



**CATALYST COLOR GUARD
STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK**



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WELCOME TO CATALYST COLOR GUARD

On behalf of the Dawson High School Band and Catalyst Color Guard and the Eagle Band and Color Guard Booster organization, we extend a warm welcome to all Catalyst Color Guard Members. We want parents to be actively involved with the Eagle Band Boosters by attending monthly meetings and helping with all Band fundraising events and when the band and color guard perform.







We are excited about your participation in DHS' award winning Catalyst Color Guard! This document is to provide you the rules and regulations and policies of Catalyst Color Guard and the Dawson High School Band. The directors reserve the right to edit, enhance or change items in this handbook as required for the benefit of the entire organization.

What is Color Guard? Color Guard brings 'visual life and emotion' to music. The Color Guard uses dance, flags, sabers, rifles and props to bring the music to life.

Catalyst: *definition*: Something that causes an important event to happen. Princeton University, 2003

Example: Catalyst Color Guard acts as a catalyst to bring visual life to the music through equipment, dance and emotion.

Facts about music programs and color guard:

-  The college entrance examination board found that students involved in public school music programs scored 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 where they can feel safe.

WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTORS

The Dawson High School Band and Catalyst Color Guard Family are blessed with an amazing group of students and parents. As we grow our program the successes we will achieve over the years are directly attributed to the complete effort by everyone.

What characterizes us and sets us apart and provides an environment of growth and development as musicians and as individuals? We believe that the success and growth of our program will hinge on three elements: **purpose**, **unity** and **focus**.

Our **purpose** is to provide our students with the most positive and supportive environment for which they can develop their musical and visual skills and to provide many educational opportunities for them to witness and experience. This will provide each student with the tools to be a life-long learner and connoisseur of the musical and visual arts.

We believe that as members of the Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard, **unity** will make us stronger and enable us to achieve heights beyond our own expectations. We truly know that T.E.A.M. means Together Everyone Achieves More! As a team we will learn together, improve together and grow together as a band program.

Our students will develop the ability to **focus** on a goal or task so they can complete it with excellence. We believe that our students will develop pride in our program and themselves through the structure of focused attention and the reward of completing a task at the highest level.

With these attributes, we know that our students will be successful in marching season, winter guard season, and solo and ensemble as well as the numerous other activities in which the students will participate. But more importantly, we know the Catalyst students will continue their success into the rest of their lives and whatever endeavors they chose to pursue.

We wish for all the success possible for your child in the DHS Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard.

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Catalyst FAQ's

Why should I join Catalyst?

- Support your school. Since the band program is the largest extracurricular activity, it is a very important organization at Dawson High School.
- Make new friends. 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 state. The winter guard will be competing across the state, and has plans to travel to the WGI World Championships.
- It fits in your schedule! All high school students are required to take fine arts and physical education. By participating in Catalyst, you are earning **both** of the requirements in the same class.
- Become more well--rounded! Color guard requires higher level thinking that translate 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 color guard students. Currently we have 75% of our seniors receiving scholarships.

Can a student only participate in Catalyst one semester?

No. Students must sign up for both semesters to receive full credit, to cover the state-mandated "Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for High School Band", and to receive a P.E. credit. Further, all of the concepts introduced and taught during the fall semester are prerequisites to the information taught in the spring semester.

What is Catalyst's year like?

Catalyst is a year-long class, but a full four year organization. During the year we perform with the marching band during football season. We perform at every football game and at marching contests during the fall. We are an independent competitive unit in an activity called Winter Guard in the Texas Color Guard Circuit and the WGI World Championships. Each show is themed to support the selected music.

When does Catalyst Practice?

All Catalyst members are required to participate in summer camp, summer band and all scheduled rehearsals, performances, and competitions.

Catalyst performs as part of the band during the summer and the fall. There will be a few rehearsals in May to prepare for our summer camp. Summer camp is in June at Dawson High School. There are daily

practices during August through November or the end of football season. There are some Saturday rehearsals scheduled during football season.

During Winter Guard Season, Catalyst practices every week, but not necessarily every day. There are some Saturday camps during this time of year. All competitions are on the weekends.


We require that all Catalyst members be flexible as from time to time, there will be changes in the rehearsal schedule. A change in the schedule does on excuse any student from rehearsal.

 How can I keep up with the rehearsal and performance schedules?

www.dhscatalyst.org is our official web page. There is a link to the annual calendar. The direct link to the calendar is www.calendar.yahoo.com/dhscatalyst. As always, you will need to be flexible with the schedule as things arise that require us to adjust the schedule. The most notice possible will be given. Your cooperation is appreciated.

 What is a typical practice for Catalyst?


Catalyst will do daily body and equipment warm ups. There will be both indoor and outdoor rehearsals during football season. Winter season rehearsals and performances take place in gymnasiums.

 Are grades and conduct important?

Yes! PISD's policy on UIL rules apply to Catalyst Color Guard as well as athletes. No pass no play. Catalyst members may not fail two six weeks in a row if they wish to remain a member. If a member fails, there is no guarantee that they will have a performance spot in the specific show the guard is working on. They will be eligible for the next program if there is no spot available. All members must come to rehearsal even if they are not eligible to perform. The director will be checking the principal's office for disciplinary actions. Because Catalyst represents our school, it is important that each member displays responsibility, cooperation and respect for authority at all times. Any member or prospective member who has been suspended or received ALA or an ISS assignment will not be allowed to tryout or to continue membership with Catalyst. Catalyst Directors enforces these student responsibilities. (EXCEPTION: a member may serve ONE, one-day assignment for dress code violations only.)

 Can Catalyst members earn a letter jacket?

Yes! Each student will have the opportunity to earn a letter jacket. The criteria for earning a letter jacket are included in the Catalyst Handbook.

 Are there expenses associated with Catalyst?

Yes. The expenses are covered in the expense section of this handbook.

Is attendance important?

Catalyst is a visual activity. Attendance is required for the success of the organization. There will be specific days available for appointments. Please refer to the calendar for more details. The color guard class is like every other class. It is not to be missed for appointments. We kindly request that they be scheduled around the rehearsal and performance schedules.

If a member is going to be late or miss a rehearsal / performance, it is their responsibility to contact the director and the officer in advance of being late. A parent running late to drop their child off does NOT excuse that student. Appropriate actions will be taken based upon our demerit system. Missing a rehearsal or performance can result in loss of the performance position.

Is there a Booster Club for Catalyst?

Yes. It is requested that all families of Catalyst members join and participate in our DHS Band Booster Club. This is an organization that raises money for the band and color guard.

HANDBOOK PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to set uniform guidelines and policies that focus on the proper implementation of membership requirements, tryouts, performance expectations, attendance, fundraisers and general rules. The Catalyst Member must abide by all guidelines and policies outlined in the Catalyst Handbook and Pearland High School Student Handbook.

Philosophy / Purpose

Being a Catalyst Member is an honor and special privilege. Catalyst exists first and foremost to represent Dawson High School. Catalyst also exists to promote good sportsmanship, good citizenship, represent our school as an athletic and competitive fine arts unit, and wholesome and enthusiastic school spirit.

Catalyst members should exemplify both individual and group behavior suitable to their position and accordance with the rules stated in the Catalyst Handbook and the Dawson High School and PISD Codes of Conduct.

Members of this group have a fundamental responsibility to play a leadership role in building teamwork and helping the school achieve its goals and objectives. Because of these responsibilities, members are expected to maintain a higher standard of behavior both on and off campus and academic achievement than that of their peers.

OBJECTIVES

Catalyst members are expected to be physically and mentally skilled in learning and remembering routines with accuracy and technique at the standards set by the directors. They are also expected to be able to publicly demonstrate a skill level suitable for the team position and the timing necessary for group performance. Off the field, they are to enthusiastically support all DHS organizations through support, personal attitude and attendance at required events.

MEMBERSHIP

- 🚩 Prospective members must attend a mandatory tryout clinic and participate in the scheduled auditions before qualified judges.
- 🚩 Realizing the current dress code stipulates that tattoos may be covered to create compliance, this is impractical with dance and drill team performance because of physical demand and costume/uniform alteration requirements. Therefore, perspective members and members must not have tattoos that require special coverings, such as make-up, costumes or bandages to create compliance with the dress code or uniform requirement of the organization.
- 🚩 Members are expected to give their time to participate in required activities throughout the year. These activities may range from performances to fundraiser activities.
- 🚩 Members should use discretion in their commitments to multiple extracurricular activities.
- 🚩 Members must attend prep summer camp, summer camp and football prep camp.
- 🚩 Members and their parents shall be aware of the responsibilities and the expenses of the organization.
- 🚩 Parents are expected to support the member in complying with all guidelines and policies of the school and the organization.
- 🚩 Membership for Catalyst Color Guard begins immediately upon notification of acceptance.
- 🚩 Members understand that until proven otherwise, the officers will be considered 'right' in all instances. When a director is not in the room, officers have full authority.
- 🚩 Members must adhere to all guidelines and policies in this handbook. Exception: For membership purposes, academic eligibility does not apply until the semester following the members' acceptance begins.
- 🚩 Members understand that our appearance is important both in rehearsal and on the performance floor as well as on a daily basis. Please see daily dress requirements for details.

ORGANIZATION

- 🚩 Membership consists of ninth through twelfth grades students.
- 🚩 Members specialize in color guard as an art form. These may include all forms of equipment, prop and dance manipulation.
- 🚩 Members develop qualities of leadership organizational skills, proper conduct and how to be a team player.

Catalyst Color Guard Officers

Officers

Catalyst has two types of officers: Performance and Social. To be considered for either type, you must complete the entire audition process. Which type of office you hold is based upon your total officer audition score. The highest over-all score is the Captain and then goes down the list from there. Each office has a very important role for the team. Below are the order and some of the responsibilities for each. Catalyst Officers are not limited to just the roles listed. Any other duty assigned by the directors will become part of the role for that year. To audition for officer, you must have been eligible for the entire year prior to your audition.

Each office has a very important role for the team. Below are the order and some of the responsibilities for each. Catalyst Officers are not limited to just the roles listed. Any other duty assigned by the directors will become part of the role for that year.

Tenure: Performance Officers – Junior or Senior

Returning Officer
At least two years in color guard
Seniors may audition for any office

Social Officers - Sophomore, Junior, Senior
At least one year in color guard

Officers are required to arrive for all rehearsals, performances and events at least ten (10) minutes early and can expect to be finished about fifteen (15) minutes after rehearsals end to direct the team in all set ups and tear downs.

Varsity and Junior Varsity Color Guards

Catalyst Color Guard performs as one unit during the marching season and competes in two or maybe even three units during winter guard season. There will be auditions during football season for the Varsity and JV guards. All things are taken into consideration...equipment skills, movement skills, grades, attitude, attendance, commitment level, and over-all participation level. The decision is at the sole discretion of the directors. The director's decisions are final.

Officers and the Roles of Office

Performance Officers will have direct, daily authority over the team as required by the director. They will have responsibility over the technical aspects of the organization and performance work as required.

The Social Officers will not have daily authority over any team member. They social officers will have authority in planning and executing the responsibilities that they have been assigned. (Social, party, locker decorations, motivation, etc)

Possible Officer Rankings – (remember, this is not a promise of the roles or number of officers, but outlines multiple opportunities.

