

North Scott High School Band Department

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Dear North Scott Band Parents and Students:

As you are most likely aware, we will be going on a little trip to sunny FLORIDA this March. It looks to be a very exciting trip, complete with Park-Hopper Passes to the Four Walt Disney World Theme Parks and Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure, a Cirque du Soleil Performance, a breakfast at the House of Blues, and once-in-a-lifetime performances at Walt Disney World. This trip has historically become one of the most memorable experiences in the students' high school careers.

As a music department, we feel trips are a reward to students for their hard work and dedication to the program. We also feel that the process of preparing for the trip is very valuable in the development of the camaraderie and "ownership" needed in a successful program. The trip itself gives all involved a great educational experience, life long memories and friendships, and develops pride in our program. When planning and organizing a trip such as this that involves taking a large number of students over 1,000 miles away from home, it is important to set up some guidelines.

That being said, we have come up with some stipulations that must be met for students to be eligible. The academic requirements have been set by the State regarding participation in activities, and our specific requirements reiterate the 'reward' policy. As for any of the discipline issues, anything that causes us to question our trust in the students will lead to a re-evaluation of eligibility. We take the safety and well-being of our students very seriously, and will do what is necessary to ensure that.

Students will be ineligible for the Florida Band Trip if:

- They earn lower than a 'C' in band for the 1st and 2nd Quarter and mid-term of the 3rd Quarter
- They are failing any other classes for the 1st and 2nd Quarter and mid-term of the 3rd Quarter
- Serious discipline issues in or out of school (suspension, legal matters, expulsion)

Students' eligibility for the Florida Band Trip will be under review if:

- Consistent discipline issues in school (referrals, unexcused absences/tardies, behavior in class)

Our goal is to take every student that would like to go. We will be communicating with parents regularly and will notify you immediately if we have any concerns about your child's eligibility. Please understand that this policy has to be in place for a trip of this caliber to be successful. We are seeing this as preventative information at this point so parents and students know exactly what is expected of them leading up to this amazing experience. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

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