fashion will have privileges taken away from them. For example: If you are late to any call time, you might have to be an hour early to the next call time. The second or third infraction will be seen as insubordination and will result in a parent phone call, privileges being taken away and possibly being sent home.

2. All students must follow DVHS code of conduct.

- a. The school code of conduct in a few words is respect yourself, your school and all others around you. This includes roommates, hotel staff, chaperones, you, each other, and any other person we come in contact with.
- b. We are representatives of Tempe Union High School District, Desert Vista High School, and a reflection of Mr. Thye. Be aware of language, attitude, dress, conversation topics, and behavior.
- c. Overt displays of affection will not be allowed.
- d. Boys/Girls will be in separate areas of the hotel; boys are not allowed in the girls' areas and girls are not allowed in the boys' areas.
- e. Any inappropriate behavior will result in disciplinary action and a loss of privileges depending on its severity.

3. All students must remain in their room from BED CHECK to at least 6:00 am in the morning.

- a. For absolutely no reason should the door be opened after bed check. You may not have visitors of any kind after bed check. You may not have anything delivered or sent to your room after bed check. If there is an emergency, call your chaperone and they will advise you what to do. Students also need to be quiet after bed check and in all public areas of the hotel after 9:00 pm.
- b. This expectation has one of the most serious consequences of all the rules. Not only will the student be sent home without a refund, the school will be notified and a referral written on the following school day. Mr. Thye will also consider your placement in the band for this year and next.
- c. If a student does leave the room and the other roommates fail to call the chaperone, the entire room will be penalized.
- d. This explanation is to ensure the safety and well being of each student. The Desert Vista High School and Mr. Thye are responsible for your students' safety on the trip. Do understand there are no exceptions to this rule.

4. No illegal contraband (drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, weapons, knives, etc.) are allowed on this trip at any time.

- a. It makes me sad to have to mention this expectation. I can assure you this is only a protective statement.
- b. Any illegal substance, including cigarettes even if you are of legal age, is prohibited. Any person in possession of illegal contraband will be subject to the local authorities. Once turned over to the local authorities, TUHSD, Desert Vista HS, and Mr. Thye will be released from any responsibility.
- c. Parents will be notified and will take full responsibility for their child's current situation. Parents will be responsible for any expenses to the authorities or any change in travel arrangements that may incur due to the situation.