



# Newport High School Music Department

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## Newport Marching Band

### *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) by Students, Parents, and Chaperones*

#### **What should students be wearing when they step off the bus at a performance?**

Playing members should be wearing the full uniform, including marching band shoes, black socks, band trousers, jackets, gloves, and hats. Colorguard should be wearing the full uniform for the given show or parade. Jewelry (other than studs) should not be worn while in uniform, and long hair must be pulled up.

#### **In the stands, are the students allowed to remove their band jackets and hats?**

Students may remove hats and band jackets at the director's discretion.

#### **Are students allowed to use cell phones on the buses?**

Yes, but not when chaperones and directors are giving instructions.

#### **Are students allowed to use cell phones in the stands at performances?**

No, but students may use their cell phones during their third quarter break.

#### **Are students allowed to stand up on the buses?**

Students may stand only when the buses are parked. This is for the students' safety.

#### **When should students be back to the stands after their third quarter break?**

All students should be seated and ready to play during the time between the third and fourth quarters. Any tardiness will be made up by students remaining in the stands during subsequent third quarters (e.g. if you are five minutes late for the fourth quarter, you will owe Mr. Eargle the first five minutes of the following week's third quarter.)

#### **Are all students required to play pep tunes in the stands?**

Yes. All students are expected to perform all pep tunes while in the stands. This includes guard members who play instruments.

#### **Are students allowed to eat in the stands?**

Unless approved by the director, students may only have drinks (preferably water) in the stands while playing.

#### **Are students allowed to take restroom breaks at performances?**

Students may take restroom breaks with the permission of the director, and they must take a buddy on restroom breaks.