

2015-2016

White Knoll High School Color Guard Handbook

A supplement to the White Knoll High School Band Handbook for all Color Guard and Winter Guard members.



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Program Objectives

- To provide effective experience, training, and growth in basic visual performance, dance, music, theatre, art, and emotion through practice and public performances.
- To foster the growth of good citizenship and life-skills such as teamwork, loyalty, dependability, and pride through discipline and organization.
- To display these qualities by representing the school and community through participation in marching events and other performances.
- To maintain and expand the traditions and high standards of excellence enjoyed by this organization.
- To bring artistry, understanding, and respect to music, dance, and other visual programs and to support other groups pursuing the same goal.
- To provide students with an opportunity for enjoyment and the development of lasting friendships through these endeavors

Rules

- All rules of White Knoll High School and Lexington County School District One, whether the team is on or off campus, are in effect.
- Respect yourselves, your teammates and your craft
- Maintain academic eligibility
- Be 10-15 minutes early to rehearsal
- No soft drinks, food, gum, or candy at rehearsals
- No jewelry is to be worn at rehearsal (stud earrings are an exception)
- Rehearsal uniform is to be worn at all rehearsals unless otherwise notified (maroon shorts, black leotard, black sports bra, and black tights for indoor rehearsals)
- Bring athletic shoes (no sandals, flip flops or flimsy shoes)
- Attendance is required at all events. If you are going to be absent or late notify the instructor in advance with an excuse. If it is an unplanned absence or tardy notify the instructor personally and do not have a fellow teammate inform them.
- If you have a small cold and are not contagious, please try to attend practice. Sitting on the sideline and watching can help wonders for a sick member. If you are contagious or it is something extreme please stay home and get better.
- Members are in charge of their assigned equipment throughout the season. If school owned equipment is lost, stolen, or damaged the member is in charge of replacing it

- Come football season, all members are not allowed to have unnatural colored hair. Members must be able to participate in the show hair 100% and provide their own hair supplies.
- All members are required to buy and maintain performance makeup. There will be two different kinds, show makeup and game makeup. The specifics will be handed out early on in the season and there will be a makeup workshop that is a requirement for all members.

Etiquette

- There will be no PDA when in uniform. We are a representation of our program and we want to always look and be our best.
- When the drum major, band director, or a staff member is speaking, all talking will stop.
- When walking as a team, the guard is to walk silently with hands clasped behind the back in two single file lines
- Be courteous and polite when we travel. Watch what you say because you never know who is listening
- Do not correct each other, leave corrections to staff and captains

Discipline

The cornerstone of any good and successful band program is discipline. The rules and expectations in this handbook are to allow students to function at their highest level. When students fail to follow these guidelines, consequences must follow. Penalties include but are not restricted to the following:

- Push ups
- Jumping jacks
- Planks
- Laps
- Taken out of a performance

Penalties will be imposed according to the severity of the infraction at the discretion of the guard staff. If a student feels that he/ she has been unfairly awarded punishment, he/she may discuss the penalties in private with the Guard instructors at the earliest convenient time but must not argue the punishment in front of the band.

****Rules, and expectations are not set in stone and changes to the rules can/ and will be made accordingly throughout the season.**

Fees, Required Items, & Fundraising

Fees

Unfortunately, the band and color guard cannot operate successfully without student fees. Fees we collect help pay for: non-district staffing, guard equipment, t-shirts, transportation costs associated with our trailers and many band provided meals. Fees also cover extra items for the color guard such as earrings/accessories. The fee for fall guard members this season is estimated to be **\$550.00**.

Required Items

Certain items are required as a member of the color guard team. Most of these items are available through the band program and a form will be sent home detailing prices, etc. In the past, this has typically meant performance shoes, wind suit, summer uniforms, duffle bag, hoodies, earrings/accessories, and gloves. Wind suits and duffles are embroidered with the band logo and member's name. If a student quits or is dismissed from the band and/or color guard program we request that they no longer wear band and/or color guard logo apparel. **The accessories sheet is due, with payment, by July 29th this year.**

Fundraising

Please do not let fees scare you away! To help parents, we split the fees up into separate payments throughout the season. We also offer fundraising to help students pay their band fees. Many students have paid their entire fees through fundraising. It can be done if students want to participate badly enough. We also offer credit/debit card transactions via PayPal on our band website. Paying band fees has never been easier! Don't let fees keep your child from a life-changing experience.

Parents

Parents are a very important factor in the Color Guard and are encouraged to attend meetings and get as involved as their schedules will allow. Being active participants will help parents understand the demands of the program more fully. The band and guard cannot be successful without supportive, enthusiastic, and positive parents. Please don't wait to get involved...you'll be missing a great part of this activity. The band booster organization can be a significant addition to your family.

Helpful Hints

- Parents should not interrupt a rehearsal except in the case of an emergency.
- Please make sure that your child is doing their jobs at home, as well as at school.
- Parents must take an active role in getting their students to events on time. In the end, however, **IT IS EACH STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO INSURE THAT HE/SHE IS PROMPT AND PREPARED.**
- Parents are asked to be waiting for their child at the school at the time specified by the Director. Do not wait for the student to call home from the band room. The band will sometimes arrive late, and we thank you for waiting for your child.
- At the end of each practice there are usually announcements – listen up. This is your best chance to find out who, what, where, and when.
- **Network** – This is how to get helpful hints from fellow band parents, like carpooling to competitions.
- Be prepared to cheer! The kids love it when they hear their own cheering section.

White Knoll Color Guard Contract 2014-2015

I agree that I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of this contract. Failure to comply could result in immediate dismissal from the program or other disciplinary action. All final decisions are under the discretion of the Band Director and/or Guard Instructors.

Student Printed Name :

Parent Printed Name:

Student Signature:

Parent Signature:

Date:

Date: