

Tates Creek High School Color Guard

Handbook
2015-2016

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Congratulations on making the 2015 Tates Creek High School Color Guard!

Throughout the audition process you demonstrated all of the technical and expressive skills needed to become a member of this outstanding organization. We look forward to an exciting season and your continued growth within this activity.

Outlined below are our guidelines and expectations. Please read through the material in its entirety and return the signed agreement to the Tates Creek Band Boosters (TCBB) lock box located in the band room.

Goals and Purposes:

The Tates Creek Color Guard is a section within the Tates Creek High School Marching Band. The color guard is a visual component to the fall marching show and has many roles in bringing the musical elements produced by the band to life. This organization provides opportunities for students to express individuality through themed performance, teaches teamwork, builds confidence, and self-esteem.

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory for every rehearsal. **All absences must be approved by the Band Director.** A doctor's note must be provided for any illnesses and/or appointments. All other circumstances require a note or direct communication between a parent/legal guardian and the Band Director. Mr. Cunningham can be reached by phone 859-381-3633 or email aaron.cunningham@fayette.kyschools.us

If a student misses a rehearsal it is the student's responsibility to make sure they are caught up **before** the next rehearsal.

Members should arrive at least 15 minutes early to every practice. Make sure that you are in block with all necessary equipment at the scheduled practice time. Tardiness will result in disciplinary action.

Unexcused absences will jeopardize the member's involvement within the activity.

Conduct:

Members are expected to attend every rehearsal with a positive attitude, a good faith effort, and a focused mindset. Effort must be made on an individual level to grow within the framework of the activity.

Communication within the ensemble should be respectful, constructive, and encouraging. When addressing any individual, instructor, director, parent, competitor, etc. members are expected to use appropriate language and tone. Treat other members as you would like to be treated. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary action will be enforced at the instructor's discretion. Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated.

All cell phones are to be silenced and put away before rehearsal begins.

Color Guard Class:

Every Color Guard member is required to enroll in guard class. Exceptions may be made if you are in orchestra, have an IB scheduling conflict, or some other scheduling conflict that affects your progression towards graduation. Color Guard class will be offered during the fall semester only!

Rehearsal Dress Code:

All members must be dressed in appropriate clothing and shoes. We suggest you wear comfortable, loose, light-colored clothing for practices i.e. tank tops, t-shirts with proper undergarments, mid-length shorts, and ankle or capri length leggings. Rehearsal blacks will be worn once school starts.

Sports bras/swim wear cannot be worn as your top. Jeans should not be worn for practice. Refer to your student handbook for guidelines regarding shorts, tank tops, etc.

Tennis shoes with socks are required for all practices. Shoes need to have good arch support. No sandals or flip-flops will be permitted.

Hair must be secured away from face in a ponytail.

No jewelry should be worn at practices or performances, stud earrings being the only exception.

Gloves are required at every rehearsal.

Fundraising/Bingo/Band Fees:

Fundraisers and Bingo are essential to the success of this program. You are expected to participate in EVERY fundraiser and to fulfill your scheduled Bingo commitment.

All band fees are expected to be paid by scheduled due dates. All financial matters must be addressed with the Band Director on an individual basis.

2015 Band Camp:

Members are required to attend guard/band camp in its entirety. If you have any scheduling conflicts contact the Band Director ASAP to resolve the issue. Absences during this time will affect a member's involvement within the 2015 program.

Guard Camp: June 9-June 12

Band Camp: July 22-July 24

July 27- July 31

August 3- August 7

Equipment and Maintenance:

The maintenance and care of the Color Guard equipment is incredibly important. Equipment must be stored and cared for correctly. Equipment should never be lent out, left out, or unattended for any reason. It should be cleaned and handled with care. Only Color Guard members are permitted to practice with the equipment.

Parent Involvement:

Parent involvement and support is vital to the success of the program. The TCCG moms and staff will work together to organize and structure the program to make things run as smoothly as possible. Additional help from other parents will be required. See examples below:

- Transferring equipment
- Hair/ Make-up
- Laundering Flags and Uniforms
- Sewing Repairs

Other Requirements:

- During band camp and after-school practices, you will need to wear sunscreen!
- Make sure you DO NOT skip meals!! This is very dangerous in the heat. You must eat lunch or at least bring a healthy snack so that you are not in the heat on an empty stomach.
- Keep up with all practices with the calendar on the Tates Creek Band website or Charms. Practice schedules are made out in advance so that there should be no conflicts with other appointments etc.

Equipment Fee:

Due: April 30, 2015 Cost: \$20

Each student will be required to pay \$20 annually for equipment rental and maintenance. This cost covers 2 bolts, 2 stoppers, a 6' pole, 1 flag, electrical tape, and any equipment repairs needed during the season. The equipment fee must be paid in full before the student is permitted to take home any equipment.

Individuals who pay the equipment fee during the clinic process are eligible for a full refund if:

- *Student has a medical or health issues that prohibit the student's ability to participate in the activity.*

Please make checks payable to Tates Creek Band Boosters or TCBB and return with the Equipment Fee payment form.

Additional Cost:

Show Gloves	approximate cost	\$10-15
Show Shoes	approximate cost	\$30-45
Show Shirt	approximate cost	\$10-15
Warm-up Jacket	approximate cost	\$40-60
Hair-Makeup	approximate cost	\$10-20
Rehearsal Blacks	approximate cost	\$25-35
Body shaper	to be determined	
Dance Belt (guys)	to be determined	

Families are required to donate 3 cases of soda and 1 case of water for students to use at competitions. There are also requests for snack donations for competitions during the marching season.

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Tates Creek Color Guard Agreement 2015-16

Student Agreement:

I have read and understand the information presented in the *Tates Creek High School Color Guard Handbook*. I agree to abide and uphold the guidelines listed. I acknowledge that by signing below, I am making a commitment, not only to myself, but also to the other members of the marching band and color guard. My fellow members will depend on me to attend all rehearsals and performances, be prepared for rehearsals, and meet all the other obligations outlined in the handbook. I understand that if I am unable to or choose to work or act in a contrary manner to the standards and expectations listed in the handbook, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken which may include my being removed from the team.

Student's signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Agreement:

I have read and understand the information presented in the *Tates Creek High School Color Guard Handbook*. I agree to support the guidelines listed. I acknowledge that if my student does not follow these guidelines he or she will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action that may include being removed from the team. I also understand that I am still responsible for payment of incurred fees to the *Tates Creek Band Boosters* as outlined in the payment agreement.

Signature: _____

Date: _____