

**HEWITT-TRUSSVILLE  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**BAND  
AUXILIARY  
CONSTITUTION**

## PHILOSOPHY

The Highstepper and Color Guard auxiliaries at Hewitt-Trussville High School are subsidiaries of the Hewitt-Trussville High Marching Band. As a part of the organization, a member is in a position of honor and leadership. Members shall maintain a high standard of moral character and social conduct at all times. Members will not use the band as a means for personal glorification, but rather work with fellow band members toward a common and mutual goal of excellence.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Selection of group leaders, head, and/or captain, etc., will be made by the band directors and sponsor with the approval of the principal.

## AUXILIARY BYLAWS

### **ARTICLE I: PREREQUISITE FOR MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Candidates:**

1. Must be a student at Hewitt-Trussville High School entering the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade by the start of the school year.
2. Must fill out an application that has been signed by parent and student.
3. Must try out again even if student has been a member the previous year.
4. Must attend all training sessions prior to tryouts unless excused by sponsor, band director, or principal. Any checking in or checking out during the week of clinic must be pre-approved with band director or sponsor and verified by principal.
5. Must have demonstrated satisfactory conduct as defined by HTHS policy throughout the semester in which tryouts are held.
6. Each auxiliary member and/or parent is responsible for all costs for uniforms. Costs for uniforms and summer camp may range from \$500.00 to \$2,000.00. Half payment for uniforms and/or equipment must be made before said items will be ordered. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN ON UNIFORMS AND/OR EQUIPMENT ONCE THEY ARE ORDERED!!!!!!**
7. Members are not allowed to have tattoos that are visible while wearing the Color Guard or Highstepper uniform.
8. During marching season, in order to achieve a uniform appearance, students must maintain a color of hair that is naturally occurring among humans.
9. Members may be asked to remove any jewelry that is not required as part of the uniform. Noncompliance could result in being dismissed from Color Guard or Highsteppers.

## ARTICLE II: CONDUCT

1. An auxiliary member **MUST**:
  1. Follow all school rules as defined in the Hewitt-Trussville High School Code of Conduct.
  2. Exhibit good sportsmanship.
  3. Cooperate with and show respect for the band director, sponsor, and leaders.
  4. Be respectful to teachers and school administrators.
  5. Not display undesirable emotions (such as rage or anger).
  6. Not publicly display affection
  7. Be honest and truthful at all times.
  8. Conduct oneself appropriately in the classroom and as an auxiliary member while engaged in activities with the band.
  9. Be a good example for peers.
2. Offenses classified as Class III in the Hewitt-Trussville High School Code of Conduct will result in removal from the squad. Class II offenses may result in the dismissal from the squad or other disciplinary action as determined by the administration.
3. An auxiliary member can be dismissed from the squad due to improper conduct as determined by the principal, sponsor, and band director.
4. All auxiliary members will comply with the TCBOE policy on student drug testing.

## ARTICLE III: PERFORMANCE

1. Auxiliary members must commit to the entire school year for which they audition. This includes marching season for color guard and Highsteppers, basketball season for Highsteppers, parades and may include dance competitions. All band auxiliary members must participate in all functions unless excused by the band director.
2. Unexcused failure to attend a band event or an auxiliary function will result in demerits or possible dismissal from the squad. Exceptions shall be approved by the band director and administration.
3. Failure to attend any practice without a doctor's excuse or receiving band director's permission prior to absence will result in not being able to perform at a football game and/or marching competition.
4. Failure to attend a Thursday practice **for any reason** without receiving band director's permission prior to absence will result in not being able to perform at a football game and/or marching competition.
5. All band auxiliary members will ride to and from events on the bus. No one will be allowed to sign off unless given permission specifically by the band director and verified by the principal.
6. Auxiliary members must sit together at football games at a location indicated by the band director and must not move around or change seats unnecessarily.
7. No visiting or sitting with family or friends at performances will be allowed except during the third quarter break of home football games. Exceptions may be made by the band director.
8. A member who misses two rehearsals during the week or who is suspended for demerits will not perform. However, the member must attend the performance dressed in attire identifying them as an auxiliary member.
9. Restroom visits should be avoided except in extreme emergencies.
10. **WORK IS NOT AN EXCUSED ABSENCE AND CAN RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM THE SQUAD!!!**  
**AN AUXILIARY MEMBER MAY WORK IF THE JOB DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH PRACTICE OR PERFORMANCE!!!!**
11. An auxiliary member must **BE ON TIME** to all practices and performances.
12. A member must not have food in the stands.

