

COLOR GUARD COACH

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: As an assistant to the high school Band Director, the Color Guard Coach is responsible for the planning and instruction of the school marching band's auxiliary unit, the Color Guard. In addition, this position requires planning and direction of the Winter Guard program. The instructor prepares and directs the unit for independent performance and competition, as well as for performances integrated within the larger marching band.

SPECIFIC DUTIES: The Color Guard Coach will

- instruct members in fundamental and advanced dance, flag, and weapon techniques.
- work closely with the Marching Band Director and the other staff members to develop a visual program, including flag, uniform, and prop design.
- design and teach color guard routines (choreography) that effectively complement and enhance the visual and musical program, as well as fit each guard member's ability level.
- ensure the highest possible level of performance from the Color Guard members through a proper warm-up process, effective preparation, and attention to individual members.
- supervise Color Guard students, including travel, during games and competitions. Will not leave students unsupervised.
- teaches precautions and procedures to help students prevent injuries. Promptly documents all injuries.
- participate in Winter/Spring Semester program (i.e. Winter Guard/Recruiting/Performances) planning and instruction as needed.
- manage all equipment necessary, including maintenance, repair, and acquisition recommendations to ensure that the color guard is properly equipped for all rehearsals and performances.
- attend all rehearsals and performances agreed upon.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School Diploma
- Background in marching band auxiliary performance.
- Experience in the various sub groups of the guard unit (e.g. flags, rifles, sabres, dance, etc.).

- Experience in composing and choreographing routines for the various color guard units.
 - Experience working with high school aged students.
 - Background in performing with a drums corps or university marching band preferred.
 - Available for Band Camp August 7-15 (paid separately as camp staff) • Must attend all rehearsals and performances.
 - Ability to inspire students, building enthusiasm and love of the subject
 - Evidence of excellent interpersonal skills
 - Strong organizational and communication skills
 - Be prepared for prolonged and irregular hours
 - Be able to work outdoors and indoors; exposure to sun, heat, cold and inclement weather.
- Skills: Individuals should be a strong leader in the performing arts with excellent skills in performing dance, equipment (flag, saber, rifle), show design and choreography. Vision to lead and maintain a program with artistic vision and direction.

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: H.S. Band Director and Principal

HOURS PER WEEK:

1st Semester: Wednesday night rehearsals 6-8:30pm. [Schedule subject to change] Friday Afternoon rehearsals 3pm-5pm (or until football game starts)
See "Variable Hours commitment" for hours during 2nd Semester..

VARIABLE HOURS COMMITMENT:

Weekly hours required may vary with the time of year and performance schedule. Maximum can be up to 10 hours during competition season. Minimum may be zero due to off season or school holidays.

ATTENDANCE/CONFLICTS: Any conflicts or missed rehearsals must be communicated to the Band Director at least a week in advance. In the case of illness, communication must be made at least an hour before the rehearsal.