

# 2021-2022 Iowa Park High School Guard Information

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## **What is Guard?**

The Iowa Park Color Guard is an auxiliary unit of the IPHS Marching Band during the Fall semester (Color Guard) and is a stand-alone unit in the Spring semester (Winter Guard). The purpose of the guard is to add a visual depiction of the music being played by the band and/or recorded music, as well as to give support in additional community activities (pep rallies/parades).

## **Attendance:**

Members are required to attend and be prompt to all rehearsals and performances. Early is on time- you must come to rehearsal with enough time to get out your equipment, unfold the floor, and be stretched and ready to go. Members may be removed from Color Guard for absences from either practice or performance.

Guard is a class, so students receive grades based on class participation, outside-of-school rehearsals, and performances. We will perform at football games and competitions throughout the season on Friday nights and Saturdays. You must attend ALL games and competitions.

### ***For rehearsals, please wear the following:***

Color Guard T-shirt	No jewelry (except for studs in ears)
Athletic shorts	No gum
Hair pulled back from face	

## **Auditions**

Currently the Color Guard is a "no-cut" organization, but specific lines (i.e. rifle line) may be determined throughout the season, based on ability. Auditions may be held throughout the season to determine sections of the guard, such as dance feature, solos, etc. Members who do not pass off a performance requirement by the due date may be written out of that section of the show, may not perform the routine, and/or will assist in another capacity. The pass-off schedule will be given throughout the season depending on the needs of the guard. It is the sole decision of the directors to allow any guard member to perform at any time based on ability, attitude, or health concerns.

## **Academic and Behavior Expectations**

All IPHS Color Guard members are expected to maintain a high standard of behavior and academic achievement both on and off campus. The use or possession of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol, placement in ISS or AEP or academic ineligibility may result in dismissal from the Color Guard. Discipline issues may be cause for suspension from the Color Guard.

As stated previously, if IPHS Color Guard members become academically ineligible AT ANY TIME, they may be removed from the ensemble and will not be allowed to perform. As a member of the Color Guard, understand that academic achievement is most important. If your name appears on the UIL Ineligibility List, realize that your performance and membership position is in jeopardy. Members must plan ahead and use good time management to keep up with the busy schedule. Proper study habits are very important. However, students will not be allowed to miss rehearsal due to poor time management, as this will jeopardize the success of the entire ensemble.

In addition, SAT testing and college visits are not an excuse for missing rehearsals/performances. We recommend that you schedule your SAT testing for late November/December or late April/May.

## **Cost**

\$150 + New Member Items (Cash or check/money order made out to Iowa Park HS Band)

### **Due Dates:**

- April 26 - \$50
- May 17 - \$75
- July 30 - remaining total

\*\*\*If you break school-owned equipment, you may be financially responsible for repairing/replacing it.

### **Additional Materials (To be supplied by guard members):**

- Makeup (The instructors will let you know the specific makeup that you need)
- Mid-thigh athletic shorts/Soffe shorts
- Hair Accessories: Bobby Pins, Hairspray, clear plastic hair ties, ponytail holders
- Electrical Tape- one roll black, one roll white
- Undergarments
  - Girls- Skin-colored body tight with clear/nude bra straps
  - Guys- dance belt/compression shorts

More information will be given about specific makeup/hair accessories at a later date.

\*Cost does not include the optional band trips and additional materials for guard.

## Color Guard Summer 2021 Schedule

For a full list of dates for the Fall 2021 season, please visit the calendar on the band website:

[www.iowaparkbands.org](http://www.iowaparkbands.org)

Auditions: April 26, 27, 29 - 4pm-6pm

Color Guard Camp: May 17, 18 - 4pm-5:30pm

Full Band/Color Guard Meeting: July 30 - 8am-12pm

Band/Color Guard Parent Meeting: July 30 - 6pm-7pm

Band/Color Guard Camp: August 2-5 - 7:30am-12pm

Band/Color Guard Camp: August 9-11 - 7:30am-12pm

Band/Color Guard Camp: August 12, 16, and 17 - 6pm-9pm

First Day of School: August 19

Rehearsals will be Monday nights from 6pm-9pm during the Fall semester. Please check the band website regularly for the updated calendar. All dates and times are subject to change.

Email Mrs. Robinson ([arobinson@ipcisd.net](mailto:arobinson@ipcisd.net)) with any questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Iowa Park Fall Color Guard Order Form – 2021-2022**

*Check/Money Order/Cash made out to Iowa Park HS Band for the items below.*

**All Members are required to purchase:**

- Color Guard Shirt 2021 .....\$10
- Marching Show Shirt 2021.....\$15
- Color Guard Uniform Fall 2021 .....\$125

**New Members are required to purchase:**

- Warm-up Jacket (size \_\_\_\_\_) .....\$40
- Warm-up Pants (size\_\_\_\_\_ ) .....\$25
- Personalized Tote Bag (write first name that you would like on your bag).....\$28
- Color Guard Gloves .....\$17
- Dance Shoes .....\$37

**\*\*Returning Members:** If you need to replace any of your items, please circle it, write your size, and add it to the total cost.

<b>Total.....\$_____</b>
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**\$50 - Due April 26, 2021**

**\$75 - Due May 17, 2021**

**Remainder of Total - Due July 26, 2021**

***Purchase the following on your own by August 19:***

- Body Tight, Skin Color (shoulder to toe coverage) – Approximately \$10-\$20  
-Can be ordered from Amazon, Walmart, or a dance supply store.
- Soffe Authentic Classic Shorts, Black (or other plain black athletic shorts- mid thigh or longer) – Approximately \$10  
-Can be purchased from Kohl's, Walmart, Amazon, or other clothing company
- 1 Roll each of black and white electrical tape - Approximately \$4 each  
-Can be purchased from Walmart, Amazon, Home Depot, or Lowes

# Iowa Park High School Guard Contract 2021-2022

I, \_\_\_\_\_ will be participating in the 2021/2022 Iowa Park High School Color Guard.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am expected to attend and participate in every rehearsal and performance, as outlined in the information packet.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I must be punctual to all rehearsals and performances. Tardiness is unacceptable- I accept responsibility for the consequences of being late.

\_\_\_\_\_ As a performer, I understand that my academic achievement is most important. If my name appears on the UIL Ineligibility List, I realize that my performance and membership position may be permanently in jeopardy.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the Color Guard can only be successful given the work ethic and attitude of its members. I agree to arrive ready to work with a positive attitude at all times.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that unkind and disrespectful behavior towards members of the Color Guard and directors WILL NOT be tolerated. If this type of behavior occurs, I will accept the consequences for these actions.

\_\_\_\_\_ As a member/performer, I understand that I am representing the group at all times, even when not with the group, and that I must maintain the highest level of professionalism. Unacceptable behavior, inappropriate attire, and non-conventional body piercings are not allowed. All rules and expectations in the IPHS Student Handbook apply at all times.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I must adhere to the Iowa Park High School student code of conduct both on and off campus. Failure to do so may be grounds for immediate dismissal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I accept the financial responsibility of becoming a member of the Color Guard, in which I will pay the cost in a timely manner, as outlined in the information packet.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the parent/guardian of the student named above, also understand the procedures for participation in the IPHS Guard and will ensure that my son/daughter meets his/her obligations and requirements.

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

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

Return to Mrs. Robinson by **April 26, 2021** with your first payment.  
Cash, checks, and money orders made out to Iowa Park HS Band are accepted.