**Lampasas High School Illusion Color Guard Handbook 2020-2021**

For membership into the Illusion Color Guard each student must meet and follow the below criteria:

* Be a current member in good standing of the Lampasas ISD Bands, grades 8-11.
* Have band director approval. It is a privilege not a right to be a member of the team.
* You must be academically eligible at the time of our practices and remain academically eligible for the remainder of the current and next school year.
* At the time of our practices you must NOT receive any ISS, DAEP or any other major disciplinary actions that the school may assign for the remainder of the current and next school year.
* It is required for you to be in attendance at all practices to be a member of the team.
* Prior Experience in the Illusion Color Guard is **NOT** a guarantee for placement on the team.

*If you do not meet the above criteria you will not be granted membership on the team.*

*\** If you are a woodwind player you will perform with the Fall and Winterguard. If you are a Brass Player or earn a spot in the Battery you will be in colorguard and train all year, but will compete in the winterguard. As a band, we can not afford to lose players off the field. BAND COMES FIRST!!!

You must have the Lampasas Colorguard Audition Permission Slip turned in by July 17, 2020 in order to participate.

Everyone must sign up for the Color Guard Remind. Text this number 81010, this message @89a78b (see attached paper)

***Membership in the Illusion Color Guard is based on; a student’s musical ability, academic status,***

***flag work proficiency, superior attitude and dedication to the band program.***

***Only the best representatives of our band will be chosen for this position of honor.***

* Each Student must demonstrate exemplary behavior. (This includes no ISS, DAEP, or any other major disciplinary actions that the school may assign)
* Any student who receives any major disciplinary actions from the school will be removed from the team and **WILL NOT** be allowed to regain membership in the following years.
* Color Guard members are expected to keep their instrumental playing proficiencies high.  You will be expected to play on your instrument during many rehearsals and in the stands at Football Games. You will also be required to audition for the ATSSB All Region Band as well as attend UIL Solo & Ensemble and Concert & Sight Reading Contest.
* ***Band comes first!***  This means that you are required to meet ALL music play-off deadlines for Region Band, UIL Concert/Sight Reading and Solo/Ensemble that are assigned to remain on the team.
* Brass players will march with the band during marching season and train during 3rd period for winter guard season.
* Any member who becomes academically ineligible during the year will be removed from the guard.  This is because many changes will have to be made in the show and the choreography if someone becomes ineligible.  It would not be fair to the rest of the guard for them to have to relearn everything again if that student again becomes ineligible.  It may be possible for that student to be an alternate for the band.
* Attendance of ALL rehearsals and performances is required to remain in the guard.  Two unexcused absences from rehearsals will result in being removed from the guard.  (Absences will be deemed excused or unexcused based on the LISD attendance policy). This includes Summer Band Rehearsals in August and Spring Ho. If you work and your job can not be adjusted to accommodate the rehearsal schedule, you must make a choice between your job and the Color Guard. If you have a pre planned trip or vacation that you cannot adjust, you must communicate with Mrs. Oreka as soon as possible.
* A Student must NEVER be tardy to a rehearsal.  An unexcused tardy will result in a demerit. Multiple demerits will result in removal a spot in the show and eventually from the team. The image of the Color Guard should be that it is the toughest, most disciplined and highly respected unit of any band.  Remember, by being chosen it is your responsibility to maintain its image and requirements.
* All guard members will be required to attend Color Guard Camp. It is Monday June 1-Friday June 14, 2019 at Lampasas Middle School and July 15-Thursday June 18 at Lampasas High School (see attached handout)
* We will be having after school rehearsals several times a week during the school year.  Please refer to our Charms webpage for all calendar events and information. https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/newcal.asp?month=5&year=2017
* The students are responsible for paying for footwear, body tights, “Pep Rally” uniforms, “Friday” clothing, uniforms and anything else that is kept by the student. All items are to have the students name on them at all times.
* Any fundraising that is done with or for the Color Guard is non-transferable to any other student activity or trip accounts.

*Being a member of the Color Guard requires extra time, effort, and commitment.*

*Only if you are above average and willing to work hard will you be able to be a member of this group.  You will be expected to set an example for the other band members, to maintain a positive attitude at all times, to follow instructions from you directors and leaders without questions and to promote the pride of the band.  If you can meet this challenge, you will surely have the most rewarding experience our school has to offer and you can hold your head high when telling your friends and family that you were a member of the*

***Lampasas High School Illusion Color Guard***

**LHS Illusion Color Guard Grading**

*Demerits and merits will be considered in determining grades.  Merits can be earned to erase demerits. Merits will be recorded and kept by the Director.  It is the member’s responsibility to keep a regular check of his or her merits and demerits.  Merits must be presented within 2 days of the activity in which they were obtained. Demerits may also be worked off with activities listed below or as determined by the Director.*