Performance Officers

Captain

Co – Captain (Captain is highest ranking officer, but co-captain is the second in command. Their achievement excels and is more than what a 1st Lt. requires. This will not be an annual office acquired).

Lieutenants – these can be 'over all' roles or sectional roles if required.

Social Officers

Social Leader







Co – Social Leader

Historian

Co- Historian

Performance Offices

Captain – This is the highest ranked officer of the organization. They report directly to the Director. When the director is away from the team, for any reason, the Captain is in charge and has authority that will be supported 100% by the director. Roles of the captain may include, but not be limited to:

-  Keep a detailed officer notebook and officer list of duties performed.
-  Required to attend all Catalyst rehearsals and events
-  Lead other officers in their responsibilities and tasks
-  Lead Managers in their tasks
-  Leading body warm-up daily
-  /Run rehearsals when director is away




- 📌 Direct loading and unloading of equipment truck
- 📌 Lead motivator for the guard
- 📌 Hold inspections when required by Directors
- 📌 Work with individuals to facilitate their individual success and full guard success
- 📌 Represent Catalyst in school activities where student leaders are needed
- 📌 Attend leadership camp as directed by DHS Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard
- 📌 Attend Catalyst summer camp
- 📌 Manage call list for color guard
- 📌 Attend full summer band
- 📌 Participate in Catalyst the full year prior to their audition
- 📌 Participate in at least one solo competition and all officer routines
- 📌 Any other duties assigned by the directors

Co-Captain – This officer is ranked number two in the change of command. They understand that the Captain is the highest ranking officer. The Co-Captain has achieved at a high level that is consistent with that of the Captain.

- 📌 Follow the lead and direction of the Captain and support all of her duties to help the over-all organization.
- 📌 Keep a detailed officer notebook and officer list of duties performed.
- 📌 Required to attend all Catalyst rehearsals and events
- 📌 Lead other officers in their responsibilities and tasks
- 📌 Lead Managers in their tasks
- 📌 Leading body warm-up daily
- 📌 Run rehearsals when director is away
- 📌 Direct loading and unloading of equipment truck
- 📌 Lead motivator for the guard
- 📌 Hold inspections when required by Directors
- 📌 Work with individuals to facilitate their individual success and full guard success
- 📌 Represent Catalyst in school activities where student leaders are needed
- 📌 Attend leadership camp as directed by DHS Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard
- 📌 Attend Catalyst summer camp
- 📌 Manage call list for color guard
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
Lieutenants – The number of lieutenants will be in direct relation to the number of guard members and number of officer candidates for any given year. The Directors have final say in the number of lieutenants regardless of the guard size.

- 📌 Keep a detailed officer notebook and officer list of duties performed
- 📌 Support Captain at all times
- 📌 Equipment Management – responsible for the upkeep of equipment (may be divided)
- 📌 Equipment Management – responsible for floors and carts (may be divided)
- 📌 Costume Management – responsible for check-out and turn-in of costumes (may be divided)
- 📌 Help captain with inspections when required
- 📌 Help captain to motivate the guard when required
- 📌 Work with individuals to facilitate their individual success and full guard success (assigned areas)
- 📌 Represent Catalyst in school activities where student leaders are needed
- 📌 Attend leadership camp as directed by DHS Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard
- 📌 Attend Catalyst summer camp
- 📌 Attend full summer band











-  Participate in at least one solo competition and all officer routines
-  Participate in Catalyst the full year prior to their audition
-  Any other duties assigned by the directors

Social Officers

Social - The social director is a motivator. This role is responsible for:

-  Keep a detailed officer notebook and officer list of duties performed
-  Group activities that will recognize the group and individuals
-  Group games
-  Group events – such as dinners/ movies, outings, etc. You will work with Directors.
-  Member of the week award distribution
-  Locker decorations
-  Holiday events
-  Attend leadership camp as directed by DHS Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard
-  Attend Catalyst summer camp
-  Attend full summer band
-  Participate in at least one solo competition and all officer routines
-  Participate in Catalyst the full year prior to their audition
-  Any other duties assigned by the directors

Historian – The historian is responsible for creating and maintaining the history records for the year. Scrapbooks, pictures, etc. This role will be more defined by the individual that has the position.

-  Keep a detailed officer notebook and officer list of duties performed
-  Build and manage teams for projects that you help design
-  Create year long scrap book to memorialize the year (be creative on your part)
-  Make sure each event is documented
-  Attend leadership camp as directed by DHS Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard
-  Attend Catalyst summer camp
-  Attend full summer band
-  Participate in at least one solo competition and all officer routines
-  Participate in Catalyst the full year prior to their audition
-  Any other duties assigned by the directors

Co- Social and Co- Historian – To support the leaders directly above them in all areas listed.

Loss of Office – If an officer becomes ineligible during their term, they will forfeit that officer position for the remainder of the school year. The position may be reassigned to another student at the director's discretion. If an officer does not display the proper work ethic geared towards the overall improvement of the guard, the band, or if an officer does not attend a rehearsal, performance, or major event, they will forfeit their position for the remainder of the school year. If an officer violates the contract or has unexcused absences, they will forfeit their office for the remainder of the year. All eligibility rules apply before they may audition for officer a second time.

THE CATALYST COLOR GUARD and EAGLE BAND CHALLENGE!!!

Let this be your guide as you begin this new school year! When report card time rolls around or that three-week progress report is not what you would like for it to be; when you have homework commitments piling up around you and every teacher needed it turned in yesterday; when October comes and Mr. D. and Mr. Agard get really demanding; when you hear the words “one more time”; when you are just really worn out with so much left to do, remember this simple phrase: “just do it!” It’s easy to work hard when something is new and exciting, but to be excited every day of the year is really hard. When you are experiencing tough times, reach deep into your heart and soul and do what it takes to get the job done. This will give you a true sense of satisfaction. Knowing that you have done your very best, regardless of the circumstances, is the greatest reward you could ever receive. Welcome to a great new year of fun, experiences, and lasting memories!





EAGLE BAND AND CATALYST COLOR GUARD CONDUCT GUIDELINES

GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

The goal of Catalyst Color Guard is to achieve excellence in performance while maintaining the highest level of integrity. In order to reach this goal, students are expected to show strong character and disciplined habits during class, rehearsals, performances, all trips off campus, during free time in the Band Hall, and any time while representing the Eagle Band and DHS. Pride, self-discipline, teamwork, and respect are the foundation of every great organization. This includes daily appearance.

CONDUCT GUIDELINES FOR BAND MEMBERS AND CATALYST COLOR GUARD

Note: Parents are expected to be aware of these guidelines and help reinforce them at all times.

1. Students will follow all rules and policies stated in the PISD Student Handbook and Code of Conduct-, as well as in the Dawson High School Student Handbook.
2. Students will show respect for:
 -  All fellow students, directors, and volunteers.
 -  All property of Catalyst Color Guard and the Eagle Band, as well as that of fellow band students.
3. Students will follow instructions from directors, student leaders, and designated band chaperones.
 -  Instructions will be followed the FIRST time they are given.
 -  Students will not disrupt instruction at any time.
4. Students will be on time (which means early!) for all rehearsals, performances, and activities.
5. Students will have appropriate equipment, attire and supplies at all times.
6. Students will be prepared to contribute to rehearsals and performances by fulfilling individual practice obligations and working to improve their musical skills.
7. Students will have a positive attitude.
8. Students will use appropriate language at all times.
9. Students will refrain from inappropriate public displays of affection as defined in PISD’s Student Handbook and Code of Conduct.
10. Students will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate anyone who does.
11. Students will not eat or drink in the Eagle Band Hall. Food, drink, and gum are not allowed in any rehearsal or performance area.

12. Students will follow all bus riding rules and travel policies set forth by Pearland ISD, as well as the Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard.
13. Students will follow all rules and policies stated in the PISD Student Handbook and Code of Conduct, as well as in the Dawson High School Student Handbook. Remember that students represent the DHS Band program, our school, our school district, community, and their parents while on any trip.
14. All students are expected to conduct themselves properly at all times. Display of profanity, temper, flagrant violation of rules, etc. will not be tolerated. Individual behavior during a band function is a reflection of the group.
15. Students will show respect for:
 - 🚩 All fellow students, directors, and volunteers during transit and while at any location.
 - 🚩 All property of the Eagle Band, as well as that of fellow band students, and property or items not owned by our students or PISD.
16. Students will follow instructions from directors, student leaders, and designated adult chaperones (remember that our wonderful chaperones are an extension of the band staff).
 - 🚩 Instructions should be followed the first time they are given.
 - 🚩 Although a student may not agree with instructions given to them or given to the entire group, they will still follow the procedures that have been set forth by the directors and/or adult chaperones.
 - 🚩 Students will not “over-think” the instructions that are given.
 - 🚩 Students will not disrupt instruction at any time.
17. Students will be on time (which means early) for all arrivals, departures, and scheduled meeting times.
18. Students will quietly enter and exit the band hall and fine arts hallway.
19. Students will be in their assigned rehearsal area ready to work at the set rehearsal time.
20. Students will wear appropriate, school approved clothing at all times.
21. Students will use appropriate language at all times, including (but not limited to) transit to and from any destination.
22. Students will refrain from inappropriate public displays of affection as defined in PISD’s Student Handbook and Code of Conduct. “Students will not show any public display of romantic affection or engage in inappropriate contact disruptive to other students, adults, or the school environment.”
23. Students will not lie, cheat, steal, vandalize (including writing on music stands, walls, etc.), or tolerate anyone who does.
24. Students will not play on equipment they do not own or have permission from a director to use. Students will not touch, handle, borrow, or use anyone else’s instrument, uniform, equipment or personal belongings.
25. Students should ask for permission to speak by raising their hand and waiting to be acknowledged. All rehearsals are expected to be silent so everyone’s time will be utilized wisely.
26. When allowed in the band hall, either before or after school, students will not disturb any rehearsal in progress.
27. Students should keep their equipment in the designated storage area, and keep said storage area clean and neat in appearance. Students who demonstrate great difficulty with this may lose the privilege of having a storage area in the band hall.

28. Students will utilize their assigned storage slot / locker for personal items/guard bags during rehearsals. Bags should not be brought into rehearsal unless requested by a director. Locks are required to be used at all times.
29. Students will follow all bus riding rules and travel policies set forth by Pearland ISD, as well as the Eagle Band Staff and Color Guard Director. See Travel Guidelines on page 28.
30. Since all PISD campuses are drug and alcohol free, all of our DHS Band functions and trips will be as well. No student shall possess, use, transmit, or attempt to possess, use or transmit, or be under the influence of drugs, tobacco, and/or alcohol on school premises or off school premises at a school related or band related activity, function, or event. The DHS Band Staff will contact school authorities and will contact local law enforcement immediately if any of the above items are found on any student for any reason.
31. Any behavior, which is not representative of good citizenship, as perceived by the band staff, may result in the student's dismissal from the band activity as well as permanent removal from the band program. This will be at the discretion of the band directors. This applies to the actions of all students and student leaders in both public and private events.
32. A student that consistently receives school detention or receives any form of severe punishment including ISS, school suspension, etc. may be permanently removed from the band program, at the discretion of the band directors.
33. Students will have positive attitude! 😊

SEVERE INFRACTIONS




Students who demonstrate severe violations of the guidelines as stated above will be subject to discipline by the administration of Dawson High School. Punishment may include permanent removal from the Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard program.

