

Vines High School

Colorguard Handbook

Welcome to the 2021 Colorguard season!

We look forward to having another great year as we prepare for our 2021 Colorguard season. This handbook is provided to help you understand the rules and procedures under which this organization will operate. Please read this packet in its entirety. Should you have any questions, please feel free to email Ms. G or Mr. G

As a member of the Vines HS Colorguard, you will become an integral part of one of the most outstanding visual arts programs. The Vines HS Colorguard is built on excellence, pride, tradition, and incredible friendships. As with all organizations, the success of the Vines Colorguard will depend on the loyalty, cooperation, and dedication of each and every member.

How does one show loyalty to their organization? First, by making up their mind to be a proud and contributing member; second, by giving the organization all they can in interest, effort, and attention; and finally, by observing and following the objectives and guidelines of the organization. This is a necessary part of any outstanding program.

The guidelines outlined on the following pages are simple, sound, and easy to understand and follow. They reflect years of experience and hours of careful thought and planning. In following them, you are meeting an obligation that you owe to your community, school, and most importantly yourself.

Remember that your directors are always available for questions and/or assistance.

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EXPECTATIONS

As part of the Vines Colorguard, you are expected to follow certain guidelines in order to continue your participation with the organization. Here is what is expected from each member.

REHEARSAL ATTIRE

Appropriate clothing is required from all members of the organization. Students should wear athletic clothing that allows them to move comfortably and keeps them cool throughout rehearsal. Such as fitted tops and bottoms, shorts, leggings, etc.

ATTENDANCE

General Expectations:

1. As a member of the Vines Colorguard, you have an obligation to your fellow teammates to be at all rehearsals and come prepared with the proper equipment.
2. ALL PERFORMANCES ARE REQUIRED. All members must be available to attend all performances.

Absence / Tardy Policy:

3. We expect every member to attend all rehearsals as we will learn new things each and every day.
4. Consistent absences may result in the removal of a performance or even the removal from the program.
5. Any and all absences must be communicated ahead of time. Contact should be made by email. Telling another student is not proper notification.

CONDUCT

Any organization that has high performance standards must also have high behavioral standards. The basic behavioral guidelines for students in this organization are taken from the PISD Student Code of Conduct Handbook.

VINES COLORGUARD SPECIFICS

- Any behavior which is not representative of good citizenship, as perceived by the directors, may result in the student's dismissal from the colorguard activity at hand as well as the colorguard program. This also applies to the actions of student leaders in both public and private events.
- All students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Ten Ethical Principles at all times (honest, integrity, promise-keeping, loyalty, concern for others, law-abidance, respect for others, fairness, pursuit of excellence and accountability).
- Display of profanity, temper, flagrant violation of rules etc. will not be tolerated.
- Individual behavior during a colorguard function reflects the organization.
- Students will follow the director's instructions.
- Students will bring all the equipment needed for rehearsal.
- Students will keep their hands, feet, and other objects to themselves.
- Students will not use or play on equipment they do not own.
- Students will respect the property of others and return their equipment to its proper storage area when not in use.
- Students will not deface or mark on any equipment within the rehearsal space.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Arrive on time and be prepared
- No food or drink (other than water) in the band hall / gym at any time for any reason
- No chewing gum in the band hall or in rehearsal
- Absolutely no profanity, obscene gestures, or engaging in verbal abuse towards each other
- No running or horseplay in the band hall / gym or at any performance event
- Do not touch or play on instruments or equipment that is not yours

SOCIAL MEDIA

Maintaining a higher standard of conduct will also include ensuring that colorguard member's websites are appropriate. The internet is a worldwide, publicly accessible form of communication. Any communication such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, photo sharing, emailing, texting, etc. appearing on the internet is public domain, even if it is marked private. Members are responsible for their personal websites and postings, as well as posting from or on other students' websites. The areas of appropriateness will include but are not limited to profane, foul, or disrespectful language (abbreviated or alluding to), pictures, suggestive poses, clothing, references to drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco, and postings (either verbal or photos) that could be interpreted as being negative or threatening towards other PISD teaching staff, students, or that demonstrates poor sportsmanship or disrespectful attitude towards other organizations. Any such incident will result in review by the principal (or designee) and may lead to probation or dismissal from the program.

