

“Code of Conduct”

1. It is dangerous to chew gum in band. Therefore, it will not be tolerated.
2. To reduce confusion and noise do not play your instrument until instructed to do so. Practice at home or in a practice room.
3. Each student will strive to demonstrate a sense of responsibility in the following manner:
 - a. Bring all necessary items essential for rehearsal or performance (instrument, music, uniform, flags, mallets, etc.)
 - b. Keep your uniform neat and clean
 - c. Showing supreme respect for all equipment (personal and school owned)
 - d. Keeping your instrument in excellent playing condition
 - e. Attending all sectionals, rehearsals, practices and performances
 - f. Representing your band, school and community with pride and only the best conduct at all band functions
4. Because of the thousands of dollars of equipment in the music hall and other storage areas, we must provide for a common defense by reporting any suspicious activity immediately.
5. Everyone will have a luggage tag on his/her instrument; this applies to those on school horns as well.

Tags are to be labeled in the following manner:

Name
Harrison High School
925 Goblin DR
Harrison, AR 72601
870.741.8223

6. Keep your instrument and equipment in the appropriate storage area. All music is to be stored in the folder cabinets. It is not permitted to keep your music in the instrument storage cabinets or inside your instrument case. If you use something, put it away.
5. Food, drink or gum is not allowed in the music hall.
6. Chalk and dry-erase boards are for information and instructional purposes only.
7. School phones are to be used by students after school hours to arrange for a ride home.
8. When on “central band time” you arrive early to prepare for the rehearsal or performance. Minimum expectation is to be in your designated place with your instrument, music, and any other necessary equipment 5 minutes prior to the designated time or before the tardy bell. **“If you are on time, you are late.”**
9. The use of and possession of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and firearms during any band activity will result in school disciplinary action, administrative notification and possible dismissal from band.
10. It is your responsibility to keep abreast of posted information and announcements. Check boards, calendar, website, and doors daily.
11. Communication is the key! If you need something (music, instrument repair etc.) let an instrumental staff member know or put a note on the board. All paperwork handed out must make it home to parents. The HHS band operates on an open door policy. Parents/guardians will be called and can call anytime.

12. PDA and the use of expletives will not be tolerated.
13. Obey all instrumental staff members and booster parent sponsors.
14. Clothing changes will not be tolerated in the presence of the opposite sex including window areas.
15. Marching Band Uniform rules:
 - a. Garment bags are for uniforms only; please do not store shoes or other heavy items in the garment bag.
 - b. Wear all of it or none of it. Tackiness is not cool.
 - c. Pants will be hemmed at 2 inches above the ground with band shoes on, no breaks in the creases.
 - d. For changing purposes, gym/basketball type shorts must be worn under band bibbers. Do not wear jeans, sweats or bulky (cargo type) pants under your uniform trousers.
 - e. Jacket sleeves will be hemmed at 1 inch below the outside wrist bone.
 - f. Cleaning dates are posted on the band calendar. Uniforms must be professionally Dry Cleaned. Receipts will be collected for proof of cleaning and extra credit will be earned.
 - g. No food while in uniform. Water is the only beverage allowed while in uniform.
 - h. If you have a uniform issue, see a uniform manager immediately.
 - i. White t-shirts shall be worn under your uniform to absorb perspiration. Your band shirt is to be worn for award ceremonies unless still in uniform.
 - j. Know the numbers of your uniform, helmet, garment bag and accessories.
 - k. Visible body piercings are not allowed while in uniform.
 - l. Hair will be of natural color for performances. Long hair is to be worn up for marching performances.
16. Concert Uniform Rules:
 - a. Garment bags are for uniforms only; please do not store shoes or other heavy items in the garment bag.
 - b. Pants will be hemmed at 2 inches above the ground with band shoes on, no breaks in the creases. Black "tall" socks must be worn with tux pants with the band "Dinkle" shoes.
 - c. Jacket sleeves will be hemmed at 1 inch below the outside wrist bone.
 - d. White dress shirt and white t-shirt must be worn under tux jacket with either a black clip-on or banded bow tie.
 - e. Gowns must hemmed at one inch off the floor with shoes/heels and not drag the on the floor/ground.
 - f. Black/dark camisole and slip must be worn under the gown.
 - g. Black dress shoes must be worn. Can be open or closed toe for girls, no sandals or flip-flop type shoes permitted.
 - h. Modest matching necklace and earrings may be worn (gold, silver or pearls only).
 - i. Visible body piercings are not allowed while in uniform.
 - j. Hair will be of natural color for performances.
 - k. Long hair must be pulled back away from face.

