

## Color Guard Information

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### What is Color Guard?

Color Guard is a combination of the use of flags, sabers, mock rifles, and other equipment, as well as dance and other interpretive movements. Color guards can be found in high schools, middle schools, universities, and other independent organizations, some of which are related to drum corps.<sup>1</sup> The De Soto Color Guard performs with the De Soto High School Marching Band at home football games as well as other scheduled competitions and parades.

[Checkout this playlist to get a picture of Color Guard in action](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Description taken from wgi.org

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## 2020/2021 Season Information



### General information

The Color Guard season lasts from July 20, 2020 to mid-December, 2020. The close of the season is determined by how long the football season lasts. In order to support the marching arts program, we must fundraise and pay dues to pay for the equipment, props, uniforms, drill writers and music that are used as well as competitions that we participate in. The fee for this season will be around \$150 to \$200 to include all uniform pieces, props, and event registration.

### Auditions

Auditions are open to all male and female students, regardless of your Color Guard experience! Because of the unique situation we are in regarding school facilities being closed indefinitely, the audition process will look a bit different this year. Students will complete a rhythm audition, record a video, and submit the audition digitally. For an overview of the audition process and a detailed checklist, please use the link below.

[Use this checklist to ensure that you have completed all required audition material.](#)

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## After Auditions

Once the team has been selected, we will rehearse according to the schedule on pages 5-12 of this handbook. All team members are required to attend all rehearsals and performances.

## Payment Information

The total amount of dues owed for the 2020-2021 Color guard season will be between \$150 and \$200. Due to the fact that we must do our audition process differently and that the marching show has not been selected, the color guard director will need to assess exact pricing at a later date. These fees can be paid over the next few months but must be paid in full by July 1, 2020.

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## Acknowledgement of Responsibilities

Let it be known that upon being selected for the 2020-2021 De Soto Color Guard, that you are agreeing to<sup>2</sup>:

- Attend all regularly scheduled practices and competitions.
- Forego any new piercings or other body modifications until after the season ends.
- Uphold the [DHS Student Handbook](#).
- Work positively and respectfully with all team members, staff, and other personnel or students you may encounter throughout the season.
- Maintain grades to be eligible to perform.<sup>3</sup>
  - Students are required to pass 6 or more classes in the Spring 2020 semester to be eligible to maintain a spot on the 2020-2021 Color guard. When grades are posted in May, 2020, if the student has not met this minimum requirement, the student will be cut from the team with no refund of money paid.
- Pay all dues by June 1, 2020.
- Help the team fundraiser money for fees to pay for equipment, and other financial obligations to support the marching arts program.



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I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to uphold all standards and adhere to the responsibilities as detailed in this handbook and its attachments upon being selected for the 2020-2021 De Soto High School Color Guard.

Signed by student: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>2</sup> If these standards are not upheld, the student's eligibility may be reviewed by the Color Guard Director, and membership may be subject to termination without refund of dues paid.

<sup>3</sup> Students must pass a minimum of 6 classes at the end of the Spring 2020 semester. If this minimum academic requirement is not met, the student will be cut from the team.

**All Audition, Rehearsal, and Competition Dates:**

<b>July</b>						
<b>Su</b>	<b>Mo</b>	<b>Tu</b>	<b>We</b>	<b>Th</b>	<b>Fr</b>	<b>Sa</b>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	Marching Percussion and Color Guard Camp	Marching Percussion and Color Guard Camp	Marching Percussion and Color Guard Camp	Marching Percussion and Color Guard Camp	Marching Percussion and Color Guard Camp	
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
	Full Band Camp 8:00am-4:30pm	Full Band Camp 8:00am-4:30pm	Full Band Camp 8:00am-4:30pm	Full Band Camp 8:00am-4:30pm	Full Band Camp 8:00am-4:30pm	

# August

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Mini Marching Band Camp 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Color Guard Sectional	Mini Marching Band Camp 6:00pm - 8:00pm			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Mini Marching Band Camp 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Color Guard Sectional	Mini Marching Band Camp 6:00pm - 8:00pm		First day of school	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal	Color Guard Sectional				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal	Color Guard Sectional				
30	31					
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal	Color Guard Sectional				

# September

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
		Color Guard Sectional			Home Football Game	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	No School	Color Guard Sectional				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal	Color Guard Sectional			Home Football Game	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal	Color Guard Sectional				
27	28	29	30			
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal	Color Guard Sectional				

# October

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
				No School	No School	Home Football Game
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal	Color Guard Sectional	Baker Marching Festival			Olathe Marching Festival
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal	Color Guard Sectional			No School	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	No School	Color Guard Sectional			Home Football Game	KBA Marching Festival
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal	Color Guard Sectional				



# November

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal	Color Guard Sectional				
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal	Color Guard Sectional				
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal	Color Guard Sectional				
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal	Color Guard Sectional	No School	No School	No School	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					
	Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal					

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## List of Rehearsal and Competition Dates

(This is simply a different format of the calendar dates listed before, for your convenience of preferences on how you like to plan/consume information.)

### July 2020

- Monday, July 20, Marching Percussion and Color Guard Camp
- Tuesday, July 21, Marching Percussion and Color Guard Camp
- Wednesday, July 22, Marching Percussion and Color Guard Camp
- Thursday, July 23, Marching Percussion and Color Guard Camp
- Friday, July 24, Marching Percussion and Color Guard Camp
- Monday, July 27, Full Band Camp 8:00am-4:30pm
- Tuesday, July 28, Full Band Camp 8:00am-4:30pm
- Wednesday, July 29, Full Band Camp 8:00am-4:30pm
- Thursday, July 30, Full Band Camp 8:00am-4:30pm
- Friday, July 31, Full Band Camp 8:00am-4:30pm

### August 2020

- Monday, August 3, Mini marching Band Camp 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Tuesday, August 4, Color Guard Sectional 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Wednesday, August 5, Mini marching Band Camp 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Monday, August 10, Mini marching Band Camp 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Tuesday, August 11, Color Guard Sectional 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Wednesday, August 12, Mini marching Band Camp 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Monday, August 17, Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Tuesday, August 18, Color Guard Sectional
- Monday, August 24, Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Tuesday, August 25, Color Guard Sectional
- Monday, August 31, Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm

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## September 2020

- Tuesday, September 1, Color Guard Sectional
- Friday, September 4, Home Football Game
- Tuesday, September 8, Color Guard Sectional
- Monday, September 14, Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Tuesday, September 15, Color Guard Sectional
- Friday, September 18, Home Football Game
- Monday, September 21, Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Tuesday, September 22, Color Guard Sectional
- Monday, September 28, Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Tuesday, September 29, Color Guard Sectional

## October 2020

- Friday, October 2, Home Football Game
- Monday, October 5, Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Tuesday, October 6, Color Guard Sectional
- Wednesday, October 7, Baker Marching Festival
- Saturday, October 10, Olathe Marching Festival
- Monday, October 12, Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Tuesday, October 13, Color Guard Sectional
- Tuesday, October 20, Color Guard Sectional
- Friday, October 23, Home Football Game
- Saturday, October 24, KBA Marching Festival
- Monday, October 26, Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Tuesday, October 27, Color Guard Sectional

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November & December

- Monday Night Marching Band Rehearsals continue until the end of the football season
- Tuesday Color Guard Sectionals continue until the end of the football season
- Friday Home Games TBD