

Blue Diamonds Auxiliary Tryouts

2023-2024

South Gwinnett High School Band of Stars

Coach & Choreographer - Ms. Chelsea Warren

Director of Bands - Mr. Marquell Oates

Dear Students and Parents,

We are excited to announce that it is time for Blue Diamonds Auxiliary try-outs for the 2023-2024 school year. We are looking for hard-working, self-motivated individuals with great attitudes who are dedicated to helping us create another unforgettable year with the South Gwinnett High School Band of Stars. We would love for you to be a part of our success. Please read through this entire packet carefully. Once you have read the packet fill out all of the forms included and bring them with you to the first day of auditions.

This packet includes all information needed to try out for the auxiliary. These tryouts consist of Dance and Flag maneuvers. All information in this packet must be typed or clearly written in blue or black ink.

Auxiliaries Tryouts/Clinic:

Clinic Date/Time: Monday March 6th – Thursday March 9th, 2023 2:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.

Try-Out Date: Friday March 10th, 2023 2:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Attendance is required at all clinic sessions and try-outs. If a SCHOOL function conflicts with any of these times, written notice must be submitted in advance and approved by the Director. This includes any late arrival or early dismissal.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing you at the tryout clinic. If you have any questions, you may contact me by email.

Best Regards,

M. Oates

Director of Bands

South Gwinnett High School

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Auxiliary General Expectations

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased that your child is interested in participating as an auxiliary member in the South Gwinnett High School Band. If your child is selected, there are expectations and obligations associated with membership that you must be aware of prior to try-outs.

1. Members must be in accordance with all rules set forth by the GCPS school district, South Gwinnett High School and the band staff. All members must sign the attached Behavior Contract.
2. Grade and Discipline records will be checked before selection and factor into each candidate's eligibility. They also may impact performance status during the season.
3. Personal Appearance and Grooming Policies are in effect for the entire Band Program. Hair color, jewelry, nails etc. should all be uniform when in performance. Because of the visual aspect of the auxiliary's performance, additional dress code and grooming requirements may be implemented for members beyond the published policy for the full band.
4. **Members are expected to participate in all performances and practices. This includes practices outside of the school day and camps scheduled over the summer. The season starts once you are picked.**
5. The member is aware that selection does not guarantee a spot in every performance throughout the year. Alternates will be chosen for each performance. In addition, if a qualified alternate is not available to fill an open spot it will remain empty for a performance. **Alternate status is determined by attendance and/or a student's ability to perform the show material in context.** (i.e. – marching drill while twirling or equipment work.)
8. There are costs associated with membership for which each member is accountable. An outline of costs is included in this packet. Fundraisers will be available to help pay these costs. (Note: Some students have paid for their participation through these fundraising opportunities.)

The mandatory attire for the workshop is as follows: NO EXCEPTIONS

Practice Attire: Plain black t-shirt & black leggings, black undergarments, black sneakers, black jazz shoes or black socks

Tryout Attire: Plain WHITE t-shirt & black leggings, black undergarments, black sneakers, black jazz shoes or black socks

Hair should be up and pulled back from the face.

Blue Diamonds Auxiliary Candidate Application and Information 2023-2024 Try-Outs

(Please print or type all information clearly!)

Name: _____ Current Grade Level _____ GPA _____

Student E-mail address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent Contact Number: _____

Parent E-mail address _____

Please list any school activities that conflict with the clinic or tryout schedule:

Please list any medical issues that we should be aware of:


Please list any other Extracurricular Activities:

Why are you interested in being a part of this auxiliary team?

List previous dance experience. Include location, years involved, type of dance, and any titles or positions held. Any experience baton twirling?

A \$300 deposit of dues is due from ALL members picked, new and returning, by the start of band camp Monday April 17th, 2023. The remainder of dues can be paid in monthly installments or in full no later Monday August 7th, 2023. Students can sell tickets to the Spring Band Showcase to offset the balance after the initial deposit. Dues can be paid on the band’s website southgwinnettband.com . Uniforms and other essential items will not be purchased until dues are paid. Lack of dues paid will affect student’s ability to participate.

New Members Cost Layout



BLUE DIAMONDS

Shoes	
Jazz Boots 1	\$35
Jazz Boots 2	\$35
Practice Sneakers	\$20
Performance Sneakers	\$48

Practice Attire	
T Shirt (3)	\$45
Leggings (2)	\$30
Shorts (2)	\$24
Warmup	\$80

Uniform	
Tights - 6 Pair	\$60
Shorts - 3 pair	\$60
Leotards - 4	\$120
Majorette Uniform	\$
Performance Leggings - 2	\$45
Pink Out Sweatshirt	\$30
Diamond Sweatshirt	\$30
Cape	\$30
Gloves (3)	\$21

Special Items	
Garment Bag	\$5
Makeup Bag	\$5
Polo	\$20
Duffle Bag	\$50
Guest Choreographers	\$40
Director Choreographer	\$50

TOTAL : \$900

Hairstyles to financially prepare for + approx. cost...			
Bun	\$15	Sleek Curly Ponytail	\$30
Braided Ponytail	\$15	Straight Middle Part -22"	\$75
Half Up Half Down	\$50		
Sleek Straight Ponytail	\$30		

- Hairstyles will be assigned to specific games upon receiving the 2023 football game schedule
- Prices listed are only approximate and can vary based on quality of hair, stylist, etc.

Returning Blue Diamonds Cost Layout

RETURNING BLUE DIAMONDS



Shoes

Practice Sneakers	\$20
Performance Sneakers	\$48

Practice Attire

T Shirt (3)	\$45
Leggings (2)	\$30
Shorts (2)	\$24
Warmup	\$80

Uniform

Tights - 6 Pair	\$60
New Leotard (2)	\$60
Majorette Uniform	\$
Pink Out Sweatshirt	\$30
Diamond Sweatshirt	\$30
Cape	\$30

Special Items

Duffle Bag	\$50
Guest Choreographers	\$40
Director Choreographer	\$50

TOTAL : \$597

Hairstyles to financially prepare for + approx. cost...

Bun	\$15	Sleek Curly Ponytail	\$30
Braided Ponytail	\$15	Straight Middle Part -22"	\$75
Half Up Half Down	\$50		
Sleek Straight Ponytail	\$30		

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Auxiliary Membership/Behavior Contract

2023-2024 School Year

Members of the South Gwinnett High School Band Program are held to a high standard of conduct. In addition to their personal responsibility, they also represent both the school and the community. All Band activities are considered school functions. I understand that any violation of the Student Code of Conduct resulting in a Discipline Referral may result in suspension from all Band performances for an indeterminate length of time and possible dismissal from the performing group.

These offenses include but are not limited to: Truancy/Skipping, Inappropriate Clothing, Off-Limits, Tardiness, GSC/Cell Phone/Electronics, Bus Infraction, Fighting, Disruptive Behavior, Disrespectful, Willful Disobedience, Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco, Extortion, Profanity, Stealing, and Plagiarism/Cheating.

I/we have read the information for membership in the Blue Diamond Auxiliaries. This includes the Behavior Contract above and:

- ❖ Auxiliary General Expectations
- ❖ Auxiliary Specific Information regarding:

Clinic and Tryouts

Financial Obligations

I/we are aware of the Band Rehearsal/Performance Attendance & Grading Policy, and the Personal Appearance and Grooming Policies for performances.

I/we agree to the terms of the tryouts and will abide by all band and auxiliaries policies.

Please Print

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director Signature: _____ Date: _____