

# SMITHSON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

## STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR AND OFF CAMPUS TRAVEL POLICIES

Membership in the Smithson Valley HS Band is an honor and a privilege. Participation comes with a higher standard of behavior than the Comal ISD Student Code of Conduct and may condition membership or participation on adherence to those standards.

Extracurricular standards of behavior may take into consideration conduct that occurs at any time, on or off school property.

Extracurricular behavioral standards shall not have the effect of discriminating on the basis of gender, race, color, disability, religion, ethnicity or national origin. Student's and parent's signature acknowledge they have read these behavioral standards and consent to them as a condition of participation in Smithson Valley HS Band.

Students who represent the Smithson Valley HS Band are expected to maintain very high standards in every respect at all times. They are expected to attend and be on time for all sessions and activities scheduled. In the event of overnight trips, they are expected to be in their rooms at the times designated by their sponsors. Each student will be responsible to one or more faculty sponsors who will supervise the activities of the student for the trip. Negligence in attending sessions, in meeting curfew requirements, or in failing to maintain our standards of conduct may make it necessary for the sponsor to send the student home at his/her own expense. Video/audio equipment is used for safety purposes to monitor student behavior on buses and campuses. Recordings shall be reviewed as needed by the principal, and evidence of student misconduct shall be documented.

Self-discipline is the key element when representing Smithson Valley HS and Comal ISD off campus or when on a school-related trip. Students who are involved in a serious disciplinary offense, such as the use, possession of, or being under the influence of illicit drugs, tobacco, or alcohol, stealing, violence, going in the room of a member of the opposite sex, or some other serious offense will face disciplinary action which may include one or more of the following:

1. The student will be sent home from the trip at the parents' expense.
2. The student will be held liable for damages to property.
3. The student may be removed from this school activity as well as other school co-curricular activities.
4. The student may be placed in In-School-Suspension (ISS), Off-Campus-Suspension, or Alternative Education Placement.

Student's attire during school activities outside the school day should be in good taste. While it is inevitable there will be differences of opinion regarding the appropriateness of a student's attire, the final decision lies with the directors. All adults on trips will serve as sponsors when traveling with a group. Students will be expected to treat them with respect at all times.

REMEMBER – Even though you will not always be wearing a shirt with a Smithson Valley logo, people will find out where you are from and what group you represent. You have the opportunity to make a tremendous name for Smithson Valley and for yourself. Be courteous and polite at all times. There is no way we can anticipate every possible scenario, so we ask for good judgment. Please use common sense. **RULE OF THUMB:** If there is any question in your mind as to whether you should do something or not...DON'T DO IT! It is better to be safe than sorry.

**WE ARE CONFIDENT OF ALL SMITHSON VALLEY HS BAND STUDENTS' CONDUCT AND THEIR ABILITY TO BE GOOD AMBASSADORS FOR COMAL ISD. IF WE ANTICIPATED A PROBLEM, WE WOULD NOT TRAVEL.**

I HAVE **READ** AND **DISCUSSED** ALL THE INFORMATION IN THE ABOVE "STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR AND OFF CAMPUS TRAVEL POLICIES" WITH MY SON/DAUGHTER, AND I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND MY RESPONSIBILITY AS TO THESE POLICIES AND CONSENT TO THEM AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, AND THAT OF MY SON/DAUGHTER, WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE SMITHSON VALLEY HS BAND COMES WITH A HIGHER STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR THAN THE COMAL ISD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND THAT MY SON'S/DAUGHTER'S MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IS CONDITIONED UPON ADHERENCE TO THOSE STANDARDS. MY SON/DAUGHTER HAS MY PERMISSION TO ATTEND DISTRICT AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRIPS.

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Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT)

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Student Signature/Date

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Parent Signature/Date