
Knoch High Colorguard Constitution



Color Guard

This "Colorguard Constitution" explains the policies, rules, regulations, guidelines and requirements for the Knoch High School Colorguard. It is to be followed in accordance with the Knoch High School Student Handbook and Marching Band Constitution. This extra/co-curricular activity reflects the morals and values of the school district, and members of the team assume a role of leadership setting an example of good character, enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and dedication. This responsibility rests on every member and the actions of one reflect on the entire group. Being a member of this team is an earned privilege, NOT a right. Selected members can be removed if not abiding these documents. The Colorguard Advisor, Band Director and Athletic Director reserve the right to take necessary action in order to accommodate any unanticipated circumstances.

This document may be revised as needed by the Colorguard Advisor, Band Director, and/or school administration without prior notice.

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Eligibility

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Any Knoch school student entering grades 7-12 in the fall are eligible to participate.

All students are required to participate in the try-out process each year to be evaluated.

****NOTE: Prior membership does NOT guarantee a position on the team****

Due to the physical nature of Colorguard, each candidate should be in good physical condition in order to having the ability to fully participate.

All students must adhere to the rules and guidelines for extracurricular/co-curricular activity as stated in the School District's current "KNOCH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK" and the "KNOCH HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND CONSTITUTION".



Commitments

Attendance & Tardiness

Team members are expected to abide by the following:

- Attend all rehearsals, practices, meetings and performances in their entirety.
- Arrive promptly to all rehearsals, practices, meetings and performances.
- Be dressed and prepared to practice and perform.
- Contact the Color Guard Advisor regarding ANY absences PRIOR to absence. *see “Excused/Unexcused/Tardy” section for further information.

Practices & Rehearsals

Summer Practices, Mini Camp and Band Camp.

- Mini Camp/Summer Rehearsals are typically held in the evenings during July, its purpose is to start early on learning basics, so band camp runs smoothly and is less stressful and may also serve as a time to learn parade and pre-game routines.
- Mini-Camp Attendance is mandatory, and demerits will apply to those not in attendance.
- Band Camp is MANDATORY and students not in attendance will receive demerits per day missed. Failure to attend band camp can hinder your ability to perform and may result in “benching/performance suspension”. Camp is typically the first full 2 weeks of August but is scheduled according to the beginning of the school year. Dates will be chosen by the Band Director and are communicated in writing to each student PRIOR to tryouts.
- After school practices during the school year are typically every Monday & Wednesday from 3:00pm – 5:00pm during football season.

As necessary, the Colorguard Advisor and/or Band Director may schedule additional rehearsals. These additional rehearsals will be announced and communicated in advance as well as any changes that may occur during the regular schedule.

Performances

Parades & Festivals

The Knoch High Marching Band performs in many parades and festivals throughout the community during the year. These performances have included but are not limited to:

- Saxonburg Community Parades
- Kennywood's Fall Fantasy Parade
- Knoch Pie Festival
- KHS Homecoming Parade
- Butler Band Festival
- Saxonburg Light-up Night Parade
- Pittsburgh's Celebrate the Season Holiday Parade
- Butler's Veterans Day Parade
- Saxonburg's Memorial Day Parade
- The marching band also attends and participates at other festivals at the Band Director's discretion. Attendance is mandatory.

Football Games

The Marching Band attends and performs at all Knoch High Varsity football games. Including all away games. Transportation is provided by the school district to all members of the marching band. This means that everyone rides the bus, to and from, the games together. Bus assignments are done at the beginning of each season and students, chaperones and staff will ride their assigned bus for the duration of the season. In the event the football team makes the playoffs, the marching season is extended, and the marching band will attend and perform at each playoff game.

Winter Indoor Performance

The Colorguard may have the opportunity to perform at one basketball half-time show, during a home game or at another indoor event during the winter months. Related practices are mandatory to those participating. If participating, these practices and the performance will be part of the Colorguard's season.