SEVERE INFRACTIONS – On PISD school grounds.

Students who demonstrate severe violations of the guidelines as stated above will be subject to discipline by the administration of Dawson High School. Punishment may include permanent removal from the Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard program.

SEVERE INFRACTIONS for Trips – Off PISD campuses (Also, see the Trips section in this handbook).

A student that violates the guidelines as stated above or causes any other disciplinary problem not stated above will be subject to disciplinary action by the Dawson High School Band Staff and School Administration. During the trip however, punishment may include but is not limited to:

-  Charter Bus/School Bus Detention Center – The student will be sent to a temporary detention center on the bus. There will be a specified amount of time (a minimum of one hour) that must be served while being supervised by an adult chaperone.
-  On-Location Detention Center – The student will be required to sit and be supervised by an adult chaperone at a pre-defined chaperone location for a minimum of one hour.
-  Students that refuse trip detention will be required to serve double or triple the time when we return to DHS the following week or may not be allowed to participate in scheduled activities for the remainder of the school year.

Like in school punishment, off campus disciplinary action may include school detention, ISS, or suspension for inappropriate behaviors when the student returns to school. A student may also be removed from the DHS Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard Program.

Demerits

Demerits are used for improper conduct. Demerits will not affect the grade but will affect active status in the organization. Members are expected to maintain proper conduct during all practices and performances as well as outside Catalyst and DHS activities. Catalyst Members are ALWAYS Catalyst Members. This means that each girl must conduct herself as one at all time...twenty four hours a day seven days a week, twelve months a year.

All demerits issued will be in effect for a period of one year. (June to May). Please note that demerits are up to the discretion of the director. There can be demerits assigned that do not fall under any of the categories below. See chart:

Attendance and Tardies	Demerits
Unexcused absence from performance	5 & Conditioning
Unexcused absence from rehearsal or meeting	3 & Conditioning
Tardy to game, run through, roll call, or trip without phone call to director	2 & Conditioning
Tardy to game, run through, roll call, or trip with phone call to director	Conditioning
Tardies that result in a detention in any other class	1 Demerit
Tardy to rehearsal for any reason not excused at director's discretion	1 Demerit & Conditioning
Dress Out, Costumes	Demerits
Failure to wear proper uniform or uniform undergarments	1 per item
Chewing gum, eating, drinking, nail polish, jewelry in costume	1 per item infraction
Going out in public in uniform	1 per item
Make-up, costume, hair fixed, equipment, nail polished removed at roll call/inspection (not complete, etc.)	1 per item
Dirty Keds, Dress Suit or other specified group clothing	1
Failure to pass inspection	1 per item
Incorrect dress for daily rehearsals to include clothing, hair and jewelry	1 or conditioning per Dir.
Conduct	Demerits
Public displays of affection	2-5 – director's decision
Unsportsmanlike conduct	1-5
Un-lady like conduct in uniform, dress suit or in public at guard events	1-5
Profanity in public	3-5
Hickies	5
Body Piercings (i.e. nose, lip, tongue, eyebrow, belly button, ear spacers)	5 & Conditioning / Dismissal
Tattoos according to membership guidelines	Dismissal
Letting a non-member in the band hall/rehearsal facility without director approval	3
Failure to keep clean the following areas: guard room, dressing areas, performance areas, gyms, dance room, locker rooms, etc.	1 & Conditioning
Insubordination	Demerits
Talking back to an officer or Director	1 – 10
Failure to obey commands	3
Leaving practice early for any reason without permission	1-5
Skipping a rehearsal	5 & Conditioning

Failure to turn in fees, forms, or money on a due date	Conditioning
Talking or moving in formations	1 & Conditioning each time
Talking during rehearsals or when asked not to speak	1 & Conditioning each time
Talking to non members during an on-going rehearsal	1 & Conditioning each time 1
Failure to respect any teacher, administrator or PISD staff member	1-10
N in conduct	3
U in conduct	4
Other	
Use of cell phone, ipod or other electronics when not permitted	5 & Conditioning & electronics turn in to office
Equipment needing repair must be done before rehearsal begins. It is recommended to be done daily before you leave. Rehearsal time will not be missed to repair equipment	Conditioning
Failure to comply with any of the above -	Detention on director's time frame.

Demerit Probation

- 🚩 Any member accumulation 10 or more demerits will be placed on demerit probation.
- 🚩 Member must successfully complete the demerit probation form within one week without director or officers 'chasing' it down.
- 🚩 If a member reaches 15 demerits in one year will automatically forfeit their membership on the team.
- 🚩 Any member may only be on probation for one year.
- 🚩 Probation will have member sit out of performances.
- 🚩 A year lasts from June to May based upon the next summer camp start date.

Physical Conditioning

Physical conditioning will consist of any of the following assignments:

- ✗ 50 push-ups
- ✗ 2-3 laps around football field or 15-20 laps around gym floor
- ✗ 3 passes of lunges
- ✗ 150 crunches

Physical conditioning will be given for minor offenses to include, but not be limited to:

- ✗ Tardy to roll call with a phone call to the director
- ✗ Missing items at inspection
- ✗ Missing clothing at practice
- ✗ Hair not pulled up in pony tail or bun with NO bangs
- ✗ Participation in all activities
- ✗ Wearing Jewelry
- ✗ Late forms or late fees
- ✗ Late weekly grade check
- ✗ Failure to be in dress code at school
- ✗ Minor conduct problems at directors discretion




X There may be conditioning assigned that does not fall under the categories above.

Members that fail to take care of their conditioning after practice work off double the amount the following day. Officers that fail to have a member work off their condition, conditions with the member.










Merits

The directors may choose to offer merits for services deemed appropriate throughout the year. These are not a 'right' or guarantee. The rewards for earned merits are at the director's discretion. The decision of the director is final.

Merits may be awarded for positive behavior. **Merits do not cancel out demerits.**




-  Each member is responsible for reporting any earned merits to her officer at the appropriate time.
-  Merits will only be awarded by the director.
-  It is the student's responsibility to help director identify and deliver merit cards when that student earns a merit card.

Merits may be awarded for:

-  Perfect six weeks (no demerits, absences, dress code violations or tardies).
-  Honor Rolls (All A's with 1 B)
-  Dean's List (All A's)
-  Catalyst Member of the Week
-  Volunteer Extraordinaire above and beyond the required team participation.
-  Outstanding student award for any academic class
-  Top fund-raiser
-  Attending non-required school functions in Catalyst wardrobe with signed note from teacher or administrator.
-  Extraordinary merits to be awarded by director.

Dismissal from Catalyst Color Guard

These offenses may result in forfeiture of membership in Catalyst Color Guard. All decisions are by the directors and are final. Catalyst members are leaders and role models and must choose to behave accordingly.

-  Catalyst member who has been suspended or received and ISS or ALA assignment will forfeit membership. (Exception: a student may serve a one-day assignment for dress code or tardies...only one opportunity given each year).
-  Catalyst member who is on Scholastic Probation for two consecutive six weeks will forfeit their membership. This is defined as receiving a 69 or lower in at least one class.
-  Catalyst member who becomes ineligible twice during a school year.

- 🚩 Student found possessing, using, transmitting or to be under the influence of drugs, alcohol, etc while at school, in costume or Catalyst wardrobe, while representing the organization.
- 🚩 Smoking tobacco in any Catalyst clothing or while representing Catalyst or DHS.
- 🚩 Receiving 15 demerits.
- 🚩 Any member that receives an MIP, DUI, DWI, or other drug or alcohol related offense will automatically forfeit their membership.
- 🚩 Theft of team or individual property.
- 🚩 Hazing or initiation of any student by another student.
- 🚩 Any student unable to meet the physical requirements of the activity.
- 🚩 Members who have tattoos that require special coverings, such as make-up, costumes or bandages to create compliance with the dress code or uniform requirement of the organization automatically forfeit their position from the team.
- 🚩 Members who assault or harass directors or team members automatically forfeit their position on the team
- 🚩 Members involved in creating, leading, or participating in an initiation process automatically forfeit their position on the team.
- 🚩 Any student unable to meet the physical requirements will not be allowed to participate as a team member and will automatically forfeit their position on the team
- 🚩 Any offence not covered in this handbook, but which is clearly and logically an offence shall be declared appropriate for dismissal by the directors.

*****From time to time issues may arise that are not covered in this handbook. When such issues are behavioral and conduct based, the principal and directors may exercise disciplinary action in accordance with school district policies. Such behavioral and conduct offenses may lead to dismissal from the organization.

Lockers, Guard Room and Band Hall

Each member will be given a locker in the band hall and access to the band hall as well as the dance room at the Catalyst Campus. Each member is responsible for keeping their locker clean and tidy. It is a direct reflection on the entire organization when visitors come to the band hall.

Place all personal items inside of locker. Do not leave personal items on the floor in front of lockers.
LOCKS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ISSUED A LOCKER!

The guard room is to store equipment and give the guard a place to change clothes prior to rehearsals. It is not a personal storage room...please keep all personal items out of the guard room. Furthermore, if something is out of place in the guard room, it is expected that the member that notices it take care of it.

CATALYST COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Each catalyst member will be required to learn all pieces of equipment, form and body. The director will decide when it is appropriate to introduce the different components to the individual and the guard. All areas of the course requirements will be part of the grading systems.

The main areas of focus in this course are:

Equipment / Skills Testing
Form Design
Body/Movement / Skills Testing
Rehearsals
Performance
Exams

Equipment

Each student will have a given set of skills for each piece of equipment. These include but are not limited to:

Flag

Angles: Forward, Side, Flat
Carves
Wind mills
Drop Spins
DT
Extensions
Wind Up
Carve wind up

DT toss - double
DT toss – double and half
Horizontal
Angle toss
45 toss
Carve Triple toss
Under arm toss
DT toss on three from left hand

Rifle

Right hand spins
Left hand spins
Reverse Spins
Spin, Spin, Flat Dip
Extensions
Single
Double
Triple
Quad / Five

Horizontal
Flips
Butt toss
Tip toss
Strap toss
Carve toss
Toss from spins
Catches

Saber

Right hand spins
Left hand spins
Reverse Spins
Spin, Spin, Flat Dip
Extensions
Hand Flip/Switch
Single
Double
Triple

Quad / Five
Horizontal
Flips
Hilt toss
Blade toss
Tip toss
Carve toss
Toss from spins
Catches

Form Design

The execution of the drill sets during marching season and the staging during winter guard.

Body / Movement

Attention	Balance
Feet positions	Jazz walk
Port de bras	Jazz run
Ronde de Jambe	Sottee
Releve	Leaps / Jumps
Tandu'	Side to side
Extensions	Pirouette
Plie	PROGRESSIONS

Rehearsals

During football season, for the most part, the guard will follow the same rehearsal schedule as the band. You can see that schedule at www.calendar.yahoo.com/dhscatalyst in addition to the hand outs that may accompany the calendar. Please realize that the guard may have an adjusted schedule to accommodate the use of the field or a specific requirement. **Your flexibility is required.**

During the rest of the year, the color guard will have a separate rehearsal schedule. That schedule will be dependent upon gym availability, contest schedule and other various activities. *Rehearsals begin when the last person arrives and is ready to rehearse. The full time allotted will be used starting when all are ready to begin.* A parent or ride with another student does not excuse tardiness at any time. **Again, your ability to be flexible is required.**

Since after school practice is co-curricular, all students are required to attend and participate in all after school rehearsals to receive credit. Failure to attend rehearsals will result in a zero. Please do not schedule doctor's/dentist's appointments during after school rehearsals. There are days set aside for appointments, etc. Please refer to the calendar for specific days.