*Each member will begin with a 100 point average each week. Each demerit earned during a one week period, will take 1 point of a student’s grade. To regain a 100 for the week, each member will need to earn merits to cancel out any demerits earned.*

**A.  Merit System**

 [2] Perfect week (no demerits / no absences)

 [3]Attending a non-required school function (proof must be presented)

 [2] Any 3-week grade that goes up

 [2]100 on a major exam (must show director proof)

 [3] Color Guard Member of the Week

 [1] Extra Decorating

 [5] Straight A’s

 [2]Top fundraiser in any guard fundraiser done during the year

 [3] Makes area auditions, region band, etc. / Division 1 on any grade solo or ensemble performed

[2-3] Various cleaning around the band hall, practice rooms, library, dance room, locker room, etc.

[1-15]Helping the Director with any kind of project

**B.  Demerit System**

*Demerits will be recorded and kept by the Director.  It is the responsibility of each member to keep a regular check of his or her demerits through the director.  Members receiving or accumulating 10 or more demerits in one week will be placed on probation. Members receiving or accumulating 15 or more demerits shall be subject to dismissal from the organization. Other punishments can be added along with the demerits earned. If a team member does not work off their demerits by the end of the week, 5 more demerits will be added until all are worked off)*

Uniform Demerits

[1] Soiled uniform, shoes, flags, etc.

[1] Missing an accessory to the uniform (any and all pieces required by Mrs. Oreka)

[2] Wearing any part of the uniform at a time not specified by the director.

[2]Not wearing the Color Guard uniform in an appropriate manner.

[2]Eating while in uniform

[3]Removal of any part of the uniform before reaching the designated area for change or given prior instruction.

[1]Wearing unauthorized items with uniform (jewelry, pins, nail polish etc.)

[2] Failure to suit out for practice, failure to wear designated practice attire (Unexcused)

[3] Failure to apply correct performance make-up or wear hair in designated style.

[5]Failure to bring uniform when required for practice or any designated activity.

[2]Failure to bring any part of a uniform / costume for practice / performance.

[5]Failure to wear the designated Friday / performance day attire to school.

[5] Abusing/ misusing the color guard uniform or items belonging to the color guard.

[2] Having nail polish/incomplete hair/incomplete makeup.

  Attendance Demerits

[1]Late for practice – less than 15 minutes (without prior notification)

[2]Late for practice – more than 15 minutes (without prior notification, asked to leave practice)

[5]Late for a performance/ required activity (without prior notification)

[0] Absence excused in advance (Dr’s note)

[1]Absence excused after absence

[3]Absence unexcused from practice

[10]Absence unexcused from performance.

Conduct Demerits

[1]Talking while at attention

[1]Chewing gum at a performance

[2]Not in assigned position on the field or in the stands at a practice / performance

[2]Talking during a performance

[3]Disruptive behavior at a practice / performance

[5]Public display of affection at school function or on school grounds in or out of uniform

[5]Disorderly conduct of behavior

[5]Insubordination to an officer

[8] Insubordination to a parent, chaperone, or teacher

[10]Insubordination to the Director

 Miscellaneous Demerits

 [1]Every day late to turn in money/forms (unless arrangements have been made with Director)

[1]Wearing anything to practice that hinders performance (jewelry, sweats, hair not pulled up, etc)

[1]Failure to meet responsibilities (ex. Not following through on a volunteer act)

[2]Returning any item late (costume, equipment etc)

[2]Disorderly conduct on the bus

[3]Inappropriate conduct

[3]Excessive complaining

[3]Leaving trash in dance room, locker room, band hall, gym, stands, bus or office

[5]Use of profanity

[1-15]Any other behavior or action that is deemed unfit and violates the above policies will also receive demerits

**By signing this document, you understand the information stated in this document, and agree to follow the rules and regulation here in.**

**Lampasas Colorguard Membership Permission Slip**

Upon signing this form I am giving my child permission to participate in the Lampasas High School Colorguard 2019-2020.  I understand that by signing this form that my child is subject to being accepted to the team or asked to audition again next year.

If my child makes the colorguard they will be required to be at all practices, camps, and performances for the 2019-2020 school year. This includes 2 summer camps (June 10- June 14 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm and 7/15-7/18 9:00 am-3:00 pm).  If scheduling issues arise I understand that my child will be excused as long as it is a pre planned situation and Mrs. Oreka is informed well ahead of time. Excessive attendance issues may result in being removed from the team.

**To participate in colorguard my child will need to have this form signed and turned in by July 17, 2020. Without both signatures my child will not be permitted to participate.**

I HAVE READ THE ATTACHED INFORMATION AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA,

 COLOR GUARD REQUIREMENTS, DEMERIT SYSTEM, AND FEES/PAYMENT SCHEDULE.

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