Other Extra/Co-Curricular Activities

Colorguard members are permitted to participate in other activities in the school district. However, the following must be met:

- ↪ The other activity does NOT hinder your attendance to ANY performances & contests.
- ↪ The other activities director/coach allows you to split your practice time equally between school activities as per the district policy.
- ↪ Colorguard members are NOT permitted to miss more than HALF of any practice for another activity with the exception of games and performances.

*These are put into place so each Colorguard member is prepared to perform all of their shows and material required making sure they are not overwhelmed. If a member does not feel able to do so, it is best for them and the teams involved that they choose between the activities.

Mandatory Meetings & Practices

If a member does NOT attend these “MANDATORY” events, students will NOT be permitted to perform at the upcoming performance. These include but NOT limited to:

- ↪ ALL Wednesday practices before Football games
- ↪ Last practice before a parade
- ↪ ANY practice/meeting deemed “mandatory” by the Colorguard Advisor or Band Director

*The only exceptions acceptable are due to other SCHOOL APPROVED activity in which you are ACTIVELY involved.

Financials

Uniform:

The school supplies each member with a uniform & gauntlets, however, each Colorguard member is required to purchase the following pieces as part of their uniform:

- Hair accessory (Females Only)
- Performance Shoes
- White Long-Sleeved Under Armor Type Mock Turtleneck
- Performance Make-Up (Females only)
- Colorguard Gloves (Rifle line requirement, optional for silk line)
- Nude Dance Tights (Females only)

Practice Wear

Each member is required to purchase the following for pep-rallies & special events:

- Auxiliary / Team T-Shirts (typically 2)
- Plain Navy Shorts

Warm-Up Suit

Each member is responsible for purchasing a Colorguard Warm-Up Suit through the Colorguard Advisor or an outgoing member of the colorguard. This is required to keep each member warm throughout the colder months of the football season and at special events throughout the year. This is a personal purchase and will be kept by the student after they have completed their time with the Colorguard. If the suit is in good condition, the student may sell their suit to any new or incoming member.

Fundraising

To help alleviate some of the costs associated with participating in Colorguard and marching band, fundraisers will be made available to everyone on the team. The Knoch High School Marching Band Booster Organization has both mandatory and voluntary fundraisers to cover the costs of the marching band. The Colorguard may hold our own TEAM fundraisers to help cover additional costs. Because the Colorguard functions as a TEAM it is important for every member to participate in ALL TEAM fundraisers and parent involvement is essential to ensure success for the Team and each student.

- Monies from each TEAM fundraiser will be deposited into the Colorguard Activity Fund monitored by the Colorguard Advisor and District Staff.

↳ The monies of each INDIVIDUAL Marching Band fundraiser will be deposited into that student's OWN band account maintained by the Band Boosters.

Colorguard Activity Fund

Knoch High School supplies, audits and maintains an activity account for all extra/co-curricular activities. It provides means for the Colorguard Advisor to collect funds from team members and make group purchases for services and items that will be the property of each member. It also allows the group to fundraise and purchase equipment and other team necessities.

Team Purchases & Payments

All account purchases will be discussed with the entire team before purchasing. Receipts are REQUIRED by the school district BEFORE any funds can be issued for payment. These requests must be approved and signed by both the Colorguard Advisor and Treasurer of the Colorguard Council. Individual funds can NOT be issued to individuals without a valid receipt as proof of costs associated with the Colorguard. Any remaining funds prior to spring tryouts will be rolled over into the next year.

Personal/Business Checks & Donations

ALL personal, business, or donation checks for or to the Colorguard organization MUST be written to "KNOCH HIGH SCHOOL" with "COLORGUARD" in the memo.

The Colorguard Advisor will NOT accept any checks written otherwise, as per district policy.

At any time, a lack in fundraising participation becomes evident, the Colorguard Advisor reserves the right to discontinue planning of future fundraisers, resulting in ALL team members bearing ALL financial responsibilities and obligations required to participate in Colorguard on their own behalf.