If an absence is pre-approved and excused, the student will be allowed to make up the time missed at rehearsal to earn credit for that assignment. An appropriate amount of time will be allowed to make up missed rehearsals predetermined by the directors. Any un-excused absence or non pre-approved excused absence, (including appointments), is not eligible to make up missed rehearsal time to earn credit for the assignment, except in the case of extreme emergency. (Such as death in the immediate family, hospitalization, etc.)

Each day there is assigned clothing to be worn during practice. Dressing out appropriately is part of each member's daily participation grade. Additionally, each member's hair must be pulled back in to a tight pony tail / bun with no 'wispy or bangs'. No hair bands, bows, decorative items may be utilized to hold hair in place. Additionally, no jewelry may be worn. Jewelry is defined as any type of earring, ring, bracelet including those made of ribbons, string and such. Individual rehearsal is required for each member to learn the skills required for any given show. Do not assume that any member will get enough 'practice' in

rehearsal. Skill / Task Practices as well as the private lessons are done on your own...rehearsal takes place as a group. REHEARSALS ARE NOT THE TIME FOR PRIVATE LESSONS OR INDIVIDUAL REHEARSAL. PRACTICE TAKES PLACE ON YOUR OWN...REHEARSAL TAKES PLACE IN THE GROUP SETTING. Students who miss a rehearsal during a performance week will not be allowed to perform that week and may forfeit their performance spot for that season.

Electronics – Cell phones are a wonderful asset for each student and family. It allows strong communication opportunities between parents and students. However, during rehearsals (especially winter guard rehearsals), there will be no electronics in the rehearsal space or on the rehearsal field. Each student will be required to place their cell phones in their locker. They will be allowed to check their phones during the big break in the middle of rehearsal. Students should not be checking their phones for messages at every break as there is a lot of time lost/wasted during our limited rehearsal time. The student will pick up their electronic device after rehearsal and all items are picked up and put away. **There are no exceptions.**




All Catalyst rehearsals are closed to parents, family, friends and guest unless specific permission is given by the directors. Please be on time to pick up your child outside of the band hall at the end of each rehearsal. Please allow your child twenty minutes (20) after the posted ending time of rehearsal to pick up your child. Rehearsal starts when the last member arrives and ends after the time commitment has been realized. They will pick up and pack equipment after rehearsals. Your attention is greatly appreciated.

 Tutoring should take during non rehearsal time. Mornings are recommended for days with after school rehearsal. It is recommended that students prepare their teachers for their arrival at all tutorials.

Performances and Performance Rules

Performances are an important part of the program. Note that there are no un-important rehearsals or performances. There is always the possibility of play-off games during football season that will require Catalyst to rehearse both football routines and winter season's competitive programs. Catalyst prepares the majority of our winter competition season's programming on weekend/holiday 'camp' type of rehearsals. These include the beginning of the Thanksgiving holidays as well as the beginning and end of the Christmas holidays and spring break. All students will have rehearsals over spring break toward the end of the week. It is customary for us to have competitions the weekend spring break begins and ends.

Performance Rules are not limited to, but will include the following: (directors reserve the right to create rules as needed for the safety, consistency and presentation of the organization.

-  A member must be present at ALL rehearsals in order to perform.
-  Loss of a performance position may include but not be limited to: attendance, daily and performance appearances, lack of memory of routine, technique of skills required, projection, flexibility, coordination, strength and endurance.
-  The director makes the final decision on who will perform for any given performance. The director's decision is final.

- 🚩 If a member is absent or tardy to a rehearsal, performance or work session, the member is held responsible for all announcements and information given during the missed activity. The directors will not be responsible for getting information to each individual member that is not in class or at rehearsal on time.
- 🚩 Unless otherwise noted in the schedule, it is to be understood that each member will come to show/rehearsal or meeting place with their hair completed prior to loading the bus and departing for the event.
- 🚩 Before each performance, the guard will go through an inspection of all costumes, packing and equipment prior to departure. Failure to be prepared may result in loss of performance opportunities at the decision of the directors.
- 🚩 If your absence is pre-approved and excused, the student will be allowed to make up the time missed at rehearsal to earn credit for that assignment. An appropriate amount of time will be allowed to make up missed rehearsals predetermined by the directors. Any un-excused absence or non pre-approved excused absence is not eligible to make up missed rehearsal time to earn credit for the assignment, except in the case of extreme emergency. (Such as death in immediate the family, hospitalization, etc.)
- 🚩 Students and parents should not ask to miss any type of rehearsal or performance. Missing a performance will not be allowed and a skipped performance may set up your student for dismissal from the organization.
- 🚩 Tutoring should take during non rehearsal time.

PARENT NOTE: While with the guard at games, performances and competition, your child is there to be part of the team. Visits from parents in the stands, on the buses, etc. are prohibited. If an emergency message needs to get to your student, then do this through the directors. There will be appropriate times for parent visits at many of our events, but not all of them. You and your student will be advised in advance of these opportunities. Please do not put your student in an uncomfortable situation by approaching them when they know you should not. Furthermore, public events and competitions are NOT the time to have a private discussion with any director.

Exams

Each member will have examinations on skill sets, routines, and performance. Fine Arts, which includes, Catalyst Color Guard is a co-curricular activity. Each student earns grades for all after school rehearsals as well as in class assignments and participation.

Grading Policy

Catalyst members will be graded in two basic areas - daily grades and test grades. Daily grades are weighted 40% and test grades are weighted 60%. The director will add additional grading opportunities as the show/schedule permits. Here are some possible grading areas.

- 🚩 Participation Grade (daily grade). This is a weekly grade. Each week day is worth 20 points for a total of 100 for the week. This grade is earned by being dressed in the assigned clothes for each day, hair pulled up as defined by director, having all equipment and supplies, being prepared with assigned work and having a team 'can do' attitude. There is no partial credit given.

- 📄 Performance Grades (test grade). Each student has the ability to earn a test grade for participating in performances home run-throughs, assigned performance tests and a written exam each six weeks.
- 📄 Inspection Grade (test grade). Prior to each performance, the guard will have inspection led by the officers and supervised by the director. Each student must have all items assigned for that event's packing list.
- 📄 Weekly Exams (test grades). Skill exams will be given each six weeks.
- 📄 Tutoring should take during non rehearsal time.

Private Lesson Program

Private lessons are a required part of the Catalyst Color Guard program. This program provides a high quality enhancement to classroom instruction. Teachers are all specialists in color guard and/or dance. Lessons are extremely valuable to the individual student. All students are encouraged to take individualized private instruction. It is the best way to make sure that you can be the most prepared. The first year is the most difficult as there are so many new skills to learn. Private lessons allow you to focus on the exact skills you need. Students who make the weapon line are required to take a minimum of 120 minutes or private lessons per month.

1. Students who make the Varsity Winter Guard are required to take a minimum of 120 minutes of private lessons a month. (Unless there is a particular situation that make it difficult for the student to take lessons – please communicate with the directors).
2. Students who make the JV Guard are required to take 60 minutes of private instruction each month.
3. Marching Season – all cast members must take 60 minutes per month.
4. Teachers will be provided by the organization.
5. Lesson opportunities will be given weekly except where noted by the instructor. The cost will be paid directly to the instructor. Payment is due in advance or at the time of the lesson. Lessons will be available twelve months per year.

Self-Practice

For each student to fully maximize their performance will require individual practice of skills in all areas of color guard. It is understood by the member that self practice is required for success. The directors reserve the right to require homework of self practice if individuals or the team are not fulfilling their responsibilities. This homework will be performed for a grade.

ELIGIBILITY – NO PASS, NO PLAY

1. **All band and guard members must pass every class (subject) in order to be eligible for extra-curricular activities. This includes all football games, music contests, and performances that are of a competitive nature. If a member fails one (1) subject (below 70) he/she is ineligible for the following three weeks reporting period. (See PISD policy below for exempt classes.) This causes frustration, disappointment, and tends to lead toward discouragement in other areas. Please keep a close check on all grades and strive to**

maintain a good academic standing in all subject areas. Students must be passing all classes at the end of the next three weeks to regain eligibility.

2. Activities not affected by eligibility rule include sectionals, rehearsals, and public performances not related to competitive events. **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AT THESE ACTIVITIES!**
3. A guard member desiring to audition for color guard officer must have and maintain an “S” in conduct in all classes. Failure to do so may result in loss of leadership position.
4. A guard member desiring to audition for color guard officer must have been eligible each six weeks for the entire school year prior to their audition.
5. If a student becomes ineligible during a period of a trip/competition, the parents understand that they are required to reimburse the Band Boosters and/or DHS for the cost of the entire trip. Grades, registration for the next school year and/or diploma will be held until the balance is paid in full. No exceptions.

THE PISD POLICY FOR NO PASS, NO PLAY

A student may **NOT** participate in any extracurricular activity if a grade lower than 70 is earned in any class at the end of the six-weeks reporting period. This student may continue to participate in all practices and preparations as determined necessary by the coach, director, or sponsor of the organization during this time of ineligibility. This student may regain full eligibility status to participate in the extracurricular activity if at the end of the designated 3 weeks period all grades in all classes are equal or greater than 70.

CATALYST POLICY FOR IN-ELIGIBILITY

If a student becomes in-eligible during the year, they may be removed from the current show performances, but will still be required to participate in all rehearsals, classes, etc. If a student becomes in-eligible twice during the same school calendar year, they will be removed from the organization at the first opportunity.

Any member that would like to be considered for a weapons position must have been eligible at all times the previous year. If a weapon becomes ineligible during the year, they may be removed from the weapon line and may not be eligible for the weapon line. The director’s decision is final.

GRADE OF INCOMPLETE

A student with an “Incomplete” grade at the end of a grading period is ineligible at the end of the seven-day grace period unless the “Incomplete” was replaced with a passing grade prior to the end of the seven day grace period.







EXTRA CREDIT WORK

Extra credit work, or work (including re-test) turned in after the grading period or evaluation has ended may not be considered when determining a student’s eligibility for extracurricular activities except in the case of an “Incomplete” grade as noted above.

EAGLE BAND COURSE CREDIT

Members of the Eagle High School Band earn P.E. credit during the fall semester for marching band, and fine arts credit in the spring semester for concert band. The Texas Education Agency requires 24 credits for graduation from a Texas Public High School, including credits in both P.E. and Fine Arts. Students in band for four years at Dawson High School will earn two credits of P.E. and two credits of fine arts. Students enrolled in electives other than band have to find room in the schedule for P.E. and fine arts courses. On the other hand, students in the color guard will have room in their schedules for additional advanced courses of their own choice. One can easily see that those students in band who plan to attend college have a real advantage over those students not in band.

