

Color Guard Disclosure Document

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Prep/Consultation Time
Period A4/B4 1:00-2:25 PM
or Monday ~ 3:00-3:30 PM

I. Description

Color guard is a yearlong class. This class is a time for members of the color guard to work on routines for the field show and winter show. It is also a time to build flexibility, strength, and dancing ability.

II. Expectations

It is expected that students will be prompt to class with their equipment. Students are also expected to wear clothes that they can dance in. They will be given time at the beginning of class to change into this clothing.

III. Fees

There are no specific fees for the color guard class. All fees will be covered with the marching band and winter guard fees.

IV. Attendance Policy

Attendance during classes, rehearsals, and performances is an essential component for effective learning: **THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR BEING THERE!** Excessive absenteeism will be dealt with on a case by case basis with administration involvement. Students are fully responsible for all class work missed for any reason.

Members of the class are expected to perform at ALL scheduled performances. A student may be excused from a performance by contacting Mr. Major or Erin in writing no later than **THREE WEEKS** prior to a scheduled performance. After this time, students will only be excused in the case of **extreme family emergency or illness**. It is the student's responsibility to present a written explanation from parents explaining the situation.

If a student misses a performance without communicating to Mr. Major in a timely manner, the student's grade will be **D**. Unexcused absences may be appealed within **2 days** after the performance. If approved, the highest grade possible will be a **B-**. One appeal per member per year is allowed. A second unexcused absence is grounds for failure.

V. Cut Time Use

The color guard at Springville High uses the Cut Time program to help organize office work and inventory, as well as facilitate quick and easy communication. A calendar of the year can be found on Cut Time and should be checked regularly.

VI. Grading Policy

The students earn points by having good attendance, participating in performances, practicing, and completing other assignments. Grades will be determined by the following scale:

A=90%, A-=85%, B+=80%, B=75%, B-=70%, C+=65%, C=60%, C-=55%, D=50%, F=49% & below.

Assignments will be weighted according to the following categories:

- Daily Attendance (20%): This part of the grade is automatically calculated as part of a student's SIS attendance.
- Rehearsals (40%): Students will be given points for coming to after school rehearsals.
- Performance Tests (20%): Students will be assigned sections of the show to pass off every other week. They will need to perform this section on their own with music. If a student doesn't receive full credit, they are allowed to keep trying until they do.
- Assignments (20%): Students are expected to practice 30 minutes, 5 days a week. Students may also be asked to complete various assignments to broaden their color guard knowledge/performance ability.

MR. MAJOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES AS NEEDED