## ARTICLE V: REHEARSALS

1. Practices may start after tryouts are completed.
2. Each Highstepper and Color Guard member must attend all summer camps and orientations planned for the combined or individual squads. The time and location of each camp or clinic will be decided by the sponsors and band directors. Failure to attend may result in benched performances or dismissal from the squad.
3. Mandatory band practice will be held Monday through Thursday after school.
4. The sponsor, head, and band director will decide when additional practices will be held. The sponsor and band director will have the final word.
5. **Highstepper and Color Guard practice takes priority over ALL other activities!!!!**

## ARTICLE V: UNIFORMS

1. Design and selection of the uniforms will be made by the sponsor, band director, principal, and leaders. Final approval will be from the sponsors, band director, and principal.
2. All uniforms will be purchased by the individual member. See Article I, paragraph 6.
3. Cold weather gear, t-shirt, shorts, two uniforms and other needed equipment, which will be approved by the band director and sponsor, will be purchased by the individual member.
4. All uniforms parts will be neat and clean for every performance.
5. Uniforms shall be worn properly at all times. No jewelry except that designated by the sponsor or band director will be worn while in uniform.
6. Uniforms shall be worn for all games, pep rallies, and performances as predetermined by the band directors. **NO UNIFORMS SHOULD BE WORN AWAY FROM ANY BAND EVENT!!!**
7. No chewing gum or food will be allowed while in uniform in the stands.
8. **Absolutely no alterations are to be made to uniforms without permission of the sponsor and band director.**

## ARTICLE VI: DEMERIT SYSTEM

Demerits shall be given for the infractions listed below. In addition to these infractions, demerits may also be given for other conduct determined unacceptable by the sponsor, band director, or administration. The demerit system will be effective and will accumulate from tryout to tryout. Each member will be expected to maintain the proper attitude and accept the sponsor's decision. **THE SPONSOR, BAND DIRECTOR, AND PRINCIPAL SHALL HAVE THE FINAL WORD IN DETERMINING CONDUCT THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR BAND AUXILIARY MEMBERS.**

INFRACTION	DEMERITS
Failure to accept constructive criticism	1
Failure to meet deadlines (money, forms, etc.)	1
Arriving late to practice or performance	1
Eating, drinking, gum-chewing at any performance	1

Missed practice without an approved excuse	5
Improper display of affection	2
Fighting or causing dissension among squad	5
Incorrect attire at any event (cannot perform)	5
Using profanity at any time when representing school	3
Unsportsmanlike conduct (determined by sponsor)	5
Failure to attend practice with proper equipment (poles, props, etc.)	2
Not passing off routines within given deadlines	5
Failure to attend performance with proper equipment	5
Any infraction of constitution not otherwise stated	*
*as determined by sponsor and/or band director	

After 5 demerits, student is suspended for 1 event. After 10 demerits, student is suspended for 2 events. After 15 demerits, the student may be dismissed for the remainder of the performance year, as determined by the sponsor, band director, and administration. The student will initial a form indicating demerits received; this form will be kept by the sponsor. The student is responsible for keeping a record of the demerits received, and this number may be verified by the sponsor. Suspension and dismissal from the squad will be determined by the sponsor, band director, and principal.

#### **ARTICLE VII: AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES AND PARTIES**

Any after school Band Auxiliary activities or parties which take place away from Hewitt-Trussville High must fall under the following guidelines:

- 1) It must be pre-approved by the Band Directors and/or Sponsors.
- 2) It will be supervised and be designated as a HTHS Band Auxiliary function.
- 3) If not pre-approved then the activity or party is not the responsibility of the band directors, sponsors, and/or school, and will not be designated as a HTHS Band Auxiliary function.
- 4) If it is not pre-approved and designated as a Band Auxiliary function, it is not a required function by any member

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BAND AUXILIARY PARENTAL CONSENT FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_ (student's name) has permission to try out for a band auxiliary. I have read the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band Auxiliary Constitution and the Hewitt-Trussville High School Auxiliary Tryout Handbook. I accept all rules and obligations. If my child is selected as a member of the Hewitt-Trussville High School Auxiliaries, I understand that failure to follow the rules and regulations or meet the obligations of the band auxiliary constitution will mean suspension/dismissal from the squad. I understand that the school and sponsors assume no financial obligations due to expenses or uniforms. I also understand that beyond exercising diligence and taking all precautionary measures, Hewitt-Trussville High School, the auxiliary sponsors, and band directors can assume no responsibility for injury to the auxiliary member. I will provide transportation for my child to all auxiliary activities if needed. If my child is selected, I will purchase school insurance or cover my child on my policy. I will see that my child attends summer camp and all practices as well as participates in all fundraising projects and activities. I will encourage my child to be the type of student that will represent Hewitt-Trussville High School honorably.

Signature of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_