

Wakeland HS Color Guard Audition Packet

2017-2018

Audition Information, Summer and Fall Season Schedules, Audition Application



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)
 - ___ / ___ *First Six Week's grade print out
- *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 and Parent,

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 2017 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 for prospective members on Monday, May 8th at 5:30pm, and afterwards a parent informational meeting from 6pm to 7pm. Our clinics will take place on Monday, May 8th and Tuesday, May 9th from 6pm to 9pm. The **auditions** will take place on Wednesday, May 10th from 6pm to 9pm; all auditioning are required to stay the entire time!

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 2017 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
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Wakeland High School - Frisco ISD

Wakeland High School Color Guard Auditions 2017-2018

Wednesday, May 10th 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Auditions will take place at the Wakeland High School Auxiliary Gym

*All candidates are required to attend **every** day of the clinic in order to audition on Wednesday, May 10th. Audition clinics are closed to the public to ensure the performers are in a comfortable and supportive environment.*

Monday, May 8th

5:30pm: Audition Meeting (Prospective Members only)
6pm – 7pm: Parent Meeting (WHS Band Hall)
6pm-9pm: Audition Clinic #1 (Prospective Members only)

Tuesday, May 9th

6pm – 9pm: Audition Clinic #2

Wednesday, May 10th

6pm – 9pm: 2017 Color Guard Auditions

*Please note that students are required to stay the entire time

Thursday, May 11th

5:00pm: Results posted on the Wakeland Band website

Saturday, May 13th

8am – 12:30pm: First Rehearsal, WHS Band Hype Day, Early-Registration
12:30pm – 1pm: Parent Showcase

To maintain anonymity, you will be issued an audition number on Monday, May 8th. You will keep this number with you until the conclusion of auditions.

The Color Guard Audition Will Include:

- Across the floors evaluation
- 32-64 count Dance Phrase
- 32-64 count Flag Phrase
- 32-64 count Weapon Phrase (*Returning Members Only*)

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

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

Audition Clinics (May 8th and 9th; 6pm-9pm)

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 10th; 6pm-9pm)

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.

Anticipated Audition Music Selections (only 1 will be chosen):

1. *The Consolation of Philosophy* by Max Richter; from the album "Black Mirror: Nosedive"
2. *The Sidewinder* by Lee Morgan; from the album "The Sidewinder"
3. *Down* by Marian Hill; from the album "Act One"

All selections can be found on YouTube, Spotify and iTunes

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
- 32-64 ct. Dance phrase
- 32-64 ct. Flag Phrase
- 32-64 ct. 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

2017 Color Guard Rehearsal Schedule

If you are selected to be in the 2017 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.**

Color Guard Class

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.

May Rehearsals and Summer Sessions

May 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th, 30th, June 1st: Evening Training Rehearsals, 6pm-9pm

June 6th and 7th: Early Guard Camp, 10am-5pm

June 14th, 21st, 28th, July 12th: Summer Technique Camps 10am (Not Mandatory)

July 19th and July 20th: Guard Dance Camp, 10am-5pm

Summer Band Camp

July 24th – July 28th (8am-8pm)

July 31st – August 4th (8am-8pm)

August 7th – 11th (Mon. – Wed. 8am-8pm; Thurs. and Fri. from 2-4pm and 5-10pm)

August 14th – 18th (2-4pm and 5-10pm)

It is imperative that members attend every rehearsal. We will begin learning our 2017 marching show production on August 1st. Our focus will shift from technique and physical training to staging and choreographing.

