

Disclosure Document for Color Guard

A. Course Description

Color guard incorporates all levels of ability and achievement. Membership is determined by audition only according to ones potential and some previous skills of achievement. The color guard will interact and perform with the marching band during the summer and field season. The color guard is also involved in a winter guard season separate from the band. Winter guard will be separated into a junior and a senior group according to levels of achievement.

B. Fees, Supplies, and Uniforms

Members are required to fund their own color guard experience. Fees for summer and fall are the same as the marching band. Members will need to sign and fill out a marching band contract as well as a color guard contract. Fees, uniforms, and tour are covered in the marching band fee. Color guard members will need to purchase their own performance shoes, gloves, electrical tape, makeup, and equipment bag. The members also have the option of purchasing jackets, rifles, and sabers - but they are not mandatory. Winter guard will be a separate fee then marching band.

Mandatory Fees

1. Makeup - \$15
2. Performance Shoes - \$55 (includes parade and field)
3. Equipment Bag - (\$) Can be made out of any fabric (old or new)
4. Gloves - \$14 (weapons only)
5. Electrical Tape - \$5-10
6. Warm-up Uniform - \$55-75 (field show members only)
7. Equipment Rental Fee - \$30

Optional Fees

1. Rifle - \$44
2. Saber - \$110
3. T-Shirt - \$10
4. Warm-up Bags - \$30-40

The marching band fees need to be paid thru the marching band. All other fees (including rifles, sabers, shoes, warm-ups, winter guard fees, etc.) need to be paid to the financial office under the Color Guard Account. (we may be turning in fees to the black box - we'll let you know at try-outs.)

C. Dress Code

All members will be asked to come to all rehearsals in clothing they can dance in. Jeans and tight clothing that cannot stretch will not be allowed, as well as baggy clothing. Shirts that cover the midriff are required and no short shorts. Tennis shoes with good support will need to be worn at all times during the summer and field season. Hair needs to be pulled back out of the face at all times. Layers are suggested during field season because of weather conditions. During dance class sessions, students need to come prepared in dance attire (leotards and jazz pants are suggested).

D. Grading and Homework

The members will be graded on all rehearsals, sectionals, routines, ability, technique, tests, and home practice schedules.

1. Rehearsals - 50 points for each rehearsal, weekly sectional, and class
2. Home Practice - 50 points weekly for 15-minute nightly minimum practice. Sheets will be turned in weekly signed by student that the director will review with the student.
3. Performance - 200 points each (mandatory)
4. Tests - 100 points each

E. Attendance

All members will follow the attendance policy put forth by the marching band and it will be the same during the winter season.

1. Rehearsals - Members will be allowed a maximum of 0 unexcused tardies or absences. Members will be allowed a maximum of 3 excused tardies or absences. Tardies will be made up with the section leader at the end of each rehearsal. Absences must have prior approval by the director and must be turned in **on paper**. No absence at the rehearsal just prior to a competition will be allowed or excused!

F. Color Guard Rules and Guidelines

1. Attendance policy will be enforced at all times.
2. Dress code will be enforced at all times.
3. All equipment will be brought to rehearsals and class in equipment bag
4. Absolutely no gum will be allowed.
5. All routines and drill must be memorized and passed off by the designated deadlines.
6. Members must maintain a 2.0 GPA average to be eligible for competitions
7. All fees are non refundable and must be paid in a timely manner in compliance to the payment schedule.
8. Respect is expected at all times to: Staff, Captains, Fellow Members, and Oneself.
9. Absolutely no talking will be allowed when staff or captains are in front of you.
10. Any injuries or illnesses need to be brought to the attention of the director as soon as possible.
11. Bad attitudes and an unwillingness to work will not be tolerated. It is expected from every member to carry their own weight and responsibility. No one else will be asked to do it for you.
12. Please maintain healthy eating habits. Physical activities require your body to be in healthy maintenance.

I have read the above disclosure document and understand that if my student doesn't follow the rules, they may be dropped from color guard.

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian

Email: _____

Member Name: _____

Grade: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Member Cell: _____

Member Email: _____

Student ID#: _____