

Wakeland HS Color Guard Audition Packet

2018-2019

Audition Information, Season Schedules, Program Costs



Audition Packet Checklist

(INCOMPLETE PACKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)

- ___ / ___ Guidelines initialed and signed by student and parent
- ___ / ___ Tentative Schedule initialed and signed by student and parent
- ___ / ___ Schedule Conflict Sheet filled out and signed by parent
- ___ / ___ Application filled out and signed by parent
- ___ / ___ Medical Release form (pg. 9)
- ___ / ___ Up-To-Date Grade Report

*No Emails will be accepted. You must print and attach your grades to the back of your audition packet.

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Dear Prospective Member,

We would like to invite you to audition and become a part of the award-winning and nationally-recognized Wakeland High School Color Guard!

We believe that color guard is a great activity for incoming freshman to become acquainted with the high school environment and its students, as well as for continuing high school students to become involved with an activity to motivate them to stay academically, mentally and physically engaged. We train our students to be both athletes and artists, pushing them to be scholars and role models.

Students who participate in our program learn the importance of team work, time management, excel in academics and their extracurricular activities, build esteem and confidence, and much, much more – all while performing on the grandest stages the marching and winter guard activities have to offer!

As a member of the Wakeland Color Guard, evening training rehearsals take place bi-weekly during the month of May, and once per week during the summer months in anticipation for our 2018 Marching Show. Summer band camp takes place during the month of August. The marching season continues from August through early-November.

During that time, you will perform your production at football games, marching contests, exhibition performances, University Interscholastic League Marching Competition, and Bands of America competitions.

There will be an audition meeting on Monday, April 23rd at 6pm. Each auditioning member and, at least, one parent must be in attendance for member consideration. Our clinics will take place on April 24th, April 26th, May 1st, and May 3rd. The auditions will take place on Saturday, May 5th.

Whereas there may be a lot of new material thrown at you, the end goal is to expose you to a thriving activity that interprets music both visually and artistically. Keep an open mind and an open heart, be willing to try something new, make mistakes and, most importantly, ask questions!

We have an exciting and special production planned for the 2018 marching season. The Wakeland High School Marching Band and Color Guard is among the top tier programs. We are eager to have you continue our legacy!

Let's have a great season!



Michael Alonzo
Colorguard Director
Wakeland High School - Frisco ISD

Wakeland Color Guard Auditions 2018-2019

Saturday, May 5th

Auditions will take place at Wakeland High School

*All candidates are required to attend **at least** one clinic prior to auditioning. Audition clinics are closed to the public to ensure the performers are in a comfortable and supportive environment.*

Monday, April 23rd

6pm – 7pm: Parent Meeting (WHS Band Hall)

Tuesday, April 24th

6pm – 9pm: Audition Clinic #1

Thursday, April 26th

6pm – 9pm: Audition Clinic #2

Tuesday, May 1st

6pm – 8pm: Audition Clinic #3

Thursday, May 3rd

6pm – 8pm: Audition Clinic #4

Saturday, May 5th

2018 Color Guard Auditions

Audition Clinics (April 24th and 26th, 6pm - 9pm / May 1st and 3rd, 6pm – 8pm)

Our clinics will be led by current Wakeland High School Color Guard Staff. The first hour will be devoted to sitting and standing exercises, across the floors. Your movement phrase will include phrases from the exercises and across the floors. The rest of the time will be spent learning the flag audition routine. The focus of these clinics will be dance and flag; current WHS guard members will learn their weapon audition in class the week of May 1st.

Audition Day (May 5th)

Prospective members will be grouped accordingly the day of auditions. Every new member will audition with returning members to ensure they have a safety net during auditions. There will be 2-3 judges. These judges are brought in solely to score participants and will not in any way be involved with the audition clinics.

Color Guard auditions determine cast and anticipated performers per section of the show (Movement One: X people on Rifle, X people on Flag, etc). Auditions for weapon lines and flag lines will take place late-July.

Audition Evaluation

You will be evaluated on Dance, Flag, Performance Qualities, Accuracy and Precision on Choreography. Candidates will also be judged on Audition Day “uniform” (following instructions), and current and past academics will be taken into consideration.

- Across the Floors Evaluation
- Dance phrase
- Flag Phrase
- Weapon Phrase (*Returning Members Only*)

What to wear for Audition Clinics:

- Dance wear or workout clothes
- Sneakers
- Hair out of face
- Please remove all jewelry

What to wear for Audition Day:

- Solid black tank top or t-shirt
- Black yoga pants, sweat pants, leggings
 - If you choose to wear shorts, you **MUST** wear either leggings or tights underneath.
- Hair pulled back and off the face
- Natural make-up
- Audition number
- No jewelry or nail polish

Auditionee's will be given an audition number the day of auditions to maintain anonymity.

Email Mr. Michael Alonso with any questions (alonsomi@friscoisd.org)

2018 Color Guard Rehearsal Schedule

If you are selected to be in the 2018 Wakeland High School Color Guard, please be aware of the following rehearsal and performance schedules. There is a conflict sheet section in the packet you will turn in. **All members are required to enroll in the Colorguard class, currently being offered during 3A (Color Guard Year 1-4).** All rehearsal and performance dates are listed on the Wakeland High School Band website calendar.

