

ROOKIE FAQ'S – COMPETITIONS

General

- You will get a very detailed email with the schedule and information for each competition.
- Students will always ride on the bus to/from competitions.
- Students' instruments are transported to the competition via truck.
- The only thing students take on the bus is themselves. Sometimes they bring electronics depending on the length of the trip.

Student

- Remember your duffel bag. We recommend you include the following items: 2 pair of black gloves, change of clothes, hoodie, show shirt, and uniform undershirt, garbage bags(in case of rain), 2 pair black socks, hand warmers(in cold), hair supplies(bobby pins, brush, rubber bands), safety pins, make up for guard, cell phone for emergencies.
- Practice time will be on the competition schedule. Be sure you are on time.
- Come in shoes and comfortable clothes
- Under your uniform, you will wear long black socks (mid-calf length), you can wear shorts or long johns if it's cold, and you must wear your uniform undershirt. These cannot stick out under sleeves or pant legs.
- Remember your black gloves.
- Hair must be up underneath the shako. No bangs or any hair hanging out. Long hair can be in a bun and bobby pins can be used for loose hairs. This goes for boys also.
- If wearing a beret, girls must have hair in a bun.
- No makeup, no earrings, no jewelry.
- Eat before you come to practice. Remember to bring water for practice. Pack your lunch. Students must bring a lunch.
- Remember to bring money in case of an emergency.
- Students in the band do not pay to get in. They will get their hand stamped.
- Students are fed one meal at a break while at the competition.
- When students arrive back at school, they are responsible for getting their uniform and instrument from the truck and putting it where it goes in the band room.

Parent

- You will have to pay to get into the competition. Prices will vary at each location.
- Try to remember that competitions are fundraisers for the hosting school. If you can, purchase something from concessions or a booth to help support the band.
- Parents try to sit together in the bleachers at the competition.
- Please refer to performance times listed on each competition schedule and allow yourself enough time to get there before the performance. Etiquette does not allow movement during a performance, so if you are caught outside the stands when a band begins, you are not permitted in until they are finished.
- At most all competitions, there are two performances – a prelim and finals. After the finalists have been announced from the prelim performance, the directors will draw to find out when we perform at the finals.
- You do not have to stay in between performances, however, if you leave, you need to ask before exiting to see if you need a hand stamp to re-enter or if there is a re-entry charge.
Note: The band does not set up inside the stadium area so even if you are helping with Pit, food, or uniforms, you will have to pay to get into the stands.
- We need volunteers to help with the student meal while at the competition.
- Uniform team will take home their set of uniforms that night for cleaning.