Expectations

Behavior

Team members are representatives of the team and Knoch High School. As such they assume a role of leadership and should set an example of good character, enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and dedication. Members of the Colorguard will demonstrate respect to the authority in charge of an event adhering to all directions given by the person in charge (advisors, captains, parents, etc.) Profanity, rudeness, and/or disrespect to members of the team, advisors, Knoch teams, opposing teams, fans etc. will NOT be tolerated and failure to abide by these expectations can and will result in demerits, suspension, or dismissal from the team.

Preparation

Members are to arrive in a timely manner to all Colorguard functions and be prepared having EVERYTHING needed for the practice, performance, meetings, fundraisers, etc. For ALL performances, team members are to arrive COMPLETELY dressed in FULL uniform. This includes hair, and make-up finished, and bags packed ready to depart for the event. Demerits will be given for those NOT prepared for ANY and ALL events.

Performance Appearance

- ☞ Undergarments should NOT be visible at ANY time.
- ☞ Uniforms including performance shoes should NOT have any makeup, dirt or mud residue on them from previous performances/use.
- ☞ Gloves are required for both practices and performances to ensure breaking them in to suit each performer.
- ☞ NO colored nail polish. Natural looking French tips may be approved at the Advisors discretion.
- ☞ No jewelry is permitted, unless specified by the Colorguard Advisor or Band Director. This includes any additional studs, gauges, piercings or the like.
- ☞ Hair color for performances must not be colored as to be deemed a distraction. If a student's hair color is deemed too vibrant or if it detracts from the squad or band's overall uniform appearance, the Colorguard Advisor and/or Band Director may ask the student to hide or temporarily alter their hair for the performance.
- ☞ Tattoo's and other body art, temporary or permanent, may not be visible at any time.

Appropriate Dress

ALL members are expected to dress appropriately to all Colorguard/Band functions, following the KHS Dress Code. Demerits and possible suspension apply if members do not meet the following:

↪ Practice

- No tanks, cami's, or mid-drifts
- No undergarments may be seen at any time
- No short shorts or denim shorts
- No cut up clothes
- No obscene or vulgar prints

↪ Pre-Performance Rehearsal

- These rehearsals require ALL members to arrive dressed and ready to perform. This means no "un-zipped" uniforms or missing accessories. Pre-Game performance will immediately follow this rehearsal.

*If at any time the Colorguard Advisor, Band Staff, or School Administration asks you to change or not to wear a certain item, do NOT wear the item again, or you will be subject to demerits and possible suspension.

District Transportation

When transportation is provided to an event by the school district, ALL students are required to ride the bus to and from ALL activities. If a student and parent have a valid reason for NOT riding the bus with the team, a signed and dated Release form MUST be given to, and approved by, the Colorguard Advisor and/or Band Director one (1) Week BEFORE departing Knoch High School for the said event. The parent/guardian will need to see the advisor at the end of the event before the student can be dismissed to them. This is in accordance to the School District policy.

Communication

Contact with the Colorguard Advisor can be made by the following:

- Phone call or Text
- written notes
- e-mail (preferred)

ALL student members and their parents MUST provide valid E-mail address's for each, that is checked frequently. Important information from both the Colorguard Advisor and Band Boosters will be sent out regularly via e-mail.

When instructions are given verbally at practices and performances by the Colorguard Advisor/ Band Director or other Band Staff, it is the responsibility of every team member to be attentive to these directions and retain the information.

Electronic Devices

Devices such as cell phones are NOT permitted to be used during practices or at performances. During practices, devices should be put away in purses or bags. During performances, devices should be left at the school or on the bus. Knoch High School, the Band Staff, and Volunteers are NOT responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen devices. If an emergency arises at home where a student needs to be contacted during these times, parents should first contact the Colorguard Advisor, Band Director, or Band Nurse.

Students caught using an electronic device in any inappropriate way will result in the confiscation of device, notification of school officials and parents. This may also result in dismissal from the team and marching band.

