



Calallen High School

Color Guard Class

2019-20

Course Syllabus

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Color Guard Class Description

Music Band / Color Guard

1 - 1104/01

2 - 1105/01

3 - 1106/01

4 - 1107/01

Grades: 9-12 1 credit

Prerequisites: Audition & Teacher Approval

The Color Guard class is designed to provide students with an outlet for musical expression and performance through flag, rifle, saber and dance. All members of the class must participate in Fall Marching Band. Marching band participation includes, May (of the previous year) marching training, rehearsals throughout the summer, late summer band camp, outside of the school day rehearsals and performances throughout the fall semester. The Marching Band performs at varsity football games, community events, and competes in marching contests sponsored by the UIL and by other organizations. During the spring semester, all students enrolled in the colorguard class may participate in winterguard according to their proficiency as determined by audition and instructor placement. Extra rehearsals and performances are mandatory and part of the student's grade. Students enrolled in Colorguard Class may receive their fine arts AND PE credit for their participation in Fall Marching Band.

* Students must fully participate in both the Marching Band & Winter Guard (by audition only).

The CHS Color Guard Class is scheduled during 1st period.

General Policy and Requirements

Grading Policy:

Each member of the CHS Color Guard Class will be assessed on the following criteria. Daily grades, sectional attendance and preparation, materials tests, performance tests, written exams, written assignments, major performance grades, and 9 weeks' exams.

The 9 weeks grading breakdown is as follows:

40% - Daily grades

60% - Major Grades

15% - 9 weeks' exam

Class Time:

1st period Colorguard WILL start at the tardy bell each afternoon. Any student not in his/her seat (with their instrument) at the time of the tardy bell will be counted tardy. The CHS Tardy policy will be enforced once the tardy bell rings. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 8:30am on regular days, 8:30 on pep rally school days and will begin promptly at 8:55 on collaboration days. It is the responsibility of the individual student to know and follow the CHS bell schedule.

Eligibility:

UIL rules state that a student must be passing ALL classes with a 70 or above to remain eligible for performance at UIL events. Therefore, individuals that are not academically eligible may lose their position in the Color Guard based on the discretion of the director.

Membership, performance, and ensemble placement:

Membership and performance as a member of the CHS Color Guard should be looked at as an honor and a privilege. Membership and placement is initially based upon audition. However, if at any time, the directors feel that a member of the guard is not behaving properly, keeping up with assigned material, academically ineligible, etc. Then, a member may lose their position in the guard based upon the discretion of the director.

Class Portfolio:

Each member of the CHS Color Guard Class must own and maintain a Guard Portfolio. The portfolio will consist of a black three ring binder with clear plastic inserts. Every member will keep all handouts, tests, etc. neatly in the portfolio. The portfolio needs to be with the member at every class period and will be periodically checked for a grade by the director.

Pencil:

Each member of the ensemble must have a pencil for note taking at all times. This is necessary to mark changes, reminders, etc.

School-Owned Band and Color Guard Equipment

School-owned band and color guard equipment is property of the fine arts department. It is considered a privilege to use this equipment. Students are expected to work to the best of their ability to ensure that the utmost care and handling is exercised with this equipment at all times. Students understand that their parent/guardians are financially responsible for any damage that occurs to the equipment that is checked-out to them color guard equipment privileges may be revoked at any time if these regulations are not properly followed.

Private or Group study:

Each member of the CHS guard is strongly encouraged to study dance privately or in a studio setting. One on one individualized or small group instruction is the quickest and most productive way to success in the color guard activity.

Winter Guard:

Winter guard is an extra-curricular activity that is not offered every year. The years that it is offered auditions will be held for the coveted spots in the group. Outside of the school day rehearsals and performances are required for membership. Extra fundraisers and fees are associated with membership in the CHS Winter guard. Fees will be assessed at the time the season begins and will be determined by the cost of uniforms, equipment, design, extra instruction, etc. Note: not every member of the colorguard class will make the competitive winter guard.

Schedule of Events (Fall/Marching Band)

All band events will be listed on the Band Calendar on the CHS Band informational website:
www.charmsoffice.com

Schedule of Events

- August 30st, 2019 – First Away Football Game (San Benito)
- September 6th, 2019 – Home Game –vs- Flour Bluff
- September 13th, 2019 – Away Football (Needville)
- September 27th, 2019 – Home football –vs- Floresville
- September 28th, 2019 – First Marching Band Competition at Beeville
- October 4th, 2019 – Away Football Game (Somerset)
- October 5th, 2019 – Marching Band Competition at GP
- October 11th, 2019 – Home Football Game –vs- Southside (CMS Band Night)
- October 12th, 2019 - Marching Band Contest here at Calallen
- October 18th, 2019 – Homecoming Football Game -vs- Tulo-so-Midway
- October 19th, 2019 – UIL Region 14 Marching Contest here at Calallen
- October 25th, 2019 – Away Football Game (GP)
- October 26th, 2019 – UIL Area Marching Contest at Weslaco
- November 1st, 2019 - Away Football Game at Alice (Band Senior Night)
- November 4th-5th, 2019 – UIL State Marching Contest (Alamodome, San Antonio)
- November 8th, 2019 – Away Football Game (Calhoun)
- November 9th, 2019 – District Band Auditions at Veterans (Corpus)

Please check the check the CHARMS calendar to be the most up to date with band events.

Sectional and full band co-curricular rehearsals:

Each member of the CHS Band will be required to attend graded co-curricular rehearsals and sectionals. The weekly schedule is initially as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Full Band Sectionals 4:30-5:45	Full Band 4:30-7:30pm	No rehearsal	Full Band 4:30-7:30

*The rehearsal schedule is subject to change on a weekly basis as determined by the Director. Please check on the Charms Calendar for the most up to date rehearsal and performance schedule. Sometimes, additional sectional time may be scheduled outside of the school day or there may be a Saturday camp.

Syllabus Acknowledgement Form

It is extremely important that each student, as well as the parent or guardian, review this syllabus.

I have received and reviewed the 2018-2019 Calallen High School Colorguard Class Syllabus.

Date: _____

Printed Name of Student: _____

Signature of Student: _____

Printed Name of Parent/ Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

This signed form needs to be returned by Friday, August 17th, 2018

**A copy of this syllabus is available online on the district website as well as the Charms Office Portal.*