

2018 Byrnes Color Guard

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Color Guard Code of Conduct

1. **Core Values:** Students are expected to follow our team's core values. These are included in your season packet handed out the first week of rehearsals. Please review and understand these standards are very high for a reason – the student leadership will review and discuss the values throughout the season. Receipt of the packet signifies that you agree to follow these core values at all times.
2. **Always be on time.** Being on time means being early. The start time of rehearsal is the moment where we begin spinning, not the moment that you arrive, take a drink, unroll your flag and saunter into block. Always be early, no matter what. Call if there is an emergency or problem so we know where you are. The end time of rehearsal is when rehearsal ends – students will need 15-25 minutes to pack up their rehearsal items and gather their belongings to leave campus.
3. **No cell phones at rehearsal. Ever.** Your phone will get stolen or broken if you leave it out. Put it on silent in your purse in your locker.
4. **We walk everywhere, I mean EVERYWHERE, in twos.** You will have a partner for the year and you will line up with the color guard, with or without equipment. When we walk, we do not talk, look around, or goof off. You are always being looked at, and in particular at shows, you are getting focused for your performance. Being silent and keeping up with the line help you focus on your team and having the best show that is possible.
5. **Have pride.** Everything we do represents Byrnes, our band, and you. Always do your hair and makeup perfectly. Take time and be detailed with learning choreography. Work hard and always strive for perfection. Do not whine or complain – your instructors will never put you in danger. Be strong and committed. Do not talk to each other during rehearsal. Raise your hand to ask questions. Again – follow the team's core values at all times.
6. **Dress appropriately.** For summer practices, you need to wear comfortable, flexible clothes that you can breathe and sweat in (this also includes proper undergarments: ladies are required to wear **SPORTS BRAS** at all rehearsals – you must follow District Five Dress Code! You may need pants or long-sleeves for the morning, but make sure you wear layers underneath. For fall rehearsals, wear comfortable and flexible clothes. TENNIS SHOES ARE A MUST FOR FALL GUARD. **DO NOT WEAR JEANS** or street clothes. For winter guard, wear comfortable, flexible **BLACK** clothes. Dance attire is always appropriate. If you would like a store to purchase dance clothes, ask

an instructor. **FOR REHEARSAL, HAIR MUST BE PULLED BACK OUT OF YOUR FACE.**

7. **Image:** In our program, we respect everyone's sense of individual personality and we welcome all of those personalities into our family unconditionally. However, the expression of personality may not be extended to body modification because it affects the overall image and look of the guard. Guard members **MAY NOT** have visible tattoos, facial piercings of any kind (including tongue, lip, eyebrow, etc), or color their hair to unnatural colors (i.e. no green, purple, blue, white, crayola red, etc.) Any ear piercings other than lobes must be either removed or covered with a bandage for performances. If you have questions about this policy, please see Jen. Earrings are to be studs no larger than the size of a pea.

Attendance Policies

Attendance is required at all scheduled rehearsals. We may add rehearsals during the season that are not currently on the schedule and attendance is required at these practices as well. We provide you with the rehearsal and performance schedule well ahead of time so you can coordinate family trips, appointments, and work schedules –please take advantage of this notification and BE RESPONSIBLE. **If you know in advance that you have a conflict, you need to let the instructors AND the captains know at least a week in advance, in writing.** DO NOT SCHEDULE DOCTOR'S OR OTHER APPOINTMENTS DURING REHEARSAL TIME. This is a Rebel Regiment Band policy as well as the Color Guard policy. There are several other days in the week to schedule appointments. DO NOT MISS REHEARSAL FOR AN APPOINTMENT. Willful skipping of rehearsal will result in the student being removed from the Friday night football game with a possibility of removal from the ensemble. **Furthermore, any absence that is considered "unexcused" by District Five Schools will be considered "unexcused" by the Band and Color Guard Programs. Any student with "unexcused" absences may be dismissed from the color guard program.**

Arriving late to rehearsal, late returning from water breaks, and leaving rehearsal early all count towards your attendance at rehearsal. You need to be involved every moment that you can be. Instructors are always watching how you choose to use your attendance at rehearsal, and these actions will count against you.

Dismissal from rehearsal generally happens at the published ending time. After that point, students need to return to the guard room from a rehearsal field, put up and organize personal or team equipment (such as props) and get their personal items organized to leave campus. This process takes 10-15 minutes, dependent on how quickly the individual students takes to get organized. Students will not be departing campus at the published rehearsal end time, but 10-15 minutes after that.

On your permission form, it states that you have read and understood the band and guard handbook. PLEASE NOTE the following items:

- If a student is injured and cannot continue the season, a refund of some form will be handled between the guard & band directors, guard treasurer, and the parents of the student. Certain portions of the student's fair share MAY NOT be refundable, depending on the time frame. Common sense and understanding will be applied to any injury-based ending of membership.
- If a student leaves the team for a non-injury reason, ALL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ARE STILL REQUIRED.
- If a student is removed from a performance spot due to unexcused absences, behavior problems, or as a consequence deemed appropriate by the guard director, ALL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ARE STILL REQUIRED. Removal from a performance spot is NOT removal from the team, and students may be put on this "alternate" membership at ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.