



Band Trip Experience 2022

Grand Rapids Bands Basic Rules/Guidelines and Penalties

1. No Guys in Girls Rooms, No Girls in Guys Rooms at any time for any reason.
2. Respect...for everyone and everything you come in contact with. Follow the rules, and don't walk a fine line on them. Pick up after yourself and be polite to everyone you meet. Make others feel welcome around you.
3. No Drugs, Alcohol or Tobacco at anytime. This is a school trip and it is not allowed. Alcohol is illegal at your age and Drugs are illegal at any age. Tobacco use is against the rules with our school and the Minnesota State High School League.
4. This being a school trip, you are not allowed to obtain permanent tattoos or piercings while on the trip. You are also not allowed to participate in such activities that could be considered dangerous. These items can include Parasailing, renting of Jet Ski's.... **In general.... if you think it wouldn't be approved, you are probably correct.** We have many group activities planned for you to do. Please be part of the group.

Penalties and procedures if offense to rules were to occur:

If you are caught with Alcohol or Drugs: Your Family will receive a phone call. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, this situation will be completely out of the Grand Rapids Bands and Schools hands. Offenders will immediately over to the proper authorities and the student's parent or guardian will have to make arrangements to come pick up their student from the Juvenile Detention Center your student is being detained at. We, as Band Directors and Chaperones will not be with your student if this were to happen. It is out of our hands. Penalties will be very severe and the law dictates what happens. You and your family might have to hire a lawyer to defend you in the State, Township, County and/or City the offense took place at. Scary? You Bet! You as a student do not want this to happen to you. There will be more penalties with GRHS also upon returning home.

Tobacco offense: Your family will receive a phone call if an offense has taken place. Your student will be turned over to a security/detention service at your family's expense. It will be the parent's/guardians responsibility to come to the place of detention and pick up their student to return to Grand Rapids. The longer your student is in detention, the more it will cost you. Your student may also have to face a penalty/fine for possession of tobacco. Even if your student is 18 years old, this is a High School Trip. There will be more penalties with GRHS also upon returning home.

Guys in Girls Rooms/ Girls in Guys Rooms/Inappropriate Behavior: Your family will receive a phone call as to the offense having taken place. We will then secure a credit card number or need your family to make other arrangement to pay a security/detention fee. Your student will be turned over to a security/detention service at your family's expense. It will be the parent's/guardians responsibility to come to the place of detention and pick up their student to return to Grand Rapids. The longer your student is in detention, the more it will cost you. There will be more penalties with GRHS also upon returning home.

Disrespectful/Dangerous Situations: We hope that all students understand the importance of representing the school and youth in a positive manner. You have an opportunity to change the minds of many about today's youth. As surrogate guardians for this week, we have to make decisions that are good for the entire group, not just the individuals.

If for some reason a severe offense does occur, your family will receive a phone call as to the offense having taken place and what it was. There are many variables that could take place. A parent or guardian might still have to make arrangements to come pick up their student and pay penalties & fines as issued by the State, Township, County and City the offense took place. There would also be more penalties with GRHS upon returning home.

This trip is about learning; being part of a National Musical and Cultural experience; having fun and allowing everyone to have fun.

Parents; we encourage you to talk to your student about the rules and expectations we all have. If you as a student suspect that you cannot follow these rules, we suggest you do not participate on the Bands "Trip Experience".

These have always been our rules, and they will always be our rules. If you think you will have a difficult time following them, please stay home. It will be a lot cheaper now versus later.