**Irondale High School Winter Guard Commitment Contract**

**School – Fall of 2022 (please check one)**

**Irondale H.S.  Mounds View H.S.  St. Anthony H.S.  Chippewa M.S.  Highview M.S.  Edgewood M.S.**

Winter Guard is a co-curricular activity. Since winter guard is not a required activity, students who choose to participate must commit to being on time to ALL rehearsals and performances. This will mean rearranging work schedules, other activities, etc. Parents must ensure that students will be on time to all rehearsals and performances. Unlike sports teams, there is no way of substituting for players who do not attend or do not perform up to standard. Failure to participate is detrimental to the organization.

1. **Schedule**

I have received the schedule of activities for the year, and I make the commitment to attend all rehearsals, performances, camps, fundraising events, etc.

1. **Preparation**

I make the commitment to come to all rehearsals fully prepared with my equipment in good working order, wearing appropriate clothes to dance and move around in, water, etc.

1. **Financial Commitment**

I understand the financial commitment for winter guard. This covers the cost of camps, instruction, show design, performance uniform, meals, travel, and more.

1. **Attendance**

I understand that attendance is mandatory for all rehearsals and performances unless prior arrangements have been negotiated with the Color Guard Coordinator (Michelle) or the Band Director (Dr. L). The color guard coordinator/band director may make individual exceptions based on specific circumstances. I further understand that if I miss a rehearsal, I must make up the time and the material that was covered in the rehearsal in order to be eligible to participate in the next performance. I must fill out an Absence Request Form (ARF) **at least two weeks in advance** to be excused from a rehearsal or performance. I have read, understand, and agree to the attendance policy below:

**Attendance Definitions:**

**Excused Absence**: illness, death in the family

**Unexcused Absence**: work, homework, no ride, sleeping, etc.

2 unexcused absences will result in removal from the marching band.

2 unexcused tardies will result in 1 unexcused absence.

One absence from rehearsal may result in suspension form the marching band for the next performance. These factors will be taken into consideration:

***What was the reason for the absence?***

***Was the work learned outside of practice and then prepared for the next rehearsal?***

***Is the ensemble member able to do all the work needed for the performance?***

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**Student Contract:**

I agree to the conditions stated in this contract. I agree that, should my attendance or behavior jeopardize the success of the group, the band director has the right to withdraw me from the Irondale High School Winter Guard.

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Student Signature Date

**Parent / Guardian Contract:**

I support the commitment that my student has made to the Irondale High School Winter Guard. I understand that this includes a responsibility on my part to ensure that my student attends every rehearsal and performance. I will also take an active part in guiding my student’s time management to guarantee that this commitment is fulfilled.

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Parent / Guardian Signature Date