



**Eastwood High School
Winterguard
Spring 2023**



Eastwood High School Color Guard Constitution

Purpose:

It shall be the purpose of the organization to promote and uphold school spirit, to develop good sportsmanship among students and adults, to support the marching and concert band programs, to support academic or school programs, and to promote good relationships in our community and between other schools.

Values:

- ✓ Leadership abilities
- ✓ Physical fitness and coordination
- ✓ Good sportsmanship
- ✓ Courtesy, tolerance, and self-control
- ✓ Fine arts appreciation
- ✓ Responsibility, punctuality, patience
- ✓ Communication skills
- ✓ Self-confidence and personal expression
- ✓ Character, citizenship and respectful
- ✓ Values and morals in and out of school
- ✓ Accepts constructive criticism
- ✓ Participation in all events

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

Grades and Eligibility:

- Color Guard performers must maintain a grade point average of 75 or above, and abide by all rules and regulations set by the director, administration, and principal.
 - All performers must follow the state's "NO PASS, NO PLAY" rule outlined in the TEA/UIIL side by Side Handbook, and all rules set by Eastwood High School.

Representation and Behavior:

- During school and throughout all Color Guard activities: [football games, contests, pep rallies, rehearsals/camps, banquets, meetings, community service projects, etc.] a performer is to maintain a positive image and set a good example for others to admire and follow.
- A performer must demonstrate responsible leadership at all times. Performers must promote and maintain good relationships with faculty, administration, student body, and general public; and be able to work cooperatively with the Eastwood Dance Teams, Cheerleaders and any other organization.
- Performers must exhibit adequate appearance and social behavior both at school and away from school.
- If a performer is placed in SAC or alternative education, removed from school, or is a continual behavior problem for any teacher she/he may be removed from the program.
- **There should be no arguing, disrespectfulness, or confrontation with the directors, technicians, staff of fellow members.** This behavior will result in demerits, benching, probation, or possible removal from the program.

Punctuality and Attendance:

- Performers must be on time and present for **ALL DESIGNATED ACTIVITIES.** (rehearsals, meetings, football games, camps, contests, competitions, etc.) Total commitment to the color guard program is expected at all times.
 - **ALL PERFORMERS MUST ATTEND THE MANDATORY PRACTICES AND PERFORMANCES**
- Performers may be excused only if the director is notified in advance and approves the absence or early leave. (Doctors notes, teachers notes, and **parent contact** will be required.)
- Performer and parent should make every effort to make all doctors, dentist, etc. appointments after school hours on non-practice days.
 - Notification from both performer and parent is required for **All** absences.

- o Performers may participate in other school activities/ organizations only as long as they **DO NOT** interfere with color guard rehearsals, performances, and competitions.
- o Performers may not have a job that interferes with rehearsals or other color guard duties. If a performer works, she/he is responsible to negotiate with the employer to attend all activities.
- o An unexcused absence will result in the performer being benched from the proceeding performance. More than three unexcused absences may result in losing their position in the show.
- o Excused absences may result in the performer being benched from the proceeding performance depending on the circumstance.
- o Performers must be on time and stay for the entire rehearsal. If a performer must leave early, this may result in being benched. All absences, tardies, or leaving early must be given to the director prior to rehearsal date in order to receive approval.
 - o It is the students responsibility to learn the dance/flag technique, movements and choreography that was taught the day of their absence prior to the next scheduled rehearsal date.

Payment and Financial Obligations

- o In order for the student to become eligible for the winterguard team in that semester (and be considered for future fall and spring semesters), the student must make a deposit of \$75 and follow all payment schedules before the initial deadline given.
- o Students and parents must make every effort to communicate with the band booster organization's treasurer via email at treasurer@trooperband.com regarding any questions or concerns in financial matters.
- o A performer **OWING** any money for uniforms, school clubs, or organization fees must be paid before the following semester's tryouts. Failure to do or failure in communication to set up payment installations will result in the student becoming ineligible from the team. The student and parent/guardian, however, can request for a financial agreement that includes apayment installation for both the semester prior and the current season. If

the student and parent agree, arrangements will be made with the Colorguard Director, Director of Bands, and Treasurer and membership status will be further determined.