Uniforms/Equipment

The school district supplies each member with uniforms and equipment that has been bought by the Colorguard Activity Fund. ALL items are property of the Colorguard and school district. ALL items are to be returned to and inspected by the Colorguard Advisor. The following uniforms and equipment will be supplied to each Colorguard member:

- ☞ Uniform (Tunic, shorts, pants, gauntlets)
 - ☞ Wind Suit Jacket & Pants
 - ☞ Clear Rain Coat
 - ☞ Marching Band Garment Bag
 - ☞ Numbered Colorguard Backpack
 - ☞ Practice Flag (Pole & Silk)
 - ☞ Holiday Parade Costume
- ☞ Performance Flags & Rifles are to be kept in auxiliary room

At no time are issued uniform pieces or equipment to be used for personal reasons. This includes holiday costumes and backpacks.

Uniform Care

Colorguard members are responsible to clean and care for their uniform and the pieces that are issued to them. Failure to do so will result in individual demerits. Any lost or damaged items are the sole responsibility of each member. Members will reimburse the school for these lost or damaged items.

- DO NOT spray hair products, glitter, perfume, or the like ON or near the uniform! Put on your uniform AFTER using these products, or cover the uniform with a robe or shirt.
- Uniforms can be MACHINE WASHED in COLD water. Turn the sequined Tunic and Gauntlets inside out before washing. DO NOT put it in the dryer.
- Lay wet uniform on a towel and roll the uniform in the towel to remove excess water. Hang or lay flat to dry.

Equipment

Avoid getting flags wet. If they get wet, shake the flag to get as much water off. Hang up or lay on towel to dry completely. DO NOT put in dryer! DO NOT leave flag poles and rifles outside in rain. If poles and rifles get wet, wipe them off generously with a DRY towel, including ends and bolt. Also let them air dry.

Any broken/torn equipment is to be paid for by that Colorguard member, then that item will be repaired. Below is the cost for each item:

\$65 - Performance Silk

\$45 – Practice Silk

\$45 – Flag Pole

\$75 – Rifle

\$145 – Sabre

*Failure to return ALL uniforms AND equipment will result in report cards and diplomas' being withheld until a satisfactory resolution has been established with the School District.

Marching Band Council Representatives

The Captain(s) and/or Co-Captain(s) will serve as the Colorguard representatives in the marching band council along with the other section Captains and Section Leaders.

Team Member Promotion

If a Captain, Co-Captain or Quartermaster does not perform his/her duties, is demoted from rank, removed from the team or resigns from their position, the Colorguard Advisor reserves the right to assign another member of the squad to serve as Quarter Master or Captain or leave the hierarchy as is.

Attendance

Weddings & Religious Conflicts

Weddings and religious activities will be accepted as an excused absence as long as a signed note by the member's parents/guardians is submitted to the Colorguard Advisor 2 weeks prior to the absence.

Funerals

Funerals are a sensitive issue for everyone and respected by ALL faculty members at Knoch High School. The following should be met in accordance to the "Knoch High School Student Handbook"

- All missed rehearsals/practices, meetings and performances will be excusable if and only if the funeral and/or related activities are for an immediate family member, unless a situation is permitted by KHS school administration.
- The Colorguard Advisor MUST be made aware of the unexpected absence and a signed note from a parent/guardian should be submitted to the Advisor at the start of the following rehearsal/practice, meeting or performance.

Vacations & Family Trips

Every attempt is made to inform every member of dates in advance, but on occasion conflicts do arise. If a conflict arises, Colorguard members have the opportunity to receive fewer demerits if they submit a signed note by their parents/guardians 2 weeks prior to absence AND speak directly with the Colorguard Advisor.

Excused Absences

Single Absence:

If it is impossible to attend a single rehearsal practice, meeting, or performance due to an IMMEDIATE illness or injury, the Colorguard Advisor must be notified as soon as possible. If notified by a parent, no note will be required. If notified by the student, then a parent's written note must be presented at the next scheduled practice following the missed event. Appropriate excused absence demerits will be accessed.

Multiple Absences:

A doctor's excuse MUST be submitted to the Colorguard Advisor and before returning to Colorguard, a doctor's excuse should state the limitations and date of clearance, and turned into the Colorguard Advisor prior to practice.

School Approved Functions

An absence or tardiness will be excused due to a school sponsored and approved function such as educational trips but not including sports or other extra/co-curricular activities.

