

Clarksville High School Color Guard Constitution

We, the CHS Color Guard, dedicate ourselves, and our services to assist the band in the presentation of our marching program, and to offer a visual ensemble as a performing arts group throughout the school year.

Article I - Membership

Section I -- In the last semester of the school year, the color guard will be selected from the 8th grade, freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes for the purpose of performing the following school year (fall & winter.) Selections are to be conducted by the sponsor, choreographer, and/or those appointed by the sponsor.

Section II -- The choreographer and senior guard members will conduct a series of practices during the week of tryouts. Requirements will be assigned prior to audition.

Section III -- Each candidate must attend ALL of the workshop practices, unless the sponsor has previously approved an excuse.

Section IV -- The primary responsibility of the color guard is to perform with the band for each field show performance.

Section V -- Students must be enrolled in at least five periods a day. Work is not an excused absence.

Section VI -- Each team member will be elected through a composite screening board. Scores will be tabulated by the sponsor, one member of the screening board, and/or the choreographer. Each student's score will include six (Richview)/ seven (CHS) current teacher recommendations and the total of the judge's scores during the actual tryout.

Section VII -- If injured, each individual is responsible for bringing his or her doctor's excuse, and note of recovery. He/She must also show proof of accident insurance & a current physical allowing participation prior to the last day of the first week's practice.

Section VIII -- All students' parents are encouraged to become members of the band boosters.

Section IX-- Any student who is permanently dismissed or quits will not be allowed to tryout at a later date.

Section X -- All guard members must be enrolled in a band class to be a member of color guard.

Article II - Captain Duties

1. Captains must be at practice before starting time and see that practice begins on time.
2. Captains begin stretching and warm ups.
3. Captains must have knowledge of all dance steps and flag work that the squad is to perform and be able to execute them.
4. Captains must be able to lead routines in absence of the choreographer.
5. Captains should notify team members of dates and times of all guard activities. This should be done in advance unless an emergency arises.
6. Captains make an inspection of uniforms, make up, hair, and shoes, etc. at the practice prior to performance and report to the sponsor.
7. Captains keep a notebook of general contact information, practice & performance schedules, team absentees. This is to be available at each practice for sponsor perusal.
8. Captains keep a recording of all music used in routines at all times.

9. Captains will be responsible for making sure that all equipment, clothing/uniforms, and materials are put away properly after practices & performances.

Article III - Uniforms

1. Uniforms will be provided by the boosters. Students are responsible for fitting fees. Any student who withdraws from the group prior to the end of the season may be held responsible for the cost of the uniform purchased.
2. Each guard member is responsible for paying the school board mandated \$35.00 uniform cleaning fee. All uniforms will remain at school and will be professionally cleaned from this fee.
3. Selection of uniforms will be made by the sponsor/choreographer.
4. All make up will be chosen by the choreographer and the sponsor. Each guard member is responsible for obtaining what is needed. Sharing make up is strongly discouraged by all members (including siblings.)
5. Hair must be neat and clean at all times. Style will be designated for each performance by the sponsor/choreographer.
6. Shoes are to be clean for each performance.
7. All uniforms bought by the booster club become property of Clarksville High School.

Article IV - Team Duties and Responsibilities

Section I - Color Guard member's responsibilities are:

1. To accompany the band in all field performances.
2. To respect the decisions of the sponsor, choreographer, and officers of the band.
3. To make guard first priority over all other extracurricular activities in the fall marching season.
4. To participate in fund raising.
5. To follow band and school policies.
6. To conduct themselves properly at all times, as they are official student representatives of the school.
7. To show exemplary conduct in and out of the classroom.
8. To attend classes regularly, and to be on time.
9. To keep on file with the sponsor proof of accident, health insurance coverage., & updated contact information.
10. To attend the required days of band camp to be eligible to perform.
11. Students must maintain the endurance necessary to perform. Physical training will be included with regular practice and class practices in order to accomplish this requirement. Students must be dressed appropriately during class and practice for physical activities.
12. To keep a folder that includes the following: the CHS Color Guard Constitution, the drill for the marching show, and ALL routines.

Section II - Practices

1. Extra practices will be scheduled apart from the regular band schedule. Dates will be established as soon as possible. All students are required to attend. All practices are included in class grades after the beginning of school.
2. Each student must be ready to perform when practice begins. It is each student's responsibility to be in condition for the first practice.
3. Each student must wear proper clothing to practice. (This will be determined by the choreographer and sponsor). School dress code will be observed as closely as possible. (No camisoles, racer backs, short shorts, jeans, large jewelry, etc)
4. Extra practices may be called prior to each performance, as deemed necessary by the sponsor or choreographer. All students are required to attend and all practices are class grades after the beginning of school.
5. During school, guard practices will be planned by the sponsor and choreographer and will be included as part of the band calendar. Each student must attend practice and participate as much as possible unless excused by the sponsor. (Injury, Doctor's excuse, Illness)
6. Band camp is required. Any student not attending camp may be assigned alternate status.
7. All routines must be learned as soon as possible. Any student who does not learn the routines in a timely manner may be replaced by an alternate for the field show performance.
8. The sponsor will make a schedule of all practices and will provide each student and his/her parent with a calendar of events, as each event is made known. The sponsor will be responsible for scheduling all events.

Section III - Excuses

1. Guard members must provide a written excuse from parents/guardians upon failure to attend a scheduled practice. Notes will be filed, regardless of whether the absence is excused or not. Excused absences may be eligible for make up. Absences are not AUTOMATICALLY excused or credited.
2. Student may be excused from practice/performance with a doctor's note for hospitalization or for a death in the immediate family. Any other excuse will be filed and extra credit or performance make up may be turned in to make up the grade.
3. Any missed performances will result in a zero for that grade unless a doctor's note of hospitalization has been provided to the sponsor or information provided regarding a death in the immediate family. Those absences considered excused by a doctor's note will be made up by a term paper to be completed by the student within 5 days of the students return to school. Death in the family is excused with out a make up assignment, provided the necessary information is given to the sponsor within 5 days of the student's return to school.
4. Students may be excused by the band director only.

Section IV - Disciplinary Action: (not related to grading policy)

1. Sponsor will handle all discipline according to school and school board policies.
2. Suspensions from the squad will be given by the band director or the administration. Any student removed from the squad will become a band alternate.

I _____ have read the Clarksville High School Color Guard Constitution and I understand all of the rules and policies included in it. I also agree to abide by these rules and understand the consequences if I fail to do so.

Guard Member Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____