- If the student is unable to continue on the semester's season, the student and parent/guardian(s) are still responsible for completing payment in full by the Monday before the last competition of the semester and nothing will be refunded or credited to the student's account. Failure to do so will result in no future consideration for membership, the student's account will be considered delinquent, and further action will be taken in accordance with the Eastwood Band Booster Executive, Directors, and Eastwood High School.

Proper Attire and Dress Code:

- Performers **MAY NOT WEAR:** earrings, rings, bracelets, or any other jewelry during rehearsals, performances, school events, or while in uniform.
- Hair is to be pulled away from the face, put up into a ponytail, with bangs restricted back for **ALL REHEARSALS** unless designated by the instructor.
- If a performer has a visible tattoo, the performer will be required to cover it up.
- Nails must be kept short, fake nails **WILL NOT** be permitted at any time for safety purposes. Nail must remain unpolished for performances or any other color guard activity.
- **Failure to abide by dress code will result in penalties.**

Eligibility for Furthering Organization:

- A performer who resigns during the school year **WILL NOT** be able to try out for future seasons. (Only special circumstances may be reconsidered.)
- If a performer is ineligible 2 or more times (3 or 6 weeks progress report or 9 week report card) she/he will be removed from the team and **Will NOT** be able to try out in the next year.

Other:x

- o No eating or chewing gum is allowed during practice, football games, contest, winterguard competitions or color guard activities.
- o Friends or any other non-color guard individual **ARE NOT** allowed to be brought into rehearsals, camps, or any other guard activity.
- o Cell phones are not to be used at all during rehearsals or performances. Performers may only use their phones during breaks, however phones must be on silent/vibrate. Risk of leaving it on or using it when not permitted will result in the director's possession and will only be given back to the parent- not the student.
- o The administration will act as the bi-partisan party regarding matters in question pertaining to the color guard program.
- o All performers must ride the bus to and from all events if provided. Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) are responsible for transportation to the departure area and back home from the departure area after all events.
- o Directors are not responsible for picking up or taking color guard members back to their homes.
- o If a performer is unable to perform due to injury, they must have an official note from the doctor/physician.
- o **OTHER REGULATIONS MAY AND WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES**

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT:

- ❖ It is the responsibility of each performer to maintain uniforms and equipment properly.
- ❖ Uniforms and costumes are to be purchased by the performer and must be taken care of. If the uniform becomes damaged or lost, the performer will lose their performance spot until a new uniform is purchased.
- ❖ Performers may only wear their uniform or costume for the performance or designated activity.
- ❖ No performer is to be in their uniform off campus (does not include going home after an event).

- ❖ Performers are to respect uniforms and costumes at all times. This includes: no eating in uniform, disorderly behavior, foul language, public display of affection, etc.
- ❖ Students under no circumstance are to steal equipment or materials provided by the school. (Flag silks, poles, rifles, sabers, bags, pom-poms, etc.) Students are only allowed to keep materials fully purchased throughout the year.

Grading Policy:

- All classroom procedures required by the school will be in effect.
- Any unexcused tardies during a grading period will result in being benched.
- All performers **MUST** wear the attire that is required for each designated day. Tennis shoes are also required.
- If any piece of attire is missing or not in uniform, an automatic zero will be recorded for the individual.
- An unexcused absence will result in a zero daily grade for the individual.
- unexcused absence from any designated function would result in a zero as a test grade And for that function, and will be benched from the next event.
- If a performer is absent, the parent(s)/ guardian(s) must notify the director the same day of absence.
- Ditching class will not be tolerated and result in automatic removal from organization.

GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL

- I. **SUSPENSION:** Performer remains in the program, but is not allowed to perform at activities, contests, or competitions. The performer **WILL NOT** be in uniform, but **WILL** be required to be present with the director.
- II. **REMOVAL:** The performer will no longer be in the program, per UIL and Eastwood High School extra-curricular regulations.

