

Congratulations! You are being offered a contract to the Abilene High School Winter Guard! This season we will field one winter guard in the NTCA Regional AA Circuit. Our season runs from November to May. The following packet will answer most questions regarding contracts, rehearsal schedule, attire, fees, performance dates, responsibilities and expectations. For more information please contact Winter/ Color Guard Director Brittany Tawater at Brittany.tawater@abileneisd.org. or Remind 101 (text 81010 to @ahswg18)

Winter Guard Members Daily Expectations

Members of the winter guard are expected to be on time, appropriately dressed and with the correct equipment/ materials. Class time is to be used for winter guard related activities only. Members are expected to wear any combination of ALL BLACK. Black T- shirt/ long sleeve shirts, black shorts of the appropriate length, black non- baggy sweat pants, black leggings with a “cover”, or any other clothing that the performer feels comfortable moving freely in. Keep in mind the A/C in the cafeteria/ gym can be temperamental- wear layers! All clothing articles are expected to be in compliance with the Abilene High School dress code. Barefoot is not acceptable during rehearsal. Tennis/ athletic type shoes are allowed. Jazz shoes/ dance sneakers are allowed. No Vans, skate shoes, combat boots, flip flops etc. Close toe shoes are required during transitions. Rehearsal attire is part of your daily grade. Each member will get one demerit for every rehearsal they are not appropriately dressed.

7th Period Class- Members are to be completely dressed in rehearsal attire, with all equipment, in the East Cafeteria, clearing the rehearsal space by 3pm. Squad side jobs are expected to be fulfilled. Failure to do so will count in a tardy. Failure to help clean the rehearsal space will result in a demerit. The AHS attendance policy will be strictly enforced. Those on the color guard will receive demerits for more than 1 tardy per 6 weeks.

Flags, rifles and sabres will be taped cleanly in the appropriate color scheme to be determined by the director. Equipment will be taped prior to each rehearsal. Members will be issued school flags and will keep their personal practice flag at home. School owned weapons are to be checked out and returned by the end of each season.

To avoid distractions, during class time/ after school rehearsals, only class members are allowed in the rehearsal space unless otherwise approved by the director.

Demerits

Each member will begin the semester with 0 demerits. Six demerits will result in removal from the color guard performance group. Demerits can be earned by not being appropriately dressed, being late, not having drill card/ equipment, late to rehearsal, equipment not taped correctly, etc. There is no way to work off a demerit. Demerit disputes will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Behavioral Expectations

Members are expected to treat each other, their equipment and themselves with the utmost amount of respect. The Abilene High School Color Guard is a growing program and we want to ensure that our

reputation with the AHS student body, staff and community is exquisite. Members will not speak ill of other members, staff, show related material, or other campus or community organizations.

Social media that represents the AHS Color/ Winter Guard will be maintained by director Brittany Tawater or other campus official. Members who choose to identify publicly on social media with the AHS color/ winter guard will not have restrictions on posts but the STRONG SUGGESTION to refrain from posting statuses or photos containing: negativity towards the AHS Color Guard (or any other community organization), negativity towards AHS Color Guard members and staff, overall negativity about life, profanity, nudity, alcohol, drug references, illegal activity. Any action considered bullying (face-to-face/ digital) will result in removal from the program.

Rehearsal Schedule

Members will meet daily during 7th period in the East Cafeteria. Morning rehearsals will be held in the auditorium foyer. Before school rehearsals are used for stretch, dance technique and work out. Class time will be used to learn technique exercises, learn choreography, sectionals and stage drill. Full guard after school rehearsal sites have yet to be determined.

