

Band Review Travel Tips

Band Reviews include parade, concert and color guard competitions. Some Reviews include competitions for drum majors, percussion, and even indoor concerts. In the afternoon there is usually an awards ceremony.

A Band Review is a very full day away from home. We travel early in the morning and return home late in the day. Parents, here are some hints to help your student have the best day!

- Have your student take warm clothing (sweatshirt, thermals, coat, gloves, etc.) if the event extends into the evening. The autumn evenings can be quite cold.
- Have your student eat a good breakfast so s/he has enough energy to walk and perform during the parade. Most parades are about one mile long; some are up to three miles and last several hours. An empty stomach makes for very wobbly legs!
- Send a good lunch and snacks, or send money (between \$10 and \$20) for your student to buy food. Some students take a small cooler (it has to fit under the bus seat) with soft drinks, fruit juices, sandwiches, and other goodies. Not all Band Reviews sell food.
- Remind your student to be careful and "prudent" with their money. It's a long day, so they should save some money for the evening.
- Request a map from a Band Director or a Chaperone and join us at the Band Review to watch our students.