

## GRISSOM HIGH SCHOOL COLOR GUARD INFORMATION / PARENT PERMISSION FORM

The Color Guard is a very important part of the Grissom High School Tiger Marching Band. Members are selected by auditions held in May each year. Many of the members of Color Guard are also playing members of the band. **If you currently play an instrument in your middle school band, you are required to continue playing that instrument in a band class to be considered a color guard member. You will have 2 band classes on your schedule. Color Guard class and a Band class based upon your band audition.**

All instrument playing guard members pay the band fee of \$550\*, fee which covers uniform rental, clinicians for summer and fall rehearsals, transportation to out of town football games, competitions, etc. (plus \$25 away game meal fee and \$75 fall and \$50 spring transportation) All non instrument playing members fees are \$390\* (plus \$25 away game meal fee and \$75 fall transportation). This total fee is due at uniform fittings TBD. You may begin making payments as early as June 1st after results are posted. These fees aid in paying for buses to football games and marching contests plus away game meals. A payment plan can be set up with our treasurers. You may mail checks made out to Grissom Band or GBPA. Add your student's name to the check and state what it is for. Grissom Band Parents P.O. Box 4335 Huntsville, AL 35815

Guard members are also expected to participate in the Grissom Band Parents Association policies, which provide much of the financial support for the band program. More info about this may be found on the Band web site under By-Laws.\*\* All Guard members will be assigned a class period in which they will receive a grade.

The basic Guard uniform, flags, rifles and sabers are provided by the band parents association. Each member is required to purchase a practice flag and pike (\$28) dance/marching shoes (\$28), gloves (\$16), duffle bag (\$26) and possibly other parts of the uniform\*. Each Guard member is expected to have a 'spirit uniform' (\$75) to wear to school on game days. This uniform consists of orange shorts, black jersey and white 'Keds' tennis shoes. Seat pants (\$20) may be worn during football season when it gets cool and sometimes during parade performances in the winter. There may also be individual payments for extra uniform parts and show makeup. Performance equipment is provided by the Band Parents Association.

Guard rehearsals are a vital part of the Grissom Band experience. Attendance at ALL rehearsals is mandatory. If your summer vacation conflicts with these dates, please let the band directors know immediately via phone or email. Those that miss rehearsal are subject to being alternates during the performance season (football season).

The two summer camps are: June 5-9 & June 26-30 (M-F 8am-11am & 12:30-4pm)

There may be a few morning summer practices during June and July (Mon/Wed or Tue/Thur) from 6-8AM.

Pre-Camp is July 17-21 (8am-12pm/1:30-4pm and 6-9pm).

Band Camp is July 24-28 (8am-12pm/1:30-4pm and 6-9pm).

Preview Show for all members July 28 from 6:00-7:30pm at Milton Frank Stadium or Grissom football field.

Once school starts Guard rehearsals are Monday 6:00-9:00pm, Tuesday 6:00-8:30pm and Thursday 6:00-8:30pm. There is a 45min practice immediately after school on days when we have a HOME football game. All members of the GHS Band including Color Guard are required to attend all scheduled marching band rehearsals and events. These include football games, marching contests, parades and any other activities that are scheduled for marching band.

All Band members, including Color Guard members, must maintain good grades to tryout and participate in Band. All students should have no outstanding debt to the GBPA to be allowed to tryout. Each student must maintain a minimum numerical average of 70 and have earned 6 credits including the 4 core subjects or have met these requirements in summer school. Selection of Guard members is made by the band directors and Color Guard Instructor. This selection process is based on the student's performance, their grades, and the student's anticipated performance level. All decisions are final.

A parent/guardian meeting for all GHS Band Color Guard members will be held May 25th in the auditorium at Grissom at 6:00pm and new all band members at 7:00pm. At least one parent/guardian of each Color Guard member is needed at this meeting.

**Parent Signature Sheet**  
(due by the day of tryouts)

\*All costs are approximate; based on the 2022-2023 marching band season. Costs/fees may vary.  
Grissom Band Web Page: <http://www.grissomband.com> MyMusicOffice <https://www.mymusicoffice.com/>

Student Name (PRINT)\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE INFO AND ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND GIVE MY CHILD PERMISSION TO TRY OUT FOR THE GRISSOM HIGH SCHOOL BAND COLOR GUARD.