

**GRISSOM HIGH SCHOOL COLOR GUARD 2024-2025  
INFORMATION AND 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 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 \$700** (includes \$25 away game meal fee and \$75 fall and \$50 spring transportation). This covers uniform rental, clinicians for summer and fall rehearsals, transportation to out of town football games, competitions, etc.

**All non instrument playing members fees are \$490** (includes \$25 away game meal fee and \$75 fall transportation). The basic Guard show uniform, flags, rifles and sabers are provided by the band parents association.

Band fees are paid over the year with payment installment dates posted on the band website. A \$75 deposit that will go towards your band fees is due at the mandatory parent meeting after tryouts on **May 20 at 7pm**. If needed, an alternative payment plan can be set up with our treasurers. There are also some opportunities (such as car washes) to make money towards your band fees. You may place checks in the band room treasury box or 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.

In addition to yearly band fees above, each member is required to **make a one time purchase of approximately \$298** for spirit wear (jersey, shorts, team jacket, show accessories, etc.) and personnel equipment (marching shoes; gloves; duffle bag; practice flag and pole; equipment bag, etc.) This fee is due on June 5th during the first guard summer camp.

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 matter 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.

**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 3-7 & June 24-28** (M-F 8am-4pm with a lunch break)

There may be a few morning summer practices during June and July (Mon/ Wed or Tues/Thurs) from 9-11AM. TBD

Pre-Camp is **July 15-19** (8am-12pm/1:30-4pm and 6-9pm).

Band Camp is **July 22-26** (8am-12pm/1:30-4pm and 6-9pm). Color Guard may come in from 6-10am each day (hours will be decided as we get closer and may depend on progress made during guard camps and practices).

Preview Show for all members **July 26 from 6pm to 7pm** at band practice 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.

\*All costs are approximate; based on the 2023-2024 marching band season. Costs/fees may vary.

\*\*Grissom Band Web Page: <http://www.grissomband.com> MyMusicOffice <https://www.mymusicoffice.com/>

**Printed Student Name                      Parent Signature                      Parent phone #                      Date**

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