Unexcused Absences

An absence will be deemed UNEXCUSED by the following:

- ✦ Failure to submit a signed legitimate parent/guardian note.
- ✦ Employment or work of any kind – work schedules should be arranged around Colorguard schedule
- ✦ Driver's exams
- ✦ School Shopping
- ✦ Non-district classes, practices or activities
- ✦ Non- Scholastic activities
- ✦ Parent's failure to provide transportation
- ✦ Traffic
- ✦ Hunting/Fishing Season
- ✦ Vacation or Family Trips, without prior written notice and approval by the Advisor
- ✦ College visits beyond the 5 day limit as stated in the KHS Student Handbook
- ✦ ALL non-emergency medical appointments. Medical appointments should be arranged as to NOT conflict with performances, meetings, or practice.

NO member will be permitted to perform until they can demonstrate the skill, confidence and knowledge of material whether or not they are excused from practice.

Demerits will be assessed for Excused / Unexcused absences as specified in the section labeled "Demerits/Merits"

Demerits / Merits

Demerits

A demerit system is the primary discipline tool utilized by both the Colorguard and marching band. As stated in the “Knoch High School Marching Band Constitution”, any student receiving 5 demerits will be dismissed from the Colorguard and marching band. Parents will be notified when a student receives 4 demerits.

This list serves as a guideline for issuing demerits; however, it is not limited to only these events:

Infraction	Number of Demerits
Practices & meetings	
Up to 5 minutes late	1/2
5 minutes or more late	1
Excused Absence	1/2
Unexcused Absence	2
Missing Equipment	1
Disruptive Behavior	1
Improper Attire (clothing, hair, shoes...etc)	2
Performances	
Up to 5 minutes late	1/2
5 minutes or more late	2 + possible ineligible to perform
Excused Absence	1
Unexcused Absence	3 + performance suspension
Missing Equipment	3 + ineligible to perform
Missing, Damaged, Unclean Uniform (et al)	3 + performance suspension
Inappropriate Appearance (hair, makeup undergarments...etc.)	3 + possible ineligible to perform
ALL the Time	
Not attending MANDATORY event	2 + ineligible to perform
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	3 + performance suspension
Disrespect to Staff, Parents ...etc. (et al)	4 + performance suspension
Hazing, Bullying, failure to follow rules	4 + performance suspension

Demerits can be reduced at the Colorguard Advisor’s discretion if the infraction can be corrected immediately or the team member is able to obtain their missing items before performance or practice time. Demerits will NOT be reduced if the Colorguard Advisor provides the missing item or the same infraction becomes a habitual problem.

Merits

Merits may be issued by the Colorguard Advisor to counteract demerits for those members who go above and beyond expectations.

Leadership Demotion: Demotion will be the 1st consequence of problematic behavior. These positions were awarded as leadership positions and students in these positions are expected to lead by example. Once demoted, members are NOT permitted to try-out for another leadership position the following year.

Dismissal from Team

Any team member can be dismissed from the Colorguard by the Colorguard Advisor, Band Director, Athletic Director, and/or High School Principal. Once the member has been removed from the team, they are NOT permitted to try-out the following year. Dismissal from the Colorguard may be due to, but not limited to the following:

- 5 or more demerits
- Poor academic performance
- Hazing or Bullying
- Possession of illegal drugs or alcohol
- Fighting (physical or verbal)
- Inappropriate conduct (including but not limited to PDA & excessive language)
- Inappropriate Social Media Conduct
- Blatant disrespect for other team members, Any Band or District Staff, or Chaperones

*If dismissed from the team, members are REQUIRED to return ALL cleaned school and team supplied uniform and equipment pieces within 3 days of the official removal date. Any missing or damaged items will be replaced at the removed person's expense. Report cards and diplomas can be withheld until a solution is arranged with the school.

Resignation from Team

If a member of the Colorguard decides to resign from their position on the team, they are asked to provide a resignation letter in writing to the Colorguard Advisor. They are to also return ALL school and team supplied uniform and equipment pieces. Any missing or damages items will be replaced at the resigning student's expense. Report cards and diplomas can be withheld until a solution is arranged with the school.

