

## **Boiling Springs High School Band Social Media Contract**

As you begin participation in the 2024-2025 season, the Boiling Springs High School Band Staff wants to make sure you are aware of the social networking guidelines. Boiling Springs High School and the Band staff recognize and support the members' rights to freedom of speech, expression, and association, including the use of social networks. In this context, however, each member must remember that performing and competing for the Boiling Springs High School Band is a privilege. As a member, you represent the Band program, the high school and the community of Boiling Springs. You are expected to portray yourself, your team, and Spartanburg School District Two in a positive manner at all time.

Attached you will find the social networking guidelines which provide the following guidelines for social networking site usage:

- Everything you post is public information – any text or photo placed online is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online – even if you limit access to your site. Information (including pictures, videos, and comments) may be accessible even after you remove it. Once you post a photo or comment on a social networking site, that photo or comment becomes the property of the site and may be searchable even after you remove it.
- What you post may affect your future. Many employers and college admission officers review social networking sites as part of their overall evaluation of an applicant. Carefully consider how you want people to perceive you before you give them a chance to misinterpret your information (including pictures, videos, comments, and posters).
- Similar to comments made in person, the Boiling Springs Band Staff will not tolerate disrespectful comments and behavior online, such as;
  - Derogatory language or remarks that may harm my teammates or coaches; other Boiling Springs students, teachers, or coaches; and students, coaches, or representatives of other schools, including comments that may disrespect my opponents.
  - Incriminating photos or statements depicting violence; hazing; sexual harassment; full or partial nudity; inappropriate gestures; vandalism, stalking; underage drinking, selling, possessing, or using controlled substances; or any other inappropriate behaviors.
  - Creating a serious danger to the safety of another person or making a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person.
  - Indicating knowledge of an unreported school or team violation – regardless if the violation was unintentional or intentional.

In short, do not have a false sense of security about your rights to freedom of speech. Understand that freedom of speech is not unlimited. The online social network sites are NOT a place where you can say and do whatever you want without repercussions. The information you post on a social networking site is considered public information. Protect yourself by maintaining a self-image of which you can be proud of for years to come.

**By signing below I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Boiling Springs High School Band Social Media Contract for the 2024-2025 school year.**

X \_\_\_\_\_ Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

X \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date