

## 2010-11 Buford High School Color Guard Commitment Form

*By signing this form you agree/understand the following color guard commitments:*

**(1) BHS Color Guard requires a financial commitment.**

Band fees are \$100 and are due before the first game of the season. They may be paid any time prior to that. Payment plans can be worked out with the director. Other expenses, as spelled out in early season meetings, will be the member's responsibility. The band program purchases the basic uniform and all equipment. The uniform for the group is purchased by, and therefore is property of, the Buford High School Band. This uniform and all of its pieces will be expected to be properly cared for and maintained and then returned at the end of the season. Any equipment that is used (poms, flags, streamers, bags, seat cushions, ponchos, etc.) are also property of the band and fall under the same care instructions as the uniform. Failure to maintain or return any part of the uniform or equipment will result in financial obligations that must be paid before the end of the school year. Failure to pay said fee will result in bad financial standing with the school and loss of report card or diploma. Fund raising programs will be made available.

**(2) BHS Color Guard requires a time commitment.**

**Absences :** All rehearsals and performances are considered mandatory for participation in BHS Color Guard. Should a student be involved with another school activity which conflicts with rehearsal time, an arrangement between the advisor/coach and the student will be discussed. Students should make the director aware of any conflicts as soon as possible. **AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM A PUBLIC PERFORMANCE WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF ANY AWARDS FOR THAT CURRENT YEAR AND WILL SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE STATUS OF ANY STUDENT AS A MEMBER OF THE BUFORD COLOR GUARD. UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM REHEARSALS MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF PERFORMANCE PRIVILEGES. CHRONIC UNEXCUSED ABSENCES MAY ALSO AFFECT THE STATUS OF A STUDENT AS A MEMBER OF THE BUFORD COLOR GUARD.**

Absences from a rehearsal or performance because of work will be counted as unexcused. Schedules should be given to employers well in advance so that proper planning may take place. It is your responsibility to schedule and budget your time

Any personal conflicts with rehearsals or performances should be given in writing well in advance. All emergency absences or tardies require a written note no later than 2 school days after the occurrence if that absence/tardy is to be considered excused. Please give the band director enough information to make the correct judgment. Excessive absences and/or tardies can result in the loss of performance privileges, and even possible removal from the band program.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES**

1. Personal illness
2. Religious holidays
3. Close family wedding/funeral
4. College interviews (no other dates available)
5. Absences from school approved by the administration.

**PLEASE NOTE ALL REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE TIMES. YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN YOUR AREA, READY TO REHEARSE AT THE ASSIGNED TIME. PLAN TO ARRIVE AT THE BAND ROOM AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULED START TIME.**

**Tardies:** The only excused tardy is for a school related function. You must let your instructors and Mr. Conrath know at least two days in advance. Car issues, traffic, work, etc. are not acceptable reasons for being late. Please be considerate and call one of the instructors to let them know if you are late.

**(3) BHS Color Guard has a strict standard of group behavior and personal conduct.**

Every effort will be made to assist individuals in meeting their attendance and performance responsibilities. We expect for our members to be polite, respectful, dedicated and cooperative at all times, not only to adults in charge, but also to student leadership, as well as chaperones, parents, teachers and administrators. We also value academics and expect for our members to strive to do their best in all classes and to maintain a good grade point average and standing in their classes. If a student falls behind, they are expected to work hard to correct the lapse. However, in those situations where an individual cannot meet the director's, coordinator's, or instructor's standards, or has displayed a lack of respect or responsibility, that individual may be dismissed from a performance(s) or from the Buford Color Guard.

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**Buford Color Guard Contract  
2010-2011**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the Color Guard

Commitment requirements and grant my child, \_\_\_\_\_,

permission to participate in the 2010-11 Buford Color Guard program.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Student Signature

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Date