Attendance

-  Attendance and participation is required in all rehearsals, sectionals, clinics, and performances including marching competitions, winter guard competitions, (including all competitions affiliated with the WGI organization and the WGI World Championships), parades, special shows, summer camp and any other schedule performance. **All other activities must be scheduled at times other than class and rehearsals (i.e. lessons, tutoring, drivers-ed, doctor appointments, etc).** If a student is in school at any time of the day and misses class on the same day for appointments then the student will have an unexcused absence.
-  Students who are academically ineligible must attend rehearsals, classes and other events as assigned by the director that are allowed by the no pass no play rule and PISD policies regarding this rule .
-  Refer to performance rules for additional information.
-  Students are to use both the calendars handed out and the calendar that is set and posted by the directors on www.calendar.yahoo.com/dhscatalyst. It is understood that Catalyst Color Guard members will have to be flexible as the calendar may change based upon circumstances surrounding performances, competitions, facility availability and required rehearsals to complete tasks.
-  If an absence is pre-approved and excused, (very rare), the student will be allowed to make up the time missed at rehearsal to earn credit for that assignment. An appropriate amount of time will be allowed to make up missed rehearsals predetermined by the directors. Any un-excused absence or non pre-approved excused absence is not eligible to make up missed rehearsal time to earn credit for the assignment, except in the case of extreme emergency. (Such as death in the family, hospitalization, etc.)
-  Tutoring should take during non rehearsal time.

SUMMER BAND

The Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard hold rehearsals each summer before the beginning of the fall semester. The purpose of the rehearsals is to allow the band to adequately prepare for the upcoming marching season. This is also an important time for the students to meet and greet each other. In a group as large as the Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard, students need to have time to establish bonds of friendship and a strong work ethic. Students build a true “esprit de corps” during summer rehearsals. This

relationship with each other and the group as a whole makes summer band the most important time of the year for the whole organization. No grades are assigned during summer band; however, these rehearsals are required to continue membership in Catalyst Color Guard; attendance is checked and marching positions in the contest/competition show are assigned based on attendance, work habits and development of skills taught during the summer rehearsals. Students who miss all or part of summer band are immediately behind the rest of the group, and may battle the rest of the season just to “catch up” instead of striving to excel. In addition, they will likely not receive a performance position at the start of the marching band season. Generally, summer band begins at the end of July or beginning of August, regardless of the date for the beginning of the PISD school year. Parents wishing to see their child excel in the Catalyst organization should make travel and vacation plans with this schedule in mind. Check www.dawsoneagleband.org for schedules and changes to the schedules.

CATALYST COLOR GUARD SUMMER CAMP

Catalyst Color Guard has an annual Summer Camp the first week of summer. Our camp will be at the Bailey Road Campus so no travel or additional cost will be associated with this camp. Camp is required and part of the evaluation of each student as marching positions are assigned. If a student is allowed to miss color guard summer camp, (advance permission is required in very rare and special circumstances – once in 24 years), the student will be significantly behind the rest of the organization. We end summer camp with a fully costumed public performance.

FOOTBALL GAMES, WINTER GUARD EVENTS

Catalyst Color Guard performs at **ALL** Dawson High School varsity football games (except scrimmages) The color guard not only performs its halftime show with pride and spirit, but also carries on the tradition of that pride and spirit in the stands.

HOME GAMES

Game Day Procedures will be distributed at the beginning of the school year.

AWAY GAMES

These are treated essentially the same as home games. The only difference is the time in which the student is to report to the DHS band hall. This assembly will vary depending upon the length of the trip to the game site. An itinerary will be issued prior to game day, which will give the assembly time and approximate time of return.

PARENTS, PLEASE BE ON TIME TO PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN. WE ARE SELDOM MORE THAN 20 MINUTES LATER THAN THE APPROXIMATE TIME OF ARRIVAL AS STATED ON THE ITINERARY. MANY TIMES WE ARE EVEN EARLY.

We do not have control over the number of timeouts or penalties incurred during the football game. The directors feel very uncomfortable and cannot leave any student unattended at the band hall after everyone else has gone home. PLEASE help us out by being there to get your son/daughter as soon as possible.

Winter Guard Events

There will be specific schedules for each event given to the students and sent via email to all parents on the email list.

Public Etiquette

In public, each member is to remember that they represent Catalyst Color Guard, The Eagle Band Program, Dawson High School and Pearland ISD. Below is a guideline of expected behavior while in public and/or in costume.

We are an ensemble; a team; a group; a performing unit. We are public figures...and our community is going to be watching everything we do. These guidelines are in place for the benefit of the entire color guard. When we are a unit, we are not individuals. We must remember: perception is everything.

It is imperative that we are dressed appropriately and look as "one team". **Your hair must be correct before we leave for a performance and may not be taken down until you are dismissed at the end of the day.** You need to make all arrangements on your own to make sure that you are dressed accordingly. Your directors or officers will let you know what to wear for school on spirit days, for travel, for shows and any other event that requires us to be seen as an ensemble. There are no excuses...do not let your team down. You should have more than one pair of Keds, extra rehearsal shirts, extra socks, etc. so you will not find your self in a situation where you not appropriately dressed for any color guard rehearsal, function or event. Additionally, on show days, no colored fingernail or toe nail polish...clear is fine.

White only...tucked in...undershirts and neutral bra may be worn with our Catalyst Polo on spirit days. No colored items of any kind will be permitted. Earrings may be worn (or provided) for these days. No other jewelry will be permitted while in spirit clothing. Additionally, only neutral colored bras with clear straps may be worn with costumes. Spanx, tan unitard, appropriate bra may be worn with costumes. Underwear may not be worn under costumes. Underwear creates lines in the body's form and interrupts view of the costumes. No exceptions.

When we are in public, please do not forget to use your southern charm and best manners. You never know who it is you may be speaking too...or who is watching you.

When walking around in costume, your hands are to be behind your back and your head held high with pride.

Stands Etiquette – We want every one of you to have FUN at the football games. However, we can't forget that we are there to support our school and football. We will assign you seating for the games. The color guard will sit in an area/seating pattern that will look nice and organized from all areas of the stadium. We want to look awesome at all times. Being in the stands is a form of performance in itself. You are to stay in your assigned seat in the rows that are required for us to look our best.

While in the stands, there are a few things that we must all do.

- 🚩 When the band plays the fight song, we will all stand and support our school...each and every time the song is played.
- 🚩 When our team scores a goal, we will stand up through the field goal attempt.
- 🚩 When cheering our team on, we need to do it with dignity and pride. We want to make sure our cheers are heard, but not interrupted as unruly.
- 🚩 When an officer or director asks you to sit and be quite, please do so immediately.
- 🚩 If an injury occurs to one of our player, the color guard will stand with hand behind the back until the player is removed from the field. This shows respect and pride.
- 🚩 We will stand for the Star Spangled Banner with our hand over our heart and face the flag. Our free hand will be by our side. We do not talk, look around or play around during the Star Spangled Banner.
- 🚩 Please just pay attention to your officers and directors if things change during a game.
- 🚩 We will not be going in and out of the stands. Once in the stands, we will be there to stay for the duration of the game. We will have designated rest room break after halftime. No guard member is to go to the restroom alone. You will have a chaperon with you. Hands will be behind your back as you go from place to place.
- 🚩 Catalyst will learn and 'sing' with pride our School Song and Fight Song
- 🚩 Half Time Preparation, Performance, and Review – We will go down to warm up at the beginning of second quarter at every game where we perform. You will be given instructions prior to this time on the 'order' of warm up. (It will be different every week as our show grows).

Preparation - When we go down, your hands will be behind your back. You will be instructed by a director or officer on what equipment to pull out. You will NOT spin, toss or rehearse on your own. You will wait for the group as our time is VERY limited. You will get equipment and fall into the expanded block. We will face away from the field so we can prepare. Please block out ALL things going on around you as we have a show to do.

Performance – We will line up on the ready line when our time dictates that we do. We will fall in line with attention feet and our equipment in our hands. Head is up and we do NOT SPEAK A WORD to anyone....we do not look around...we focus in and do a mental review of our upcoming performance. Standing still is a skill that sets us apart from others. This is why we work so hard....so have fun!

Review – After every show, you will gather your equipment and fall in line behind your officers. You will then 'follow the leader' to the designated location and follow into a circle and close feet at attention. You will wait for your director or officer to give review and instructions. After we return equipment to the bags/buckets, we will line up, (hands behind back) and go to our seating area.

- 📄 Officers – officers are an extension of the director’s arm and authority. Please respect these people as they do many things to make your life easier in color guard. They will give you directions in rehearsals, when traveling, at shows, in the stands, etc. Your help is greatly appreciated.

PARENT NOTE: While with the guard at games, performances and competition, your child is there to be part of the team. Visits from parents in the stands, on the buses, etc. are prohibited. If a message needs to get to your student, then do this through the directors. There will be appropriate times for parent visits at many of our events, but not all of them. You and your student will be advised in advance of these opportunities. Please do not put your student in an uncomfortable situation by approaching them when they know you should not. Furthermore, public events and competitions are NOT the time to have a private discussion with any director.

Packing List for Performances

This list is a guide for your child to pack their materials for all performances. You should expect items to be added and deleted from the list as required by the event. Here are staple items...a specific list will be handed out prior to the first show.

You must wear CLEAR DEODORANT with all costumes

Band Aids	Pony Tail Bands
Bobby Pins that match your hair (not barrettes)	Q-tips
Dance Paws	Safety Pins
Dress Sweats	Show Shirts
Feminine products as needed	Shower Cap /Rain Cap
Finger nail file / clipper for accidental breaks	Small Mirror
Hair Extensions	Spanx
Hair Products (BEDHEAD STICK required for sides of head)	Tan Unitard
Hand Sanitizer	Teasing Comb for top of head
Handy wipes	White bootie socks
CLEAN WHITE Ked's	Appropriate under garments for all costumes
Make Up Kit and Eye Lashes	Dress travel suit when required
Plastic Spoon	Other items as outlined on weekly schedule

Things that are NOT ALLOWED in your guard bag: (You may have these on the bus and on your 'down time' only). Cell Phone iPod Food Candy Gum

Ladies, please pay attention: If a cell phone or iPod is found in use by an officer or director, your electronic device will be confiscated and not returned directly to you. Your parents will need to make an appointment to see me for the return of that item.

Equipment Responsibilities

Color guard equipment (flags, sabers, rifles, props, floor, etc.) as well as our other equipment (costumes, carts, electronics, etc.) is to be taken care of. Catalyst members agree to:

- 📄 Roll flags when not using them and placing them on the floor
- 📄 Not allow anyone not in color guard to use or handle our equipment
- 📄 Be responsible for each item that is used by that member – take care of it
- 📄 If some piece of equipment needs repair take care of it or– report to officer or directors. All equipment repair should be done before or after rehearsal. Do not put it off.
- 📄 Responsible if taken off campus – making sure you have it for all classes, rehearsals, performances and competitions.
- 📄 Fill out equipment check-out form when assigned equipment

TRAVEL GUIDELINES

BUS RULES

For each performance, the Eagle Band and Color Guard moves over 190 students, their instruments, and equipment. It is necessary that each student understands and abides by the rules to facilitate this enormous task in the safest, most efficient way possible.

