

## La Cueva High School Big Bad Bear Band Color Guard

### STUDENT – PARENT COLOR GUARD PARTICIPATION CONTRACT

As part of the La Cueva Color guard, your child is participating in what we like to call a sport of the arts. Guard is an athletic sport that incorporates the movement of equipment and dance. Being a part of this group we ask that you and your child accept these general conditions and rules in order to establish a consistent structure and base for your child to grow.

#### Philosophy

Interscholastic activities supplement and support the academic mission of the school system and assist students in their growth and development. Color guard assists in promoting the importance of teamwork, effort, goals, and commitment. Interscholastic activities are highly competitive, but winning is not the primary measure of success. Commitment, respect for participants, and dignity in the face of adversity are more important than the outcome of the contest. All students do not perform at the same level, but all can demonstrate effort, dedication, and positive attitude.

#### Student Eligibility Requirements

*Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible to participate.*

1. Students selected for color guard must pay the Big Bad Bear Band color guard participation fee, and uniform fees. Uniform fees vary each year, depending on the uniform selected that year. Uniform fees are non-refundable. Students may not participate in contests until they have paid all fees or made arrangements with the Band Booster Treasurer.
2. Students must achieve a minimum 2.0 grade point average for the most recently completed six week grading period, with no more than one failing grade. Academic eligibility is determined on the date report cards are issued, and remains until the next report card is issued.
3. If during the season a student has an unexcused absence from scheduled practice or competition, he/she may not compete in the next contest after the violation has been verified.
4. In addition to other infractions, a student may be suspended or removed from a team for unexcused absences or chronic tardiness to zero hour or practices.
5. Students must satisfy school and school system participation Standards.
6. Students and their parents must sign the Student-Parent color guard Participation Contract.

#### Uniform

*Students must meet the following uniform requirements. Failure to comply will impact daily and weekly grades.*

1. Daily practice uniform for after school practices will consist of:
  - a. Specified colored shirt and dark shorts or pants (See color schedule below). If the team cannot follow the color schedule, we will wear all black, every day.
  - b. Clothes must be loose fitting, no jeans or restrictive clothing, clothing must adequately cover body (no low cut tops, tops must completely cover stomach during movement)
  - c. Hair and bangs must be pulled back and out of face.
  - d. No jewelry
  - e. Shoes- must be laced, athletic shoes. No flip flops or slip on shoes.

**Color Schedule:** Mondays – blue/green; Tuesday – Blue; Wednesday – Purple; Thursday – White; Friday – Red; Saturday – Orange

2. Performance/Competition uniform will consist of:
  - a. Selected uniform.
  - b. Hair and make-up as coach instructs for each event.
  - c. Shoes- as selected for specific uniform.

### **Attitude**

A positive attitude, timeliness, and showing respect for team members and coaches are critical to the overall success of the band. Negative attitudes and disrespect will not be tolerated and may result in the student being sent home and receiving a zero for that rehearsal.

### **Practices**

Students will be graded for zero hour practices, after school practices, and full band rehearsals. Each student's participation is critical to the success of the entire band. Practices are mandatory. Missing a scheduled practice requires a doctor's excuse, completed absence form, or written notification from the parent with a parent phone number.

1. Come prepared (set card, clothes pins, equipment, proper uniform, knowledge of material being practiced).
2. Be on time. Timeliness demonstrates respect for yourself, the team, and your coaches.
3. No cell phones.
4. No gum, candy or food.

### **Performances**

The full band, their parents, and the staff expend time and energy all season with the end goal of putting it all on the field for football games and competitions. It is unfair to all involved to miss these events. Participation in performances is expected and will impact student grades.

1. Come prepared (in uniform, with necessary equipment, knowledge of routine being performed).
2. Be on time.
3. No cell phones.

### **Absences**

Attendance at all practices and performances are required. It is easy to fall behind when a practice is missed. If a student is absent, whether excused or unexcused, it is their responsibility to learn any changes or new choreography on their own time. These changes will NOT be taught again at the following practice.

1. An absence will be excused if the student is ill or in a family emergency. Excuses involving work, vacations, birthday parties, etc. will not be considered excused.
2. An absence will be excused if a *parent* calls or texts one of the coaches, or fills out an absence form (The absence form can be found on our website: [www.bigbadbearband.com](http://www.bigbadbearband.com)). Parent notification of an absence must be made at least half an hour before practice begins. A student notifying a captain will not be considered excused.
3. If a student has missed a practice and the absence is *excused*, the student must write a one-page paper on a topic assigned by a coach. The paper will be due on the Thursday practice following the absence. At the coaches discretion, the student may be removed from the following performance.
4. If a student has missed a practice and the absence is *unexcused*, the student will receive an automatic zero for the day. There will be no make-up assignment. And the student will be removed from the following performance.

5. If a student misses a performance and the absence is *excused*, the student must write a five-page paper on a topic assigned by a coach. The paper will be due on the Thursday practice following the absence.
6. If a student misses a performance and the absence is *unexcused*, the student will receive an automatic zero for that performance. There will be no make-up assignment.
7. **Three or more unexcused absences will result in the student being removed from the team.**

### Grading

Students do receive one elective credit for participating in color guard. They will receive a letter grade, determined by the following.

1. Weekly homework grade (10 points):
  - a. Provision of snapgrades print-out every Thursday
2. Bi-weekly choreography grade (100 points)
3. Daily Participation- zero hour (5 points/day):
  - a. Set card- 1 point
  - b. Clothes pins- 1 point
  - c. Attitude- 2 points
  - d. Timeliness 1 point
4. After school practice- guard specific and/or full band rehearsals (50 points/day)
  - a. Attitude- 20 points
  - b. Uniform- 20 points
  - c. Preparation- 10 points

Excused after school practices will require a one page written paper assigned by the coaching staff. Paper will be due the Thursday following a missed practice. Unexcused practices will result in a zero for the day.

\*\* No-shows will result in an automatic zero for the day. Advanced notice or parent notification is required.

I have read and understand the information provided.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_