Circumstances do arise when a member needs to resign due to serious illness, injury, family trauma, relocation, and other events. The Colorguard Advisor has the right to evaluate each case and reach an agreement allowing the member to tryout the following year.

Any student who is dismissed, or voluntarily quits the team/marching band may not return to visit other members of the team or marching band during practices or performances.

Tryouts

Try-outs will be held in the spring of every year to select the new Colorguard for the upcoming year. EVERY student must participate in the try-out process each year to be evaluated accordingly.

NOTE: Prior membership on the Colorguard does NOT guarantee a position on the team for the following year.

Sign-ups

Try-out sign-ups will be held 2 weeks prior to the Pre-Tryout Meeting or 1st Try-out practice. All interested students who will be in grades 7-12 must sign-up On-line. Students must also read the Commitment and Tryout Information and release Forms & the current Colorguard Constitution.

Post-Tryout Meeting

This meeting will be MANDATORY for BOTH students and parents/guardians. This meeting is intended to inform squad members and their parents/guardians of the commitments, rules and regulations, and expectations associated with being a member of the Colorguard. It will help to answer questions prior to the beginning of the marching band season. All required forms MUST be filled out and signed in its entirety, and submitted to the Colorguard Advisor at this meeting.

Tryout Practices

Candidates will practice to learn the material necessary for tryouts. Equipment will be provided for each candidate and will be signed in and out EACH day allowing for practice at home. Squad choreography will be taught by the Colorguard Advisor. ALL questions relating to choreography should be asked at practice. Questions will NOT be answered by the Advisor on the day of tryouts.

Tryout Day

Each candidate will receive a number based on their sign in number and will wear that number during the tryout process.

Order of Events:

- Sign In
- 30 Minutes of individual practice
- final instructions
- Squad Individual Tryouts (called by number - picked randomly)
- Call Backs (if necessary)
- Captain tryouts
- Captain Call Backs (if necessary)

➤ Results will only be posted after all participants have tried out.

* Results will be posted numerically by tryout number only and no scores will be included in the posting.

ALL equipment is property of Knoch High School and each student will be liable for any missing or damaged items.

Students are free to leave once they have tried out and all call-backs (if required) have been conducted. Members making the team will be contacted with the date and time of the Post-Tryout meeting.

Team Selection & Size

Team size will be determined by where the natural break in score falls. NOT based on how many members there were on the squad the prior year.

Candidates who do NOT make the Colorguard as a member or as an Alternate have the OPTION to join the Honor Guard. This is NOT mandatory, though highly recommended for candidates interested in trying-out the following year.

Honor Guard

Honor Guard members march at the head of the marching band and are the first members representing our band. Honor Guard members carry the following items in parades and pre-game: the banner, U.S. flag, and rifles.

Based on the amount of Honor Guard members, this is subject to change per the Band Director. Honor Guard members assist the Advisors/Band Staff. Members interested in perusing Colorguard will be issued a practice flag to learn any material being taught. These students are permitted to practice with the Colorguard and learn any material, but they will NOT be permitted to perform. Honor Guard is a great opportunity to hone your skills and many Colorguard members started on Honor Guard.

Tryout Scoring

Each student will be evaluated in the following categories:

Performance Content:

- ↳ Coordination & Memorization
- ↳ Timing & Phrasing
- ↳ Use of Body & Equipment
- ↳ Showmanship & Eye Contact

Excellence:

- ↳ Technique
- ↳ Timing
- ↳ Recovery
- ↳ Showmanship & Style

Each candidate's score sheet will be tallied by category and a total number of points will be determined. If there are multiple evaluators during the tryout process, the Colorguard Advisor will also tally each individual score sheet to check for correctness. The candidate's score will be the average of all the judge's scores for that candidate.

The number of evaluators/judges will be determined by the Colorguard Advisor but will not exceed 2.

Former member Demerits

Demerits for former members receiving 1 or 2 demerits per incident the prior year will NOT affect their total tryout score. However, former members who received 3 demerits for one incident the prior year will have 2 points deducted from their total tryout score.