- l. Cleaning dates are posted on the band calendar. Uniforms must be professionally Dry Cleaned. Receipts will be collected for proof of cleaning and extra credit will be earned.
 - m. All HHS band members are expected to maintain a neatly groomed appearance on all band sponsored activities.
17. Concert auditions will be based on all-state audition material and will include scales and sight-reading. Audition results will be used first and foremost as a GRADE, used as a guide when assigning ensemble and parts and do not guarantee membership into a specific ensemble or part assignment. Ties will be broken by the sight-reading score, section leader will be first chair unless the highest score is earned by an underclassman in which case an upperclassman will be selected as a section leader based on score and previously demonstrated leadership ability.
18. Since many performances require uniformity, colored (black, orange, blue etc...) instruments are strictly discouraged. Major instrument manufacturers (Selmer, Yamaha, Holton etc...) do not offer such options, those that do may be of inferior quality.
19. Trips and travel. A good band citizen is based on "*LOYALTY not LOCATION.*"
 - a. All school rules are in effect.
 - b. Leaving the campus of events is not permitted.
 - c. Consumables will not be allowed on school busses.
 - d. Bus sign-ups are for the season unless moved for disciplinary reasons.
 - e. Prior to and after daylight hours, members of the opposite sex will not be permitted to sit in the same seat.
 - f. Laying laps, cuddling under a blanket etc... will not be tolerated.
 - g. Only a parent/guardian may sign you off the bus list which must be confirmed with an instrumental staff member in writing.
 - h. Stereos will be permitted with headphones only.
 - i. Emergency doors are for emergencies.
 - j. Remaining on the bus without an adult (school staff member or booster parent) will not be allowed.
 - k. Footballs or any projectiles are not allowed on band trips.
20. Overnight trips. A good band citizen is based on "*LOYALTY not LOCATION.*"
 - a. Curfew will be enforced.
 - i. Room check at 11:00 pm
 - ii. Lights out at 11:30 pm
 - b. Members of the opposite sex are not permitted in student rooms.
 - c. Respect for other hotel guests is a priority. Curfew will be moved up.
 - d. Remain on busses until room assignment keys are given.
 - e. Report room damage immediately.
 - f. Pay-per-view and outside lines will be turned off.
 - g. Upon check out, keys are to be turned over to a booster sponsor for a final room check. Remember to remove your belongings.
 - h. It is not recommended to take expensive personal items or large amounts of money.

- i. In restaurants, please clean-up after yourself. In nicer establishments you are expected to tip 15%. If you experience exceptional service 20% or more is suggested.
 - j. Itineraries and a schedule of events will be prepared with specific guidelines. Know your schedule, have a watch and be on time.
 - k. Always have a walking buddy with you. If you are found alone, you will spend the duration of the trip with an adult.
 - l. A \$200.00 travel deposit is required for each overnight trip. Checks are preferred (written to HHS Band). This “travel deposit” will be used to send you back home in the event you misbehave or act inappropriately. The deposit will be returned to you upon your return to Harrison with the group or the next school day if you ride home with your parents.
21. Final rehearsals are required, in some occasions a performance may be considered a “final rehearsal.” Failure to attend final rehearsal will result in performance denial for that event and will be considered as an unexcused absence unless approved by the director of bands.
22. The music hall must be kept neat and clean at all times.