

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COLORGUARD

1. WHO CAN JOIN COLORGUARD?

Anyone interested in flag drills and dance movement may audition for the “Marching Eagle” Colorguard Section. No prior musical knowledge or previous experience is required. This is a great way to be in the Marching Band if you don’t play an instrument, or to have a totally great and unique experience if you already do!! The “Marching Eagles” are made up of some of the smartest and best that Eisenhower High School has to offer so it’s a great group to be a part of!!

2. HOW OFTEN ARE PRACTICES?

The Colorguard coach and student leadership will set up the practice schedule. They will generally run once or twice a week during the summer until Band Camp starts. It is understood that students might miss a rehearsal due to family vacation schedules. During the marching season there also might be additional rehearsals in addition to the full band activities.

3. WHAT IS “NEW MARCHER ORIENTATION”

New Marcher Orientation is a day camp for any new member of the Marching Eagles, no matter what grade they are in. The Orientation will take place from 11:30am to 3:00pm on the last day of school at the High School, and will be entirely focused on the needs and concerns of our newest members! All of our Drum Majors, Field Commanders, and Section Leaders will be in attendance as well to assist with the various activities. During this time we will work on and discuss marching, music, drill, and also do a variety of team building events! Everything will be done in a positive and friendly way to make our newest “Marching Eagles” feel right at home! For Shelby students, bus transportation will be provided to Eisenhower following the end of your school day. Lunch will be provided to all at 11:30am by the Eisenhower Instrumental Music Boosters!!

4. WHAT IS PRE-BAND CAMP?

All members of the Marching Eagles are required to attend two days of marching/music instruction at the start of summer (see calendar on next page) from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Clinics will be run by staff members, drum majors, field commanders, and other student leadership. This is all done under the supervision of the band director(s).

5. WHAT IS BAND CAMP?

Band Camp is scheduled shortly before the start of the school year. This camp should be considered Mandatory for all marching band members. The 1/2 time performance, parade routine and all of the music for the season are learned during these days, with the assistance of several hired specialized staff. More importantly this experience develops and promotes camaraderie, team spirit and unity! Students spend seven days and six nights at Camp Walden in Cheboygan, Michigan learning and mastering marching, show drills, music, and parade routines. We also will have various social activities and events!

6. CAN A STUDENT PARTICIPATE IN BOTH MARCHING BAND AND FALL SPORTS?

Yes, however to avoid conflicts, students desiring to participate in fall sports must **CAREFULLY** cross-reference the Marching Band performance dates with those of their sport. All conflicts need to be resolved with the Band director(s) before the end of the previous school year to come up with an attendance plan. Failure to abide by the plan could result in unexcused absences from the ensemble.

7. WHEN DO THE MARCHING EAGLES REHEARSE?

Normally, the full band has mandatory rehearsals twice a week for 2 hours during the season. Special situations/events might require extra rehearsals and will be added if deemed necessary. A complete schedule of Marching Band rehearsals and performances will be available before Marching Band registration.

Visit our website, www.ikebands.com for the most updated schedule!

8. HOW OFTEN DOES THE MARCHING BAND PERFORM?

The "Marching Eagles" perform at all home games (4-5), Ike Homecoming Parade, UCS Band-A-Rama, MSBOA Marching Band Festival, Playoff Football Games (TBD), as well as other Community and School events!

9. DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BE IN A BAND CLASS TO MARCH?

For guard students no! According to UCS District Policy all instrumental members must be enrolled in a concurrent FULL YEAR instrumental music class at their normal school of attendance. For students that do not attend regular classes at Eisenhower (Shelby, Malow, UAIS) we will follow up with your classroom director to make sure this requirement is met in accordance to UCS Policy. Colorguard students are exempt from this requirement.

<u>Important Dates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Marching Band Registration: <i>Sophomores 5-6:00pm, Juniors/Seniors 6:00pm-7:15pm, Freshmen 7:15pm-8:30pm</i>	5-8:30pm Monday, May 7 th	ECC Room at Ike
New Marcher/Parent Meeting: <i>This is a voluntary meeting for any new marchers and their parents who would like more information on what the Band is all about! Following this meeting you may go directly to Registration in the ECC to sign up for the Marching Eagles, or you can take the registration materials with you and turn them in at a later date. (DUE by May 26th)</i>	6:30pm Monday, May 7 th	Band Room
Colorguard Clinics	April 30, May 2, 7, and 9: 6-8:00pm	Room/Outside
New Marcher Orientation:	11:30am-3:00pm <i>Friday, June 15, 2018</i>	Band Room
Marching Band Pre-Camp:	9:00am-3:00pm <i>Monday, June 18th and Tuesday, June 19th</i>	Band Room
Marching Band Camp:	August 12 th - 18 th	Camp Walden
Marching Camp Home Show:	4:30pm (approx.) August 18 th	Eisenhower "Big" Field

For additional information on Marching Band or the Eisenhower Instrumental Music Program please check out our website at www.ikebands.com. From there you can also subscribe to our email update list as well as link to our Facebook/Twitter pages. You can also visit our Colorguard page at www.ikebands.com/ikebands_wp/bands/hs/marching-band/colorguard/. Thanks to the Eisenhower Instrumental Boosters it's easier than ever to stay current on the happenings of the Ike Bands!

If you have any specific questions or concerns please feel free to contact Mr. Christopher Traskal, Eisenhower's Director of Bands, at Christopher.Traskal@uticak12.org