1. Follow the PISD bus rules posted at the front of each bus and use common sense (pick up trash, do not sit in the aisles, do not stand while the bus is in motion, only sit two to a seat, etc.)
2. Upon arrival at destination, remain seated until the director or designated adult chaperon has given instructions.
3. Directors, drivers, and chaperones have the authority to assign seating to any student on the bus in the event of disciplinary problems or failure to abide by bus rules by any individual(s). If needed the entire bus convoy will stop to address the misconduct by any student. Please do not be the student that the entire convoy stops for.
4. Leave all buses clean of trash and personal belongings upon return. Each bus will have an assigned captain. The captain will check to see if the bus has been cleared of all trash. If not, the captain will select students to clean the bus. If selected, the students should work quickly and efficiently to maximize their time to complete the task successfully.
5. CD Players, iPods, and DVD players must be played with headphones on. If one person is allowed to play their music or DVD player loudly, so is everyone else, which becomes distracting to the rest of the bus. If needed, please plan ahead to bring necessary splitters to share with the person next to you. The district, school, directors and band boosters are not responsible in the event of loss or theft. The directors (not chaperone) will approve movies brought by students. Plan to bring both VHS tapes and DVD's (you never know what type of media the busses will have).
6. Use common sense. Do not sit in the aisles, sit more than two to a seat, stand while the bus in motion, etc. In addition, do not use flash photography during night time hours. This is a safety issue with the bus driver that can potentially cause an accident. Flash photography during daytime hours will be allowed.
7. Any traveling misconduct will be referred to the DHS Directors. Again, if needed, the entire bus convoy will stop to address any misconduct by any student. Please do not be the student that the entire convoy stops for.
8. Remember, have a positive attitude and we will always have a GREAT trip.

TRIPS

The Color Guard will attend performances/ competitions and educational events outside the Pearland area. This can be an overnight trip usually consisting of multiple nights. Each student is excused from classes for one (1 or 2) school day(s). Each academically eligible student (See no pass, no play for eligibility rules.) is required to participate on this trip if it will be a competition. **Any student will forfeit payments if not eligible.** If a student becomes ineligible during a period of a trip/competition, the parents understand that they are required to reimburse the Band Boosters and/or DHS for the cost of the entire trip for the individual student. Prior to the trip, an itinerary is made available to all members and parents, which will give all pertinent information concerning the trip. Portions of the fundraising done throughout the year will be used to help offset the cost of trips. The cost of the trip is determined on a yearly basis.

The following is the PISD Trip Regulations for overnight trips taken by musical organizations. We will comply and enforce these regulations, as they are from the Pearland ISD Administration and approved by the PISD Board of Trustees.

1. There will be no boys in girls' floors/rooms or girls in boys' floors/rooms for any reason. **Any student violating this rule will be sent home.**

2. Students are not to be outside of their rooms after curfew unless accompanied by an adult chaperone. Students will be given a chaperone's telephone number to call in case of emergency. **Any student in violation of this policy will be sent home.**
3. The possession or use of any tobacco products, alcohol products, drugs, chemicals, inhalants or any other intoxicants or mood-altering drugs is prohibited. **For any student violating this policy, we will contact the local police department to file a police report, contact the student's parents, and the student will be sent home and referred to his/her campus administrator. The student will be removed from band or color guard.**
4. Students will turn in all medications to designated chaperone and/or nurse. No medications will be carried by students unless approved, according to PISD Student Code of Conduct.
5. Any property damage will be paid for by the student(s) involved.
6. Students are not to leave an assigned area for any reason or get into any vehicle other than school designated transportation.
7. Any student in violation of local or state laws will be turned over to the local law enforcement authorities. **If the student is returned to the organization, he/she will be sent home.**
8. **Any student, who excessively violates trip guidelines, will be sent home.**
9. Students will follow all policies set forth in the DHS Handbook and follow common sense and good judgment guidelines. **A student may be sent home for failure to use good judgment.**
10. Violation of any of the rules listed above may result in permanent removal from the DHS Band.
11. If a student must be sent home for any reason, the parent/guardian of the student agrees to pay the full cost of the student's return trip to Pearland, Texas. The parent/guardian of a student in violation of trip rules will provide appropriate information (credit card number, etc) to the school district personnel in order that appropriate return transportation may be purchased.
12. Dawson High School, the employees of Pearland ISD and the Dawson HS Band Boosters are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Additionally, if the directors feel your behavior falls outside of the list above, you will be sent home or held in detention as outlined in this handbook.

PROCEDURES FOR SENDING A STUDENT HOME FROM A TRIP

1. Director will call to obtain the schedule and cost for common carrier transportation (bus, airplane, etc.).
2. Student will make a collect call home to the parent or guardian. Prior to the student conversing with the parent/guardian, the director will inform the parent/guardian of their child's offense and that they are to be sent home.
3. Parent/guardian will be asked on which common carrier they would prefer their child to be placed for the trip home.
4. Parent/guardian will be informed of the time schedule and cost of the common carrier, which they will pay.
5. Parent/guardian may have the option of coming to pick up their child if they do not want their child to be sent home by common carrier.
6. Student will be immediately separated from the rest of the organization.

MEDICATIONS

If you are on any medications that will need to be administered during a full day event or on a trip, you are required to fill out the PISD "Authorization for Administration of Medications & Waiver/Indemnification From Liability During Overnight Field Trips" forms. They must be returned to the directors no later than

three (3) days prior to the field trip. You will also need to provide a completed Field Trip Medication Form along with a self administration waiver signed by parents and physician. These forms can be found on the dawsoneagleband.org website. If you have specific questions, please ask a director.

EXPENSES TO EXPECT/ITEMS REQUIRED

As with all extra-curricular activities, there will be expenses incurred with Catalyst Color Guard and the Eagle Band. Pearland ISD provides much of the funding for the Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard, as does the Band Booster Organization. However, there is a limit to these funds. Thus, there are a number of items that students/parents will be expected to provide for successful participation in the Catalyst. Most of the items to be purchased will be ordered on or before the end of June. New members are required to purchase all personal items the first year. There is no need to 're-purchase' any of these items unless they need replacement. Returning members must have all items listed. If they have lost or damaged an item, a new one needs to be ordered. Returning members may order additional items if they would like more than one of any item. This will not include basic essentials for traveling to shows, personal monies for trips, etc. The following are some of the expenses for the school year.

ITEM	USE/DESCRIPTION	APPROXIMATE AMOUNT Includes shipping/Tax
Red Jacket	Used for all travel and football season – included personalized embroidery	\$48.00
Jazz Shoes	Used during marching season – this includes shipping	\$40.00
Dance Paws (annual expense)	Used during winter season – includes shipping. 2 pair	\$38.00
Gloves (annual expense)	Two pair – one for marching season and one for winter guard. This includes shipping. You may order extra gloves if you like	\$30.00
Guard Bag	Official bag used all years	\$39.00
Travel Sneakers	Sequined travel shoes	\$30.00
Make Up	Used all year – personal kit plus helps pay for airbrush coloring. Each year, additional pieces may be required based upon color of costumes.	\$80.00
Show Shirts ANNUAL Expense	One for marching season and one for winter season – includes shipping	\$40.00
Unitards (one black, one tan)	Used all year – includes shipping. More than one black is recommended (40.00 each)	\$80.00
Official Spirit Polo	Used on game days and to travel in	\$32.50
Track Pant	Used for football season and travel clothes	\$22.00
Winter Guard Travel Suit	Custom DHS Designed logo jacket, pants from Faboo...used all years in color guard	\$110.00
Knee Pads	Black – one size	\$9.75
Daily rehearsal Clothes	These items are worn EVERYDAY during marching season and the shorts worn every day all year. This will include 3 logo tees and three shorts.	65.00
ADDITIONAL ITEMS	PURCHASED ON YOUR OWN	
Ked's Tennis Shoes	Plain white Canvas (the simplest, oldest style) of Keds is the only approved shoe for rehearsal and	Pay less, target, etc. MULTIPLE PAIRS

	travel. They must be lace up with no color trim. Please plan to buy more than one pair as they will get dirty. NO EXCEPTIONS	are needed.
Undergarments	Your child will need: Control Top Spanxs – natural color, to be worn under all costumes (regular and halter), (No BLACK or WHITE or COLORED). You will also need underwear that will not ride up for rehearsals. NOTE: we do not wear underwear with our spanx under our costumes	Spanx.com...desired style is: High-Falutin' Footless Natural color
Bra	Appropriate <u>NEUTRAL COLOR BRA with CLEAR STRAPS only.</u> The best will be a bra that allows halter, strappy, one arm, strapless, etc.	
Ankle Sock	ONLY WHITE ankle socks are approved for rehearsal. No color edges or crazy colored socks will be permitted.	Walmart, Target, etc.
Spirit Day Pants	TBA	TBA
Water Cooler – Marching	Each student will need a 1-gallon water cooler to drink from at rehearsals. There is NO SHARING of containers for health reasons	Walmart, Target, Academy, etc.
Red Bag Supply Items	You will receive a specific list of items that need to be in your red bag each week.	Attached List
CONTEST / Other fees	Use/Description	APPROXIMATE AMOUNT
Tailgate Fee ANNUAL FEE	Fee for meals supplied before each football game and some competitions during this season.	100.00 – 120.00
Solo/Ensemble Contest		\$15.00 each event per student
PISD Color Guard Fees ANNUAL FEE	Used for transportation, group entry fees, equipment, etc. All items become property of Catalyst Color Guard and DHS	\$350.00 for year
PISD Equipment Usage Fee ANNUAL FEE	Covers the cost of maintenance and replacement of school equipment. Most schools require that each student purchase their own equipment. We are very fortunate.	\$50.00
Trip Fees	For most trips, the color guard will be able to raise most of the monies. Each trip will require some amount due by the cast member. Each trip cost is determined by the actual trip.	

Please note, that if your child has the privilege of being a Catalyst Color Guard Member, they are committed to the fees required for participation. All personal items and fee items are committed, ordered and spent before the end of May each year. If your child leaves the organization, is removed for any reasons, or forfeits her position on the team, the full amount of the fee commitment is due. Your child may not be exempt from finals, may not be able to register the following school year and perhaps may not be able to graduate until all monies owed PISD are paid. Please note that no refunds will be given.

Fundraising

The majority of our expenses that are not personal in nature are raised funds by our students and our parent organization. Our two largest fund-raisers are the Rock-A-Thon and the Catalyst Color Guard Winter Competition. These funds help pay for equipment, travel, housing, technicians, and other expenses as needed. (The guard fees do not cover the entire year).

Rock-A-Thon will begin as soon as we get our new guard selected. Our competition would normally take place in January or February.

Catalyst expects each member to 'do their part' in both of these fund-raisers. We will set goals for the team and for the individual.

We also offer participation in the **Kroger Card Program** which is not considered a fundraiser. It is a personal rebate program that allows your child to receive monies for your shopping efforts. This program allows more than one person to have a Kroger Card and it all be applied to your child's account. You will receive 5% matching for every dollar you load on the card. We have students that have family members with cards and the accumulate 300, 400, 500 or more dollars each year. If you drive a car and use gas...that alone can be a huge effort on behalf of your student.

On the years that Catalyst competes in the WGI World Championships, the price of the trip will usually be outlined by September/October. Each student will have the responsibility to raise funds to help pay for that trip. Our Rock-A-Thon and our Catalyst Competition will be organization wide fund-raisers. The directors determine how much or how little will be applied to the over-all student and director trip costs. We will reduce each student's trip cost by the amount of money applied by the directors after the fund raisers.