Required Dates

November

Prep camp- 7th- 4-5:30pm
Audition camp- 13th- 4-5:30pm
Audition camp- 14th- 4-5:30pm
Audition camp- 15th- 4-5:30pm
Auditions- 16th- 4-7pm
Technique camp- 27th- 4-8pm
Stretch- 28th- 7-745am
City Sidewalks (fall members only)-28th-
TBA
Work Out 29th- 7-745am
Technique Camp- 29th 4-5:30pm
Dance technique-30th - 7-745am
Technique camp- 30th- 4-6pm

December

Staging camp- 1st- 4-8pm
Staging camp- 2nd 10-3pm
Stretch- 5th- 7-745am
Work Out- 6th- 7-745am
Dance technique- 7th- 7-745am
Design camp- 11th-4-7pm
Stretch- 12th- 7-745am
Work out- 13th- 7-745am
Dance Technique- 7-745am
Design camp- 14th- 4-6pm
Rehearsal- 18th- 4-8pm
Stretch- 19th- 7-745am
Work out- 20th- 7-745am

Dance Technique 21st- 7-45am

January

Rehearsal- 8th- 4-8pm
Rehearsal- 11th- 4-6pm
Optional rehearsal- 15th- 10-2pm
Rehearsal-18th- 4-6pm
Rehearsal- 22nd- 4-8pm
Rehearsal- 25th- 4-6pm
Rehearsal- 29th- 4-8pm

February

Rehearsal- 1st- 4-6pm
Rehearsal- 2nd- 4-6pm
Show- Boswell HS- 3rd- all day
Rehearsal- 5th- 4-8pm
Rehearsal- 8th- 4-6pm
Show- 9th- Sachse HS
Rehearsal- 12th-4-5:30pm
Rehearsal- 19th- 4-8pm
Rehearsal- 22nd- 4-6pm
Rehearsal- 26th- 4-8pm

March

Rehearsal- 1st- 4-6pm
Show- 2nd- John Horn HS
Rehearsal- 5th- 4-8pm
Rehearsal- 8th- 4-6pm
Rehearsal- 19th- 4-8pm
Rehearsal- 22nd- 4-6pm

Show- 24th- Flower Mound HS
Rehearsal- 26th- 4-8pm?
Rehearsal- 29th- 4-6pm?

April

Rehearsal- 2nd- 4-8pm?
Rehearsal/ Prep camp- 4-5:30pm
Show- 7th- SA Champs?
Prep camp- 9th- 4-5:30pm
Prep camp- 10th- 4-5:30pm
Audition camp- 16th- 4-5:30pm
Audition camp- 17th- 4-5:30pm
Audition camp- 18th- 4-5:30pm
Auditions- 19th- 4-5:30pm

Spring show dress rehearsal- 30th- 4-6pm

May

Spring show dress rehearsal- 3rd- 4-6pm
Spring show- 4th- 7pm
Mini camp- 7th- 4-5:30pm
Mini camp- 8th- 4-5:30pm
Mini camp- 9th- 4-5:30pm
Mini camp- 21st- 4-5:30pm
Mini camp- 22nd- 4-5:30pm
Mini camp- 23rd- 4-5:30pm

June

Workout Wednesday- 6th
Workout Wednesday- 13th
Workout Wednesday- 27th

Sectionals

Some rehearsals may be designated as sectionals with at least a one week's notice. If a conflict arises, please contact Ms Tawater ASAP

Contracts

Full

If you are offered a full contract, you are expected to attend every rehearsal/ performance and adhere to all standards and rules of the Abilene High Winter Guard Handbook. You will not be offered a full contract unless you are in the 7th period class. You must have completed at least one season of color guard/ winter guard at Abilene HS. Full members should expect to be in the full competition show. Four demerits will automatically turn a full contract into a probationary contract.

Probationary

Probationary members have the same expectation as a full contract member. A probationary member is guaranteed partial show performance and has the potential to function as a full member and gain a full contract for the Fall 2018 season. Four demerits will automatically turn a probationary contract into an alternate contract.

Alternate

Alternate members have the same expectation as a full contract member. An alternate member is not guaranteed partial/ full show performance, but has the potential to function as a full member and gain a full contract for the Fall 2018 season. An alternate will learn the same spot as a probationary member and will only perform if a probationary/ full member can no longer perform one or more sections of the competition show for whatever reason. Four demerits will automatically turn an alternate contract into a participatory contract.

