

Color Guard FAQ's

Why should I join color guard?

- Support your school! Since the band program is the largest extracurricular activity, it is a very important organization at Hightower High School.
- Make new friends and build relationships for a lifetime.
- Have fun! Not only do you get to go to all football games for free, you will also get to travel with the band to competitions across the city, state, and country. The winter guard will be competing in competitions across the city and hopefully have a chance to progress to state and country competitions.
- Become well-rounded! Color guard requires higher level thinking that translates into many other areas. Band and color guard have the highest percentage of honors students in the school.
- Colleges LOVE guard students. The leadership opportunities in band and color guard are extensive. Counselors are looking for extracurricular activities on college applications. Many colleges offer strong scholarships for band and color guard students.

Facts about music programs and color guard:

- The college entrance examination board found that students involved in public school music programs scored an average of 107 points higher on the SAT's.
- Music programs assist in building a child's confidence and self-discipline.
- It has been proven that early music training dramatically enhances abstract reasoning skills.
- Students that have participated in fine arts were reported to have the lowest usage, both current and for life, of substances such as drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- Music enhances higher brain functions required for math, science, and engineering.
- Music programs introduce children into a social environment in which they can feel safe.