POINT SYSTEM FOR EARNING A LETTER JACKET IN COLOR GUARD

A student may earn his/her letter jacket by accumulating a total of fourteen (14) points using the point system listed below. These points may be earned in one year or simply accumulated over time. If a student has not acquired the necessary points by the end of his/her junior year, he/she will automatically be awarded a jacket his/her senior year. It will be the student's responsibility to assist the band directors in counting the points earned.

Bars on the letter will mark the number of years in the Color Guard.

1 Point	Fall Color Guard
1 Point	Advance to UIL Area Marching Competition
1 Point	UIL <u>State</u> Marching Competition Top 10 Placement
1 Point	Winter Guard
1 Point	Winter Guard State Champions – Win Our Division
1 Point	WGI World Championships - Participation
1 Point	Division I Rating – Solo Competition
1 Point	Division I Rating – Ensemble Competition
2 Points	Color Guard Captain
1 Point	Color Guard Officer other than captain
1 Point	Color Guard Social Officer

14 Total Points = Awards Jacket

- Students must have 14 points to be considered and sized for Awards Jacket.
- Students that do not have enough awards points may not be sized for their awards jacket. These students will have to fulfill the 14 point requirement and wait to be sized until the next letter jacket sizing opportunity during the school year.
- Seniors will be sized for letter jackets at the fall fitting of their Senior year.

S.A.T. / A.C.T. TESTING











The SAT and ACT College entrance exams are critical portions of a high school student's academic regiment. Much research has been done that proves that students studying music are much more successful at these exams than students not studying music. The testing agencies that administer these exams set the dates these tests will be given at least a year in advance and publicize these dates to allow students to plan. The band and color guard directors of Dawson High School understand the importance

of these tests and encourage students to take these exams. The directors plan rehearsals and performances throughout the school year to allow students to take these exams at least twice in the year without a conflict. It is the responsibility of the student and parent to make sure to sign up for these exams only on the days that have no scheduled event. There will always be at least two dates per test, per year to choose from.

We encourage all of our students to participate in the Sunday testing that is provided by the SAT and ACT organizations.

EAGLE BAND AND CATALYST COLOR GUARD BOOSTER ORGANIZATION

Dawson High School Band Boosters, Inc. is a non-profit organization providing support for the Eagle Band through volunteer service and financial assistance. To achieve this goal, it takes many dedicated volunteers all working together as a team throughout the year. The help of each band member's family is needed to provide the necessary support for a successful band program. Financial assistance is needed to cover items not typically included in the Pearland ISD budget. Each year (usually in May), the Booster Membership approves a budget which helps support such important items as:

-  Clinicians who train the students in the finer details of using their instrument and assist in improving the band's marching and concert skills
-  Fees associated with the drill writing
-  Entry fees to some contests
-  Transportation to some contests
-  Purchase of special music
-  Purchase of some guard equipment and supplies
-  Maintenance of equipment
-  Purchase of new equipment
-  Senior scholarship program
-  An End-of-the-Year Celebration Banquet

Catalyst Color Guard Website – www.dhscatalyst.org

Catalyst uses a website to keep parents and students informed of information and events. Please refer to it often. Some items found on the website include:

- Announcements
- Link to Band Calendar
- Pictures
- Email addresses for Directors and Booster Officers
- Forms

WEBSITES



www.DawsonEagleBand.org www.dhscatalyst.org

www.calendar.yahoo.com/dhscatalyst

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DHS Band Boosters – The booster organization is made up of parents, friends and family of our members. It has two separate but distinct and needed functions.

-  Raise funds to support the organization. All funds are spent per PISD policy at the discretion of the directors. Boosters do not have control over how the money is utilized.
-  Volunteer to help when needed in support of performance preparations, travel and set ups. (Each year may bring additional types of support that is needed)

Please note that these two items are separate and are needed to ensure the continued success of our program.

Catalyst Committees

Catalyst has our own set of committees in addition to those of the DHS Band Boosters. Here are a few that are used each year:

- Snack Packs
- Flag Sales
- Rhinestone/Costuming
- Phone Tree
- Aramark
- Catalyst Contest Director
- Concessions
- Advertising/Vendors
- Warm-Up Room
- Judge's Hospitality

**Each year may require an additional committee or two depending on the events planned.












EAGLE BAND and CATALYST COLOR GUARD PARENT'S "DO'S" AND "DON'TS"

DO	Call them "plumes".	DON'T	Call them feathers!
DO	Bring or make sure your student is early to rehearsals - - not just on time.	DON'T	Cause your student to do push-ups for being late unless you believe that they need the added exercise.
DO	Come early to watch a marching rehearsal	DON'T	Miss out on knowing the hard work lying beneath a winning performance.
DO	Interact with other parents - - find out what grade their child is in.... what instrument he or she plays....	DON'T	Stay to yourself and later complain that there are too many parent cliques .
DO	Attend Monthly Band Booster Meetings - - yes, there are meetings outside of marching season, and check the band website for changes .	DON'T	<u>Assume</u> that your student is going to remember to tell you everything that is going on, or <u>assume</u> that someone in the communications committee is going to call or e-mail you to give you the highlights of the meeting.
DO	Wear your band booster shirt – or school colors - - to the football games or competitions or other events where the band is appearing	DON'T	Wear green, purple, or PINK, colors - - ESPECIALLY when we are competing against them!!
DO	Come to the football games and find the other band parents and sit in the stadium with them.	DON'T	Stay at home watching 20/20 or Dateline on Friday nights. Set your VCR or DVR!
DO	Support the organization at all football games and performances	DON'T	Approach the kids or staff while they are working/performing. They are at the games to support the entire school. Save the compliments for when they arrive home.
DO	Follow the band buses and equipment truck in a carpool caravan to an event	DON'T	Worry about being there "too early". Warm-up and preparation is part of the fun.
DO	Volunteer for Band events, committees, fund-raisers, etc.	DON'T	Let a few carry the load. The more the merrier and the quicker the job.
DO	Holler and yell for the football team at games	DON'T	Sit quietly and frown at the fools hollering and yelling their heads off!
DO	Find out where your student is going after the football games. Get a group of parents together – go to the same place. Make an after-the-game wind-down part of your fun	DON'T	Go home and worry about where your student is and what time they will be home that night.
DO	Come and support your student and band directors at marching competitions	DON'T	Assume that the kids aren't nervous and don't need any moral support. They do! – in spite of what they might say.
DO	Stand up, yell and holler when the EAGLE BAND is introduced	DON'T	Be embarrassed to show pride in your child's school and band, and what he or she is doing.
DO	Applaud politely for the other bands	DON'T	Boo and hiss and make snide remarks. Chances are another band parent is within hearing distance! !
DO	Pick up your student on time after rehearsals, games, competitions etc.	DON'T	Expect the Band Directors to stay any later than necessary – remember they've had a long day too and want to go home also.
DO	Ask your student to perform their equipment work for you	DON'T	Assume that the guard looks as good as it does just by practicing at school.
DO	Ask your student to practice <u>and</u> play for you.	DON'T	Assume that the band sounds as good as it does just by practicing at school.
DO	Submit to the Band website your pictures, idea's and video.	DON'T	Be shy. We do not want any student to be upset if they are inadvertently left off of the website.
DO	Treat the other parents and all of the students as family – because that is what we are - - a Band Family.	DON'T	Miss out. Participate in all of our Family functions. – games, concerts, contests, fund raisers, and social events !! REMEMBER we are here for our kids and band and not to glorify ourselves .
DO	Applaud for the color guard when the release and catch their equipment.	DON'T	Just sit there in amazement...let the team hear you!

DHS Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard Booster Forms

The following pages contain forms used to collect information and money and to acquire permission from parents for travel, medical, and publication, etc.

The following forms can also be found on the website.

-  Student Profile Form – completely filled out
-  Medical Release Form
-  Audition Permission Form
-  UIL Student / Parent Marching Band Acknowledgment
-  Band and Catalyst Trip Permission Form
-  Photo Release Form
-  Handbook Acknowledgement
-  Student Items Order Form
-  Eagle Band Booster Club Membership Form
-  Catalyst Color Guard Wardrobe Order Form
-  Forms list of things to come



Student / Parent Profile

Welcome to the Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard! Please complete this profile so we can begin building a complete and accurate database of our Eagle Band Families. This information is critical and will be kept confidential.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

STUDENT'S NAME (first middle last) _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Student Email: _____

Student Cell: _____ Home: _____

Grade: _____ Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Section: _____

MOTHER'S NAME (first- last) _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Mother's Cell: _____ Home: _____

FATHER'S NAME (first- last) _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Father's Cell: _____ Home: _____

Heard about Color Guard through: _____

Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard Medical Release Form 2011 - 2012

NOTICE - Your signature is required on both pages.

STUDENT'S LEGAL NAME		DOB	
Eagle Band Assignment: (Circle) Symphonic Symphonic Winds Concert Percussion Guard		Male	Female
Instrument			
Present Address			
Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian			
Home Phone Number		Student Cell # or Pager #	
Cell Phone (Mom)		Work Phone (Mom)	
Cell Phone (Dad)		Work Phone (Dad)	
Name of Local Emergency Contact			
<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Work Phone</i>	<i>Cell Phone</i>	
Medical/Emotional Conditions			
Known Allergies			
Present medication student is taking (include dosage with over the counter and prescribed drugs)			
Is student under long-term medical treatment at present? If yes, explain			
Student's Physician		Phone	
Any additional information			
I hereby give my permission for treatment of above named student by a physician and/or medical staff at a hospital or clinic for medical emergencies.			
Parent or Guardian Signature		Date	
Insurance Company		Phone	
Policy Number		Group Number	
Signature of Legal Guardian _____			

Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard Medical Release Form 2010 - 2011

I also give permission for DHS Band Directors and Boosters to administer the following if warranted and only if needed
 (Check Y or N) Recommended dosage will be given unless specified otherwise.

Y	N	Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
Y	N	Ibuprofen (Advil/Motrin)
Y	N	Benadryl
Y	N	Loperamide Hydrochloride (Imodium A-D) to treat diarrhea
Y	N	Other
Y	N	I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO SWIM AT ANY DHS BAND SWIMMING ACTIVITY if included in itinerary

Any medication must be kept and administered by the band nurse or designated chaperone. Do you agree to this policy for your child while on band trips or functions?

_____ is my child, and is now under my control and custody.

(Legal name of student)

I/We hereby give him/her permission to travel on school provided transportation with the Dawson High School Band on all band activities for the 2007-2008 school year with other children from the Pearland Independent School District in Brazoria County, Texas. Should a simple medical problem arise, we grant the trip sponsors the authority to administer simple medication and/or to seek appropriate professional medical care while on a trip. If a medical problem of a major nature arises, every effort will be made to contact a parent/guardian before treatment is administered.
 I/We also agree not to hold the band directors, administration, or chaperones responsible for any injury or accident to my (our) child while on a Eagle Band trip or function.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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This area for office use only



Catalyst Audition Permission Form

I give my child permission to audition for the Catalyst Color Guard. I am providing this form by the Mandatory Parents Meeting.










I have read, understand and accept the Catalyst Color Guard information packet. I understand and accept the eligibility requirements, organization rules and regulations, DHS rules and regulations, PISD rules and regulations, and financial obligations.