Failing one class in a grading period

Suspension for 3 weeks (until passing)

Academic failure for another grading period	Removal
Failing more than one class in a grading period	Suspension for 6 week period
Truancy	Removal
School expulsion	Removal
Bullying/Harassment	Removal
“N” or “U” in conduct for any class	Suspension for 3 weeks (1 class per year)
Any severe school offense (drugs, alcohol, gangs etc.)	Removal
Mandatory KEYS placement	Removal

III. Procedure for Suspension/ Removal:

First Offence: Verbal or written to performer

Second Offence: Verbal or written warning and conference with parent/guardian

Third Offence: Removal from the program and parent/ guardian conference

Note: While on suspension, a performer may not participate in any related activity. Rehearsals during school hours and all scheduled events must be attended.

Awarded a Letter

The following requirements hope to ensure quality students are awarded a colorguard letter for their letterman jacket.

- A. Members must have completed one (both marching and winter season) and meet all additional requirements.
- B. Members must have participated in all competitions, performances, football games, and any other required activities.
- C. Member’s unexcused absences cannot exceed 3 a year.
- D. Members must have sustained good academic standing throughout the two years and completed the entire two years without quitting or being removed from the team.
- E. 20 hours of community service within a span of 2 years must be fulfilled and logged. (Director will provide a community service log to track hours upon request)

- F. Members must not have any disciplinary records on or off campus.
- G. As deemed by director's discretion

After one year of membership it is possible to not qualify to receive colorguard letters for a letterman jacket, if any of the above requirements are not met.

Senior Stole

- A. Members must have completed a minimum of two years and be in it their entire senior year.
- B. Members must have participated in all competitions, performances, football games, and any other required activities.
- C. Member's must have not failed a course throughout their two year participation.
- D. 20 hours of community service within the 2 years must be fulfilled and logged.
(Director will provide a community service log to track hours upon request)
- E. Members must not have any disciplinary records on or off campus.
- F. As deemed by director's discretion

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Parents should be supportive of their child and the EHS Flag, Dance, and Band organizations.
- B. Parents must be willing to meet all financial obligations and time commitments involved in having their daughter/son as a color guard member.
- C. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from school practices or functions where buses are not provided.
- D. It is encouraged that parents are involved and helpful throughout the year. The program is always in need of volunteers.

****This contract is subject to change at any time due to the Texas Education Agency rule changes or with approval from administration. Additions may be made if deemed necessary and approved by administration. The director may enforce other rules as they become necessary during the school year for the benefit of the organization.****



EASTWOOD COLOR GUARD CONTRACT 2022-2023

WE THE PARENTS/ GUARDIANS OF:

(LAST, FIRST)

HAVE READ AND HAVE GONE OVER THE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE REQUIRED OF MY DAUGHTER/SON AS A MEMBER OF THE EHS COLOR GUARD. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IF MY DAUGHTER/SON FAILS TO ADHERE TO ALL POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS SHE/HE IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES LISTED.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____



EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

COLOR GUARD CODE OF CONDUCT 2022-2023

I, _____, promise to uphold the ideal, tradition, and build the spirit/admiration of my school by always following:

1. Contributing in every way to make the title of “Color Guard Performer” a coveted honor.
2. Maintaining a high academic record.
3. Supporting by word and deed school policies.
4. Showing regards for all students, school personnel, and respects for all school property.
5. Attending school regularly and participating in all color guard activities.
6. Participating in other constructive and worthwhile school and community activities as long as they do not interfere with color guard responsibilities.
7. **Accepting the guidance and cooperating with the director, staff, and others.**
8. Recognizing my responsibilities to represent the character of Eastwood High School and the Ysleta Independent School District and to refrain from any conduct, which would bring criticism to the program or discredit the school.
9. Adhering to the policies and rules of Eastwood High School and the YISD Student Handbook.
10. Knowing and abiding by all color guard guidelines and policies.
11. If for any reason it becomes impossible for me to live up to provisions of this code, or any other color guard policies, I will relinquish my position in the program by a written resignation, which will be submitted to the director at the earliest opportunity.

Member Signature

Date