Marching Rehearsal Schedule Beginning August 21st (First Day of School)

- August 21st through November 8th
 - Mondays: 6pm-9pm Evening
 - Tuesdays: Morning Sectional Time (Announced Weekly)
 - Wednesdays: 7am-8:30am
 - Thursdays: 7am-8:30am
 - Fridays: 7am-8:30am
- 3A Color Guard Class
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 12:30pm – 2:15pm
 - Tuesday, Thursday: 12:30pm – 2:15pm

Important Fall Dates:

Date	Event	Location	Times
September 9 th	Saturday Rehearsal	Memorial Stadium	TBA
September 16 th	Saturday Rehearsal	Memorial Stadium	TBA
September 23 rd	Plano Drumline Contest	Students are not required to attend, however I encourage them to support their percussionists and attend!	
September 30 th	Bands of America DFW	Dragon Stadium; Southlake, TX	All-Day
October 3 rd	FISD Band Showcase Night	The Star Stadium	TBA
October 7 th	HEB Marching Contest	HEB Stadium; Hurst, TX	All-Day
October 14 th	Saturday Rehearsal	TBA	TBA
October 21 st	UIL Region Marching Contest	TBA	TBAj
October 28 th	UIL Area	TBA	TBA
November 1 st	Evening Rehearsal	TBA	TBA
November 3 rd – 6 th	Bands of America SA	San Antonio ; Alamodome	All-Day
November 7 th – 8 th	UIL State	San Antonio; Alamodome	All-Day

*Please refer to the Wakeland Band Website Calendar for Football Games

Approved SAT/ACT Test Dates:

Date	Test	Status
(Saturday) June 10 th , 2017	ACT	Approved ACT Test Date for All
(Sat.) August 26 th , 2017	SAT	Approved SAT Test Date for All
(Sat.) September 9 th , 2017	ACT	<u>NO TESTING – Saturday Rehearsal</u>
(Sat.) October 7 th , 2017	SAT	NO TESTING – Marching Contest TBA
(Sat.) October 28 th , 2017	ACT	NO TESTING – UIL Area Marching Band Contest
(Sat.) November 4 th , 2017	SAT	<u>NO TESTING – BOA San Antonio</u>
(Sat.) December 2 nd , 2017	SAT	Approved SAT Test Date for Guard; Band dependent on All-Region auditions
(Sat.) December 9 th , 2017	ACT	Approved ACT Test Date for All
(Sat.) January 21 st , 2018	SAT	Approved SAT Test Date for All
(Sat.) February 10 th , 2018	ACT	Approved ACT Test Date for Guard; Band dependent on All-State status
(Sat.) March 10 th , 2018	SAT	Approved SAT Test Date for All
(Sat.) April 14 th , 2018	ACT	Approved ACT Test Date for All
(Sat.) May 5 th , 2018	SAT	Approved SAT Test Date for All
(Sat.) June 2 nd , 2018	SAT	Approved SAT Test Date for All
(Sat.) June 9 th , 2018		Approved ACT Test Date for All

2017 WHS Band and Guard Program Costs

The cost for the 2017 fall marching season (May through November) will be **\$1,020**. This total does not include other items needed for the season (duffel bag, jacket, field shoes, etc.).

Marching Program Fee: **\$620.00**
Bands of America San Antonio Trip Fee: **\$400.00**

This amount covers your uniform, screen-printed flags, weapons, copyright, meals, show design and designer fee's, competition entry, uniform cleaning, administrative and social fee's. The BOA San Antonio trip will take place from Friday, November 3rd to Monday, November 6th. 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, props, screen-printed flags, printed performance floor, show design, winter supplies, clinicians, uniforms, and administrative fee's.

Excluded Fees

Band Banquet Ticket (\$45/Ticket), Guard Apparel

The following pages contain:

- **Audition Application Form (pg.5)**
- **Conflict Sheet (pg. 5)**
- **Member Guidelines (Pg. 6)**
- **Social Media Statement and Release (pg. 6)**
- **Audition and Member Agreement (pg. 7)**
- **Medical Form (pg. 7)**

*Please keep pages 1 through 7 for your reference! 😊
Turn in pages 8 through 14 for auditions by Tuesday, May 9th before
9:00pm*

- ___ / ___ Completed Audition Application Form
- ___ / ___ Schedule Conflict Sheet / Schedule Agreement filled out and signed
- ___ / ___ Member Guidelines and Social Media
- ___ / ___ Audition and Season Commitment
- ___ / ___ Medical Release form (pg. 9)
- ___ / ___ *1st through 5th Six Week's Report Cards

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Audition Application Form

Name: _____ Upcoming Grade: _____

Birth Date: _____ Student Phone: _____

Student E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

Zip Code

T-Shirt Size: _____ Shoe Size: _____

Guardian #1: _____ Relationship: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guardian #2: _____ Relationship: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Why would you like to be a member of the WHS Color Guard?