Colorguard members that violate the above guidelines shall be subject to the following:

- Upon confirmation of a first violation, the member will be asked to remove any offensive items from the website(s) and will be asked to give an apology and plan of action to deter this behavior to the principal, directors and colorguard members. Parents/guardians will be contacted and made aware of the offensive behavior.
- Upon confirmation of a second offense, the member will be asked to remove any offensive items from the website(s) and will be asked to give an apology and plan of action to deter this behavior to the principal, directors and colorguard members. Parents/guardians will be contacted and made aware of the offensive behavior. In addition, the students will be suspended from all colorguard activities for a period of 3 days to 3 weeks.
- Upon confirmation of a third offense, the member will be removed from the program.

COVID-19 RELATED RULES AND REGULATIONS

Due to the current pandemic, we have implemented some new rules and regulations to ensure the safety of our staff, parents, and students.

- Students must complete a self-screening form online before every rehearsal.
- Students must maintain a distance of 6ft from other students and staff at all times.
- Students are required to wear a face mask or face cover appropriately, throughout the entire rehearsal.
- Water fountains will not be available for students to use. Please make sure you always bring your own source of water.
- Students will be prohibited from using someone else's equipment. There will be no sharing of guard equipment.

We take the safety of our staff, parents, and students seriously. Anyone who refuses to follow these guidelines will be removed from the rehearsal space immediately.

In addition to these regulations, we will also be applying these regulations to the design of our show. Students will be properly spaced throughout the entirety of the show as well as making sure that there is never a moment of shared equipment. Extra equipment will not be available for students. It is important that everyone brings their own stuff to each rehearsal.

Audition and Member Agreement

I, _____, have read the following information completely regarding: Conduct and Member Guidelines, General Guidelines, Attendance Policy, Rehearsal Attire, Social Media Statement and Release.

I understand the responsibilities, academic requirements and time commitment for the 2021 Vines Colorguard. I will let my directors 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 child permission to audition for the 2021 Vines Colorguard. We have read the following information completely, regarding: Conduct and Member Guidelines, General Guidelines, Attendance Policy, Rehearsal Attire, Membership Dues, Social Media Statement and Release.

If my/our child is cast, I/we understand the financial obligations that I/we must fulfill. I/We understand that removal, resignation, and ineligibility do not eliminate the financial obligations. I/We will support my/our child during the colorguard season.

Parent Signature

Date _____

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Date

21-22 Colorguard INFORMATION FORM

Please print legibly

Name: _____

ID #: _____

Grade: _____

Student personal email: _____

Phone #: _____

Guardian #1: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Guardian #2: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

What conflicts, if any, do you have with the 2021-2022 Colorguard Summer Schedule? Why?

Important dates (meeting in Vines Band Hall)

Day 1 of rehearsal 9/14

Day 2 of rehearsal 9/16

Day 3 of rehearsal 9/21

Day 4 of rehearsal 9/23

Day 5 of rehearsal 9/28

Day 6 of rehearsal 9/30

Day 7 of rehearsal 10/5

Day 8 of rehearsal 10/7

Day 9 of rehearsal 10/12

Day 10 of rehearsal 10/14

Day 11 of rehearsal 10/19

Day 12 of rehearsal 10/21

Day 13 of rehearsal 10/26

Day 14 of rehearsal 10/28

Day 15 COMBINED REHEARSAL @ PLANO SR HIGH SCHOOL 5:30pm-7pm

Day 16 COMBINED FOOTBALL GAME @ CLARK STADIUM 7PM

(THESE 2 EVENTS ARE MANDATORY)