Date	Event	Notes
May 8 th	Rehearsal #1: 6pm to 9pm	
May 10 th	Rehearsal #2: 6pm to 9pm	
May 15 th	Rehearsal #3: 6pm to 9pm	
May 17 th	Rehearsal #4: 6pm to 9pm	
May 19 th	Hype Day and Registration	All students are required to register on this date. This will also be our first performance as the 2018 Color Guard.
May 22 nd	Rehearsal #5: 6pm to 9pm	
May 24 th	Rehearsal #6: 6pm to 9pm	
May 29 th	Rehearsal #7: 6pm to 9pm	
May 31 st	Rehearsal #8: 6pm to 9pm	
June 4 th – June 6 th	Guard Camp: 9am to 4pm	
June 13 th	Spin Club: 10am to 2pm	OPTIONAL / Not Mandatory
June 20 th	Spin Club: 10am to 2pm	OPTIONAL / Not Mandatory
July 16 th – July 17 th	Guard Dance Clinic	Mandatory Attendance
July 18 th – July 19 th	Guard Technique Clinic	Mandatory Attendance
July 25 th – August 14 th	Summer Marching Band	Mandatory Attendance
August 16 th	First Day of School	Students must be enrolled in Color Guard Class, or forfeit their spot in the Marching Band show.
August 18 th	<i>Saturday Rehearsal TBA</i>	
August 25 th	<i>Saturday Rehearsal TBA</i>	
September 28 th	<i>1st Six Week's Eligibility</i>	Students are required to pass all of their classes with a 70 or above for performance eligibility. AP students are offered one waiver per semester.
September 29 th	HEB Marching Contest	
October 2 nd	Frisco ISD Band Night	
October 6 th	Bands of America – Dallas	
October 13 th	Bands of America - Waco	
October 20 th	UIL Region	
October 27 th	TBA	

Weekly Rehearsals, Parades, and Football Games are not included on the above rehearsal schedule. Those can be found on the WakelandBand.Com calendar, as well as the Wakeland High School Calendar.

May Rehearsals and Summer Sessions

Rehearsals for the 2018 Color Guard cast will begin in May. We will focus on teaching the foundations of flag and dance technique to new members of the guard, whereas continuing members of the program will start to heavily focus on weapon equipment and intermediate to advanced dance needs. Members will be expected to participate in conditioning exercises in preparation for the marching band show.

Summer Band Camp

Members return mid-July to partake in an intensive dance workshop with special guests. They will then dive into intermediate equipment technique and tosses. Members will begin to learn various phrases to input in their marching band show. On August 1st, we begin learning our 2018 competitive marching band production. Based on their training from May through July, members will audition and be considered for weapon line and flag line.

Marching Band (School Year)

It is imperative that members attend every rehearsal. Student missing multiple rehearsals will be given a reduced role in the marching band program.

- During the academic school year, we hold marching band rehearsals during the mornings (7am to 8:30am), evenings (6pm to 9pm), and occasionally some Saturday's.
- Students single-block color guard class, meeting MWF one week, and TR the following.
- Weekly schedule breakdowns can be found on the WHS Band Calendar, and will be sent out in my weekly emails.
- The Wakeland Band program strictly adheres to the UIL Time Regulation, which is 8 hours. Class time and student-led sectionals are not counted toward this total.

Color Guard Class

All students admitted into the WHS Color Guard are required to enroll for Color Guard Class (Year One – Four) – No Exceptions

Students enroll in this course to continue training and achieving choreographed responsibilities. They will receive Physical Education (P.E.) credit upon passing the class! Students are required to enroll: **No exceptions.**

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 12:30pm – 2:15pm
- Tuesday, Thursday: 12:30pm – 2:15pm

Performances

- All performers are required to attend every football game. We will perform sections of our marching show production during halftime. Members are required to stay the entire duration of the game.
- Unless excused ahead of time by Mr. Alonso, students are expected to be present for a competition or risk a failing grade.

Approved SAT/ACT Test Dates:

Date	Test	Status
June 2 nd	SAT	Approved
June 9 th	ACT	Approved
July 14 th	ACT	Approved
August 25 th	SAT	Not Approved
September 8 th	ACT	Not Approved
October 6 th	SAT	Not Approved – BOA Contest
October 20 th	ACT	Not Approved – UIL Contest
November 3 rd	SAT	Not Approved – Frisco Community Parade
December 1 st	SAT	Approved
December 14 th	ACT	Approved

2018 WHS Band and Guard Program Costs

The cost for the 2018 fall marching season (May through November) will be **\$620**. This total does not include other items needed for the season (duffel bag, jacket, field shoes, etc.).

Marching Program Fee: **\$620**

This amount covers your uniform, screen-printed flags, weapons, copyright and licensing, meals, show design and designer fee's, competition entry, uniform cleaning, administrative and social fee's. Please know that we offer a variety of payment plan options and financial aid assistance.

Payment Plans

The Wakeland High School Band Boosters provide payment plan options best suitable for your needs. For example, one payment plan option would be 7-month's (May – November); we can provide and adjust payment plan options as well. If you need any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me (alonsomi@friscoisd.org) and/or our booster treasurer at booster-treasurer@wakelandband.com.

Financial Aid Assistance

All those seeking financial aid must qualify by going through the steps listed in order to be considered for financial aid. While there are limited funds available, the Wakeland high School Band Booster Association understands there are needs and wants to help to the extent that funding allows.

- Financial Need: This can be based on proof of participation in the free or reduced lunch program through FUSD, or through a tax return with your stated income from the last 12 months filing.
- Academic Performance: Your student must be Academically Eligible to participate in order to qualify for funding. Parent to provide a copy of the student's last report card from the prior semester or a current progress report that depicts eligibility.

Winter Guard

The tentative cost for the winter guard season will be approximately **\$670**. This amount covers the competition entry, equipment usage, meals, copyright and licensing, props, screen-printed flags, printed performance floor, make-up, show design, winter supplies, clinicians, uniforms, and administrative fee's.

Excluded Fees

Band Banquet Ticket (\$50/Ticket), Guard Apparel