Please list all guard, dance, gymnastic, band, or related performance experience you have had:

List all activities (school, community, and work) you plan to be involved in the 2017-18 school year:

Do you want to be considered for weapon line (rifle and/or sabre)? If yes, please describe how your practice plans, as well as your personal goals for weapon for the fall and winter seasons.

Conflict Sheet

Please fill out the following page to the best of your ability. We understand that conflicts arise during the season, and we will do our absolute best to accommodate you and your student. Please email Mr. Michael Alonso as soon as conflicts arise. Excessive and/or unexcused conflicts may result in penalized grade and removal from sections of the marching show.

May 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th, June 2nd: Evening training rehearsals 6pm – 9p

June 6th and 7th: Mandatory Early Guard Camp 10am – 5pm

June 14th, 21st, 28th, July 12th: **Optional** Spin Club at WHS 10am

July 19th and 20th: Mandatory Summer Dance Class 10am – 5pm

July 24th – 28th/ July 31st – August 4th/ August 7th – 11th/ August 14th – 18th: Mandatory Summer Band

August 21st – November 8th: 2017 Marching Season

Are you taking a CTE Class or Dual Credit Course? If yes, before and/or after school?

Examples of conflicts include: SAT/ACT Testing, Religious Observations, Weddings, Extracurricular Rehearsals/Performances, Athletic practices and games

Member Guidelines

-Rehearsals are mandatory. There are excusable circumstances, such as: sickness, family emergency, etc. Unexcused absence include: homework, work, non-emergency doctor's appointments, concerts, pictures, vacations, etc. Any absence must be cleared by Mr. Alonso **prior** to the rehearsal/performance via email from a parent within 24 hours. Please be aware that any absence not excused or cleared by Mr. Alonso **will** affect your grade and/or participation in the performing ensemble.

-The WCG Member will abide by all FISD codes of conduct for extracurricular activities. This includes policies on repeated bad behavior, absences, and illegal substance or alcohol use/possession **on and off campus**.

-The WCG Member will have all equipment and appropriate attire with you for rehearsals and/or class. You will receive a "zero" for your daily grade and/or dismissed should you not have your equipment or rehearsal attire.

-You will always have a buddy with you at all performances and events.

-The WCG Member will make eye contact with any instructor speaking to them. Do not spin/dance while they are speaking.

-Do not use foul language or tell offensive jokes.

-Stay professional in rehearsals and please keep drama outside of the performing group.

-Jewelry will not be permitted during rehearsals or performances. This includes, but is not limited to: earrings, nose rings, bracelets, necklaces, rings, ankle bracelets, body piercings, and watches. A band aid **will not** suffice. Do not get new piercings during the course of a season that would require you to leave it in during practice or performance.

-Hair must be a natural color. **No exceptions**. Violation of this guideline will result in you being sent home and/or dismissed from a rehearsal/performance. Your class grade will reflect this infraction.

-Hair lengths **may be** dictated for show purposes. Any haircuts or alterations, male or female, must be approved by Mr. Alonso. Failure to adhere to requested length could result in a limited role in the program.

-Respect yourself. Respect your teammates. Make sure we are creating a positive environment for rehearsal and performances.

We have read and understood the responsibilities and guidelines of being a member of the Wakeland Color Guard. I understand his/her obligations and responsibilities as a member and I will support him/her in this endeavor. I understand that violation of these guidelines could result in suspension or expulsion from the Wakeland Color Guard. I understand I will still be responsible for any and all financial commitments made to the Wakeland band Program if my student is suspended or expelled due to their actions; this includes academic ineligibility.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

WHS Color Guard Social Media Statement and Release

As a member of the WHS Color Guard, there is a high expectation to conduct yourself in a respectable manner at all times. This includes internet post, profile, blog, or website connected to you or about you. It is important that you think twice about what you post, and that you are aware of your online reputation. Your social media is an extension of you and directly affects and reflects upon the Wakeland High School Band and Color Guard programs.

