

## **Color Guard Director**

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Lawrence Township has a long history of fielding successful color guards. In recent years, Lawrence North High School and Lawrence Central High School have combined students to form both the marching band and winter guard. The program is looking to expand in both size and scope to include middle school feeder groups and a larger membership at the high school level.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Work within the guidelines of the MSD of Lawrence Township
- Report Directly to the LC and/or LN Directors of Bands
- Administer the marching band color guard, winter guard(s) and middle school cadet guard(s)
- Assemble, coordinate and manage the staff for the marching band color guard, the winter guard(s) and the middle school cadet guard(s)
- Develop a yearly budget within the confines of the overall marching band budget
- Develop a professional and cooperative working relationship with the administration of all MSDLT schools in which you work
- Be responsible for the entire inventory of costumes, flags, and equipment
- Regularly and enthusiastically communicate clearly with parents and students in an appropriate, timely and frequent manner
- Administer, acquire and/or create the visual design and choreography of the competitive marching band color guard, winter guard(s) and cadet guard(s)
- Communicate with vendors and designers that supply costumes, flags, repertoire, choreography concepts, and/or props early, frequently, and in a timely manner
- Attend, administer, plan, and instruct all color guard class(es) scheduled during the school day
- Attend, help plan, and instruct all daily rehearsals and sectionals after and/or before school
- Teach dance, flags and weapons (rifle, sabre) to include daily stretching, physical training, technique as well as teaching, reinforcing, adjusting (as needed) and cleaning show repertoire
- Costume and equip the color guard and winter guard(s) within the confines of the budget
- Collaborate with director, staff and design team on show design and implementation of visual ideas
- Coordinate, design, schedule, and implement winter guard program
- Coordinate, design, schedule, and implement middle school cadet guard program
- Maintain high expectations of behavior, rehearsal, and performance
- Attend all football games and competition events per schedule
- Chaperone and supervise students
- Must be well versed and aware of the appropriate level of technique, competitive design, and expectations of successful ISSMA, BOA, IHSCGA and WGI groups
- Actively and enthusiastically recruit for the middle school guard(s) and the high school guard(s)
- Work patiently, but assertively, with athletic directors to coordinate gym time at both the high schools and middle schools
- Develop, foster and maintain a positive learning environment, morale and culture amongst the members of the guard program