Participatory

Participatory members are not obligated to be in any rehearsals/ performances and are strictly in the AHS Winter Guard program for educational purposes. Participatory members will not receive demerits for attendance, but can for equipment, behavior etc. Four demerits will result in removal from the program.

Fees

First Payment Due: December 20th, 2017

Second Payment Due: January 19th, 2018

Final Payment Due: February 19th, 2018

Required Items to purchase

Costume- \$100

Windsuit Jacket- \$35

Section Shirt- \$15

Flag Bag- \$30

Gloves- \$15 (one set is required, multiple pairs are recommended)

Community Bag fund (tape, band aids, etc...)- \$5

Optional Items to purchase

Practice Flag- \$25

Sub-Section shirt- \$15

36"/ 37.5" Elite Rifle- \$38/\$39

Duffle bag- \$30

Items not included in fees

Makeup- (approx- \$40) Foundation (\$7), powder (\$7), 2 colors eyeshadow(\$8), Lip stain (\$8), eye liner (\$5), mascara/ fake eyelashes (\$6)

Rehearsal attire

Knee pads- \$5 (optional)

*** If you plan on continuing after Spring of 2018, you will not be required to purchase these items again as long as they are still in good condition: windsuit, flag, rifle, gloves, flag bag, duffle bag

*** Those who still owe dues from previous seasons will be expected to pay previous seasons in full by the first payment due date

Payment Schedules

Payments can be made throughout the early winter. Rehearsal attire is expected to be purchased on the member's own time/ funds by the first day rehearsal (Nov. 27th). Makeup purchase is expected to be purchased on the member's own time/ funds by two weeks prior to the first performance date (January 19th, 2018). Fundraising opportunities are available. Checks should be made to AHS Band Boosters. "Charms" money may be used, just please communicate in writing/ email that that is your form of payment. Members who have not completed payments by specified date will be ineligible to perform.

Most questions regarding fundraising/ financial responsibilities can be sent to the AHS Band Booster Treasurer at eagletreasurer@gmail.com

Absences

**** do not schedule any kind of doctor appointments during after school rehearsal times. Including 7th period class

Members will only be excused from rehearsal due to being absent from school the entire day, documented illness, major injury, family emergency, and pre-discussed rehearsal conflicts. If a member is absent from school that day, they are excused from afternoon rehearsal. In the event that a member knows he/ she has a conflict, he/ she needs to communicate that via writing/ call/ email/ Remind 101 text prior to that rehearsal. Remember- no one knows your spot in the show except you! We need you there happy and healthy 100% of the time!

Members will not be excused from class/ rehearsal to work on other work.

Remind 101 is the Eagle Band's way of mass communication.

To join the color guard's thread, please visit :

<https://www.remind.com/join/ahswg18>

To join the Eagle Marching Band's thread, please visit:

<http://www.eagleband.com/get-connected1.html>

Eligibility

In the event a member becomes ineligible in the at the end of a Six Weeks Grading Period (69 or below in a class), they are not eligible to perform in any public performances. Ineligible members are required to attend rehearsal. Eligibility can be regained at each respective 3 week grading period.

Injuries

Injured members are still required to attend and partially participate/ observe in all rehearsals and technique blocks to the best of their ability. A doctor's note is required to monitor the student's activity level.

Mental/ physical health

Members are expected to be in good health, well rested and monitor their nutrients throughout the season. Food is allowed during rehearsals but may only be consumed during breaks. Water is the only beverage allowed in rehearsals. Cardio/ stretching is expected to be taken care of during your off time.

Your mental state is important! If you are having a personal problem of any kind, please let the director know (it does not have to be in great detail) if accommodations need to be made.

Pass Offs

Members will be required to submit video assignments or live pass offs throughout the semester. If the member makes less than an 80 as a grade, they will have one week to redo the assignment. To perform that section at a show, members must pass with an 80. There will be unlimited number of tries to make an 80 within one week of the original submission. Failure to make an 80 on the original assignment or any redo assignments will result in removal from that section of the show.

By signing this contract, I understand and agree to abide by the rules stated in the Abilene HS Color Guard Handbook.

Student Printed Name _____ **Date** _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____ **Date** _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____