Please be aware of the following:

- Make sure your profiles are password protected. Your password should be unique and original.
- Communicate with your guardians about your social media profiles.
- Do not post inappropriate pictures (alcohol, smoking, adult content, etc.)
- Avoid posts with foul language and explicit comments
- Do not bully others online
- Do not post negative content/comments related to the WHS band, guard, instructors, members

I, _____, have read and understood the Social Media policies. As a Wakeland Color Guard member, I will be mindful of what I post and share online as it not only reflects on me, but also my program and school.

Student Signature

Date

Release Statement

Students within Frisco Independent School District are occasionally asked to be a part of school and/or District publicity. This could be for our website, announcement videos, newsletter publications, and so forth.

The student's name, picture, art, written work, voice, verbal statements, and portraits shall only be used for public relations, public information, school or district promotion, publicity, and instruction.

- Yes, we give permission.
- No, we do not give permission

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Audition and Member Agreement

I, _____, have read the following information completely: *2017 Color Guard Auditions, Color Guard Rehearsal Schedule, Important Fall Dates, Approved SAT/ACT Test Dates, Financial Information, Member Guidelines, Social Media Statement and Release.*

I understand the responsibilities, academic requirements, time commitment and financial commitment for the 2017 Wakeland High School Marching Band and Color Guard. I have filled out the conflict sheet to the best of my ability. I will let Michael Alonso know by email of any changes or sudden conflicts that arise in a timely manner.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Commitment

I/We, _____, give my/our permission for my/our child to audition for the 2017 WHS Color Guard. We have read the following information completely: *2017 Color Guard Auditions, Color Guard Rehearsal Schedule, Important Fall Dates, Approved SAT/ACT Test Dates, Financial Information, Member Guidelines, Social Media Statement and Release.*

If my/our child is cast, I/We understand the financial obligations that I/we must fulfill (**\$1,020**). These items cover the uniform, screen-printed flags, weapons, copyright, meals, show design and designer fee's, competition entry, uniform cleaning, administrative and social fee's, and the Wakeland Band trip to San Antonio November 3rd through November 6th. I/we understand that the amount of **\$1,020** does not cover additional items (Guard Jacket, Duffel Bag, Warm-Ups, Tank Top) or optional items (Dance paw, Gloves). I/we understand that removal, resignation, and ineligibility do not eliminate the financial obligations.

I/we understand that our child must ride school-approved transportation to football games and competitions.

I/we will support my/our child during the summer season and marching season.

Guardian Signature

Date

Do not forget to staple your 1st through 5th Six Week's Report Cards!

Wakeland High School Band - Frisco ISD
AUTHORIZATION TO SECURE EMERGENCY
MEDICAL TREATMENT OF MINOR STUDENT

Student Name: _____ Birthdate: _____
Date: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____
Address: _____ Home Ph.: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____

TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN: To serve your child in case of ACCIDENT or SUDDEN ILLNESS, please provide the following information:

Mother/Guardian: _____ Bus. Phone: _____
Father/Guardian: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

List two people who will assume temporary care of your child if you cannot be reached:

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Relation: _____	Relation: _____

List any health conditions such as heart problems, diabetes, epilepsy, eye or ear problems, or any chronic condition:

List any allergies: _____

List any medications taken regularly:

Doctor: 1st Choice: _____ Phone: _____
2nd Choice: _____ Phone: _____

Dentist: _____ Phone: _____
Hospital: Choice: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Insurance Provider: _____
Policy No.: _____

Please initial ONE of these statements:

_____ I authorize immediate medical treatment for the above-named student.
_____ Contact this student's parent/guardian before seeking medical treatment.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ *Date*