Access to Individual Scores

ALL SCORES ARE HELD CONFIDENTIAL.

Access to any scores, individual or otherwise, will only be granted to the Colorguard Advisor, Marching Band Director, Athletic Director, and/or High School Principal as needed. Colorguard tryout participants and their parents/guardian may request to view THEIR score only and the request must come in writing.

All tryout hard copy material, including scores, will be sealed in an envelope and the flap edge signed and dated by the Colorguard Advisor 1 week after the tryout process concludes. The Colorguard Advisor in the presences of the Band Director, Athletic Director and/or High School Principal, may open the sealed envelope in the case of filling a vacant captain, or team position if scores are needed to determine the filling of such a vacancy. The tryout material will be resealed, dated, signed, and an explanation for opening will be written on the envelope each time it needs reopening.

Once members of the new squad are selected, the Band Director will require each member of the Colorguard to complete and sign an “Acknowledgement of Responsibility” form AND the Band Nurse’s “Medical Release” form for the Marching Band Constitution before being eligible to participate in marching band.

Captain

To be eligible to tryout for a Captain position the applicant must:

- Have completed a minimum of ONE full season with the Colorguard. Incoming Seniors will be given first consideration for the captain position, but it is not guaranteed.
- Fill out and Sign the “Colorguard Leadership Application”, complete with ALL questions answered.
- Must perform a solo audition at the time of Colorguard auditions, created by them.
- Exhibit quality leadership skills, Honesty, Dependability, Responsibility, Respect of Authority, Respect of Peers, and ability to work well in Band during all times leading up to auditions. (While the application and audition matter, their everyday attitude and behavior will be judged on the same level.)
- All leadership positions must attend all Fundraisers, Practices, Performances, and Leadership meetings.
- All leadership positions must be in good standing academically with school administration, within the Colorguard, and marching band.
- Any applicant wishing to hold a leadership title cannot be involved with another activity or job where they will be unable to attend all rehearsals, performances or meetings as a Colorguard member.

Selection:

Selection for Captain is based on a combination of ability, skill, creativity, commitment, dedication, and communication skills. The number of Captains will be based on need and at the Advisor’s discretion. No more than 2 leaders will be chosen regardless of team size.

- Acceptable squad tryout score to secure a position on the Colorguard.
- Choreographed routine (music provided by Advisor at Pre-Tryout Meeting)
- Interview with panel of judges
- Technical skills

Solo Audition (Captain Only):

- Applicants for the position of CAPTAIN will be provided with music prior to auditions. You must have acknowledged your desire to audition for captain on the signup form in order to receive your music in advance of the try-out practice. Applicants who choose to audition for captain must contact the Color Guard Advisor to obtain the try out music. To audition for this position applicants will be REQUIRED to create their own routine to a selected length of the song provided.
- This routine should demonstrate any skills you have on flag, rifle, and dance while keeping in mind all your basic skills, including marching. If you can do any special tricks you may include them if you wish.

Quarter Master

The purpose of the Quarter Master is to step in as the squad leader when the captain(s) and advisor are not available or when asked. This position is a leadership position and is to be treated as such. To be eligible for the Quarter Master position the applicant must:

- Have completed a minimum of ONE full season with the Colorguard or Marching Band. Upperclassmen will be given first consideration for the Quarter Master position but it is not guaranteed.
- Fill out and Sign the “Colorguard Leadership Application”, complete with ALL questions answered.
- Exhibit quality leadership skills, Honesty, Dependability, Responsibility, Respect of Authority, Respect of Peers, and ability to work well in Band during all times leading up to auditions. (While the application and audition matter, their everyday attitude and behavior will be judged on the same level.)
- All leadership positions must attend all Fundraisers, Practices, Performances, and Leadership meetings.
- All leadership positions must be in good standing academically with school administration, within the Colorguard, and marching band.

Selection:

Selection for Quarter Master is based solely at the discretion of the Color Guard Advisor and will be dependent upon the Captain(s) selection and squad size.