

Colorguard FAQ

What is colorguard?

Colorguard is an organization affiliated with the marching band that uses flags, sabres, rifles, dance, and other props. The colorguard brings the marching band show to life by bringing color and entertainment to the marching field. Colorguard is often called the sport of the arts.

What is Winterguard?

Winterguard is indoor colorguard without the band from December until the end of March. The winterguard shows are performed to recorded music in a gym. Each group has its own tarp or back drop and unique flags and costumes. Winterguard season is even more dance intensive than the Fall. Because we are indoors we can showcase more impressive skills.

Do I need any dance or equipment experience to be a member of the LHS Colorguard?

No dance or equipment experience is necessary prior to the audition. While prior dance experience is helpful, it is not a requirement for the audition. Learning ballet, jazz and modern dance technique is part of your ongoing training.

I did not register for Colorguard. Can I still audition?

Yes, absolutely! Come to the audition clinics. If you earn a spot on the team you will automatically be placed into the colorguard class which is 4th/8th period for the Fall and Spring Semester. This will count as a PE credit.

Can I take other electives in addition to colorguard?

Yes, we have students that participate in sports, choir and band. It is important to plan and commit in order to avoid conflicts. We will always work with you when there are scheduling conflicts between the two activities as long as you communicate with us!

Are colorguard members eligible for any college scholarships?

Yes! Some colleges and universities will offer scholarships to students that participate in college marching band. In addition, the North Texas Colorguard Association and Winterguard International offer numerous scholarships each year. In fact, one of our seniors this year was awarded the North Texas Colorguard Association scholarship! Depending on what college you choose, you can apply for other scholarships besides colorguard. These scholarships often require teacher recommendations. We will always be happy to help you with this since we will know you best!

How important are my grades?

It will be extremely important for every member to keep up their grades. UIL rules state that if you fail any class you will not be able to perform or travel with us. This not only hurts you, it hurts the entire team.

Why do we practice during the summer?

Our season is the same as football, September to November. Like every other sport, colorguard has a pre-season. Our pre-season is during the summer. We must get properly trained and learn our show before school starts. This will ensure a successful season. We will have a short camp in June and in July as well as summer band with the entire band in August.

How much of a time commitment is marching band when school starts?

School days – Everyday we will rehearse during 4th/8th period. Then, after school we will rehearse with the marching band.

Football Games - Starting in September, there will be football games every Friday night. We will perform our contest show at half-time. We will also help the band cheer on our football team! Friday night football games are one of the greatest memories a colorguard member has.

Contest - The marching band will attend a few scheduled contests throughout the season. There are a number of all-day Saturday contests. More information will be given as soon as it becomes available.