

Band Contest etiquette rules

Band competitions are festive occasions full of color and sound. Spectators come to see and hear the band shows – not people around them talking on a cell phone or to each other. The band contest etiquette rules presented below are guidelines every band parent should read and understand before you attend your first competition.

Mr. Hood prefers to give the band members the results of competitions. He can provide context and interpretation and knows how he wants to use the results to motivate the students. ***PLD Parents in the stands need to refrain from telephoning, text messaging, or discussing any results with the students until Mr. Hood has had the chance to review the results with the entire Band.***

DO NOT...

- **Enter or leave the stands during any band's performance:** Most contests cordon off the entrance to the stands when a band is performing. Enter or leave the stands **only** when a band is not performing.
- **Talk during any performance:** Spectators come to hear and see the band shows – not you talking.
- **Make negative comments about any of the bands:** All the band kids work hard. Do not belittle that work ethic by making a negative comment.
- **Compare another band's performance to our own in a negative manner:** This is the same as making a negative comment. Don't do it.
- **Use your cell phone during a performance:** Again, spectators come to hear and see the band shows – not you talking on your cell phone. Turn your cell phone off or excuse yourself during a break.
- **Block another spectators view:** Stay seated. Band shows last a maximum of 10 minutes. Whatever you have to do can wait 10 minutes.
- **Leave trash in the stands:** This is a bad reflection on you and our school.

DO FEEL FREE TO...

- **Apologize if caught doing any of the above:** We all make mistakes. Don't get angry if someone shhh's you so that they can hear their band! You have probably earned it!
- **Clap for every band to show your appreciation:** BOA requests that everyone stand and clap for each band performing... a great tradition!
- **Make at least one positive comment about each performance:**
- **Compliment other band's members and parents on their performance:**
- **Congratulate other band's on their accomplishments:**
- **Gently remind other parents / family / fans of proper contest behavior.**
- **Always set a good example for our students:**