



Welcome to The Oakton High School Color Guard Program!!

What is Color Guard?

Color Guard is a dance-based performance activity that uses flags, rifles, and sabres to perform. The Fall Guard (August-October) is a part of the marching band, while the Winter Guard (November-March) is its own ensemble.

You do not need to have any experience in performance to join the program!

A brief video is linked [here](#). Please note the ending QR code is out of date but the QR code in the provided flyer works!

Basic Info:

We will spend most of our time rehearsing with or around the marching band. Rehearsals are mostly outside, but we may rehearse indoors depending on the weather and schedule. This is a performance-based physical activity, but accommodations can be made if needed. You will be trained on everything that is asked of you.

During the season, we will work to create a 7-8 minute 'show' that will be performed at competitions throughout the season and performed at our final competition: State Assessment.

Everyone will have the opportunity to dance and spin flags; spinning weapon (rifle and sabre) is optional, and is audition-based.

The Schedule:

We will have a few summer pre-camp days to go over basics, conditioning, and any questions you may have. These will be short 3-4 hour events, leading up to band camp; the exact dates are still to be finalized.

Band camp is three weeks before school begins. It consists of two full weeks and a third week with a partial camp schedule. Band camp is at Oakton High School and is only on weekdays.

After camp ends and the school year begins, we rehearse Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after school/in the evening. We will perform at some OHS Football Games and have 5-6 Saturday competitions starting mid to late September. A final calendar for the season will be made available as we approach the end of the school year.

Registering:

If you have an interest in registering, registration will go live at the start of May and can be found on the [Oakton Bands website](#). It will also be sent out via email to all who have registered for a spin clinic.

Once you have registered, you will be added to a Schoology group where we will post updates and communicate throughout the season.

Interested?:

If you have interest in joining the program or just trying it out, we are hosting several upcoming spin clinics at Oakton High School which you can register for using [this link](#)!

-Please note that this form must be completed using an FCPS email.

If you have any questions you can reach out to Coach Malcolm Wood directly, via the following emails:

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