

CONSTITUTION FOR THE MUSTANG BAND & GUARD

Article I.

The group shall be known as the Mustang Band & Guard , comprised of Jazz Ensemble I and II, Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Colorguard, and all other performing groups.

Article II.

The group, through its organization and members, shall endeavor to accomplish the following:

- A. Develop leadership
- B. Develop character, good citizenship, and good sportsmanship.
- C. Encourage social and recreational activities.
- D. Participate in half-time activities at football games, or at other athletic events, school functions, and assemblies.
- E. Participate in competitions and festivals.
- F. Participate in community events.

Article III. Membership:

1. The organization shall consists of students in grades 9-12 who have satisfactorily passed all requirements and who are in good standing.
2. A student may become a member only after the following entrance requirements have been satisfactorily been met:
 - A. Must be enrolled at Yorba Linda High School.
 - B. Must have at least a 2.0 grade point average.
 - C. Must be enrolled in PE Band (0-period) and one other band/colorguard class.
3. A member may be suspended or expelled for the organization or group for any of the following:
 - A. Failing to comply with school rules
 - B. Non-participation
 - C. Excessive absences or tardies (see school policies)
 - D. Failure to maintain a 2.0gpa.
 - E. Un-excused absence from a performance or event.
 - F. Foul language
 - G. Disrespectful conduct directed towards directors or other staff members.
 - H. Activities that reflect negatively upon the group or Yorba Linda High School.
 - I. Using any type of alcohol or drugs. (see school policy)

Article IV. Attendance related to performance and practices:

1. If un-excused absences become excessive, a member may be removed from the organization.
2. A member may not perform if absent for the final practice before a performance.

Exceptions may be made only if the director is notified in advance. If absent Friday, the member may not take part in a Saturday performance. Members are expected to attend school the day of a performance. Ineligible members are still required to attend performances.

Article V. Practices and Performances:

1. A member who does not know a routine or music well enough will need to attend a practice under the supervision of their section leader, captain, or designee of the director.
2. Additional practices may be called by the director.
3. A member may be suspended from the performance for the following reasons:
 - A. Missing too many practices prior to the performance.
 - B. Not knowing material well enough to perform.
 - C. Failure to bring any part of the uniform on the day of the event.
5. All members must report the band room at the time designated by the directors.
6. All members are expected to ride to and from events with the organization. Special permission to return with parents may be granted only by the directors. The directors must see the parent before granting permission for member to leave.

7. There will be inspection before each performance. Band Council will check the following:

- A. No jewelry is permitted.
 - B. Colorguard make-up must be worn as demonstrated by the instructor.
 - C. Hair pieces must be neat and clean.
 - D. Gum chewing, eating and drinking in uniform is prohibited!
 - E. Nail polish may not be worn.
 - F. Clean whites and gloves
 - G. Males must be clean cut.
8. No public display of affection (PDA) is permitted while representing the organization. Members will sit together at football and competitions in the area designated by the director.

Article VI. Section leaders shall:

- A. Be selected by the director
- B. Be responsible for inspiring the members of their section, and for setting a positive example for all members of the Mustang Band & Guard .
- C. Cooperate at all times with the drum major and the directors.
- D. Be responsible for communicating messages from the director and arranging practice times for absent section members.
- E. A section leader who does not perform satisfactorily may be removed at the discretion of the director.
- F. During competition season, section leaders will hold at least one after school practice per week.
- G. If there are any problems with section members during practice, they shall be reported to the directors.

Article VII. Captains shall:

- A. Be appointed in the spring by the director based on tryout scores, interviews, and teacher evaluations.
- B. Colorguard captains will be announced at the annual awards banquet.
- C. Be expected to set high standards for the YLHS Colorguard. (academic, behavior in and out of school, honesty, appearance, sportsmanship and good grooming)
- D. The director may remove the captain from their position if the captain fails to set high standards for the team, or does not follow through with assigned responsibilities.
- E. Assist in enforcing the standards of the team.
- F. Assist in morning warm-ups and technique.
- G. Take charge of the team when the directors/instructor is not present.

Article VIII. The Drum Major shall:

- A. Be appointed in the spring by the director based upon tryout scores and interview evaluations.
- B. The Drum Major will be announced at the annual awards banquet.
- C. Be expected to set high standards for the Mustang Band & Guard , show leadership, and help others.
- D. Assist in warm-ups.
- E. Handle any discipline problem a section leader has with a student.
- F. Take charge of the band when the directors are not present.

Article IX. The Directors shall:

- A. Attend all functions unless he or she has made other arrangements.
- B. Inform members of all school rules that affect the group.
- C. Clear and approve all activities.
- D. Make the final decision on all matter that affect the team; including but not limited to, discipline of group members.
- E. Assume responsibility for training the captains and section leaders.
- F. Establish other rules and procedures as required.

Article X.

Amendments to the constitution must be approved by the director and the Principal.