I understand and accept that ALL Catalyst members will abide by the Catalyst Color Guard handbook.

I understand and will abide by the calendar that is set and posted by the directors on www.calendar.yahoo.com/dhscatalyst. I further understand that Catalyst Color Guard members will have to be flexible as the calendar may change based upon circumstances surrounding performances, competitions, facility availability and required rehearsals to complete tasks.

I understand that I am not to make personal appointments during Catalyst class, rehearsals or events. I will utilize the Catalyst calendar to set these appointments. Furthermore, I understand as a member that I will be responsible for reminding my parents of my commitments. (Refer to Catalyst Handbook).

I will provide the required forms listed here by audition day. (Provided to students on first day of audition week. I realize that there will be additional forms to fill out as the year progresses.)

-  Student Profile Form – completely filled out
-  A copy of the MOST RECENT report card
-  Medical Release Form
-  Audition Permission Form
-  UIL Student / Parent Marching Band Acknowledgment
-  Band and Catalyst Trip Permission Form
-  Photo Release Form
-  Handbook Acknowledgement
-  Catalyst Student Contract

I understand that the judges' decisions are final.

Returning Catalyst members do not need to 'repurchase' non perishable items they already have. Returning Catalyst members will be responsible for paying the standard PISD fees, tailgate fees, and obtaining the required personal items as outlined by the director for the upcoming year at the upcoming mandatory parents meeting. As a returning member's parent, I realize I have the option of purchasing additional personal items if desired.

First year members will be responsible for paying **approximately** \$620.00 for my student's personal guard items. Additionally I understand all members will also be responsible for the standard PISD fees, tailgate fees, and obtaining the required personal items as outlined by the director at the mandatory parents meeting. I understand that private lesson expenses are my responsibility and I understand the frequency of the lessons. I understand that the payment schedule is set and will be responsible for my commitments.

I understand that if my child has the privilege of being a Catalyst Color Guard Member, they are committed to the fees required for participation. If my child leaves the organization, is removed for any reasons, or forfeits her position on the team, the full amount of the fee commitment is due. Your child may not be exempt from finals, may not be able to register the following school year and perhaps may not be able to graduate until all monies owed PISD are paid. Please note that no refunds will be given. We understand that the decisions of the directors are final.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Catalyst Candidate Signature

Date



PARENT/STUDENT UIL *MARCHING BAND* ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM 2011 - 2012

No student may be required to attend practice for marching band for more than eight hours of rehearsal outside the academic school day per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This provision applies to students in all components of the marching band. On performance days (football games, competitions and other public performances) bands may hold up to one additional hour of warm-up and practice beyond the scheduled warm-up time at the performance site.

Examples Of Activities Subject To The UIL Marching Band Eight-Hour Rule.

- Marching Band Rehearsal (Both Full Band and Components)
- Any Marching Band Group Instructional Activity
- Breaks
- Announcements
- Debriefing And Viewing Marching Band Videos
- Playing Off Marching Band Music
- Marching Band Sectionals (Both Director and Student Led)
- Clinics For The Marching Band Or Any Of Its Components

The Following Activities Are Not Included In The Eight Hour Time Allotment:

- Travel Time To and From Rehearsals and/or Performances
- Rehearsal Set-Up Time
- Games, Marching Contests, Pep Rallies, Parades and Other Public Performances
- Instruction and Practice For Music Activities Other Than Marching Band And Its Components
- ☐ Warm up on performance days

NOTE: An extensive Q&A for the Eight Hour Rule for Marching Band can be found on the Music Page of the UIL Web Site at: www.uil.utexas.edu.

“We have read and understand the Eight-Hour Rule for Marching Band as stated above and agree to abide by these regulations.”

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Printed Name _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

This form is to be kept on file by the local school district.



TRIP PERMISSION FORM 2011 – 2012

To Be Completed By The Parent:

I hereby give my child, _____, a member of the Dawson High School Band and Catalyst Color Guard, permission to attend all scheduled activities for the 2010 - 2011 school year. I hereby give him/her permission to travel on school provided transportation for school sponsored trips with the band during the 2010 - 2011 school year.

I understand that Pearland ISD, its trustees, officers, employees, organization sponsors, and band/color guard directors are not liable for any accidents and injuries that may occur to the above named student as a result of his/her participation on any band trip. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Pearland ISD for all claims made against Pearland ISD, its trustees, officers, employees and organization sponsors from any and all claims made by third parties, which may result from the above named student's actions while on any band trip. In consideration of the above named student being permitted to participate in these trips, I expressly waive claims to which I may otherwise be entitled, including, but not limited to claims for medical expenses and wages. I have read this travel permission agreement and understand all of its terms. I have executed it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM

From time to time, articles of general interest are published in local newspapers or newsletters, stories are broadcast on local television stations, and videotapes, brochures and pictorial displays are produced about the Dawson High School Band activities and contests. Photographs or video images of students, teachers, administrators and other staff are often featured in such communications.

The Dawson High School Band Boosters is a not-for-profit organization and as such is unable to pay individuals for use of their photographs or video images.

Your approval and signature below will allow us to use any and all photographs and videotapes of your child.

A directory of student and parent information will be compiled and distributed to facilitate communications. The directory will contain student and parent names, home telephone number, address, student grade level, and parent email address.

This release will remain in effect through your student's senior year unless revoked.

You must initial each category that you are approving for publication.

_____ Photo _____ Photo with name _____ Video _____ Directory

Parent Signature

Date

Student's Signature

Date

Print Student's Name

Graduation Year



2011 – 2012

HANDBOOK POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Initial each statement below

_____ I have read the entire Catalyst Color Guard Student/Parent Handbook and I am responsible for being aware of all of its contents. In particular, I have read the Conduct Guidelines, Course Requirements, Eligibility - No Pass, No Play, Course Credit, Travel Guidelines, Sending A Student Home From, A Trip, Expenses to Expect, and Rehearsal Expectations.

_____ I understand that the directors may adjust the rules, regulations, policy and procedures listed in this handbook for the betterment, safety, growth and needs of the entire organization. I understand that the decisions of the directors are final.

_____ I understand that if my child has the privilege of being a Catalyst Color Guard Member, they are committed to the fees required for participation. (PISD fees, personal items fees, private lesson fees, trip fees, etc.) If my child leaves the organization, is removed for any reasons, or forfeits her position on the team, the full amount of the fee commitment is due. Your child may not be exempt from finals, may not be able to register the following school year and perhaps may not be able to graduate until all monies owed PISD are paid. **Please note that no refunds will be given.**

_____ I understand that my child's participation as well as the adult's participation in the fund raising opportunities is paramount to the success of the organization. I understand that trips may require additional funds that may be due to cover the individual cost of my child's participation. I understand that I have the opportunity of the Kroger Card program with the possibility of other programs to help offset any personal expenses associated with this type of trip. I understand that I am responsible for funds not raised for my child's personal costs of the trip.

Please initial above and sign below.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Printed Name _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____



Catalyst Color Guard Contract

- I promise to exemplify the ideal Catalyst member at all times in and out of uniform by setting the example for all Catalyst members to follow and be proud of. I understand that this includes anytime that I am out in public even if not with the guard.
- I promise to be ladylike at all times.
- I promise to fulfill all responsibilities and duties assigned to me as a member or an officer.
- I promise to attend all rehearsals, performances and events as assigned by the directors.
- I promise to fulfill any job assigned to me by my Director.
- I promise to abide by every rule and regulation in the Catalyst Color Guard Handbook.
- I promise never to be seen ANYWHERE cursing, using obscenities, smoking, drinking or under the influence of alcoholic beverages, or to partake in and/or be under the influence of drugs AT ANY TIME...EVER.
- I promise not to participate in public displays of affection as it is a reflection on my personal character and the character of all guard members.
- I promise to lead by example.
- I promise never to lie.
- I promise to uphold all issues of confidentiality with my fellow officers as well as with me and the Director.
- I promise to enforce the rules and regulations stipulated by the Catalyst Color Guard Handbook and assigned by my Director equally with my fellow officers as well as lead by example as a member or if I am chosen as an officer.
- I promise to demonstrate equal and consistent strictness with my fellow officers and members.
- I promise to do my fair share of the work and fulfill my share of the responsibilities.
- I promise to display mutual respect for my fellow officers as well as respect for the guard members and the Director.
- I promise never to complain.
- If I defy the Director or fail to successfully complete my duties, I promise to accept their decision as to my punishment.
- I promise to support the director in all decisions that are made.
- If I am not selected to the position I want, I will fulfill my responsibility as a member or in the office I am given.
- If I am not selected to any officer position, I will support the officer line and fulfill my role as a productive, supportive and reliable team member.
- I will refrain from verbal or visible undermining of the selected officers or directors.
- I promise to be dressed appropriately for all rehearsals and performances, including proper hair with pride.
- I promise not to argue with my teammates during rehearsals or performances. I understand that our limited time to prepare and perform is my first priority.

Signature of Candidate

Date

_____ has my permission to audition for Catalyst Color Guard. I have read and discussed the above statements with her and I am assured that my daughter understands and is capable of fulfilling the requirements of the auditions. If auditioning for officer, she has my support in her candidacy and she will be able to fulfill any responsibilities that will come with the possible selection to the position for which she auditions.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



**BAND BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM
2011 – 2012**

Conductor Level \$500.00

With this support level you will receive an Eagle Band Decal, Eagle Car Flag, two Spring Banquet tickets, and one Eagle Band Booster Club polo shirt.

Composer Level \$250.00

With the support level you will receive an Eagle Band Decal, Eagle Car Flag, and two Spring Banquet Tickets.

Concert Level \$100.00

With this support level you will receive an Eagle Band Decal and Eagle Car Flag.

Membership \$50.00

With this support level you will receive an Eagle Band Decal.

<<**SPECIAL NOTE:** All membership levels are entitled to one vote per household at Band Booster meetings.>>

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!!

Parents' Names _____

Your Student's Name _____

Amount Enclosed _____ Check Number _____

Make checks payable to Dawson Eagle Band Boosters



Catalyst Wardrobe Sizing Sheet

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Dress Size: _____

Glove Size: _____

Leotard Size: _____

Slack Size: _____

Jean Size: _____

Exercise Suit: _____

T-Shirt:(fitted) _____

Hoodie-Jean Jacket (fitted) _____

Soffe Short Size: _____

Soffe Shorts: _____

Jazz Shoe Size: _____

Sneaker Size: _____

Flip Flop Size: _____

Jazz Paws: _____

Tights/ Hose: _____

Belt Size: _____

Leotard Measurement: _____

Inseam: _____

Weight: _____

Height: _____

Bra/Cup: _____ / _____

Waist: _____

Full Hip: _____

Hips: _____

Back Waist Length: _____

Waist to Floor: _____

Chest: _____

Girth: _____

Shoulder to shoulder: _____

Arm Length: _____

Special Notes: _____

Member's Signature: _____



Member's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Catalyst Color Guard Order Form – turn order form in with payment!!!!

Updated 3.10

ITEM	WHO	SIZE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Red Warm Up Jacket	New		\$48.00	1	
Jazz Shoes	New		\$40.00	1	
Dance Paws	All		\$38.00	1	
Gloves (two pair)	All		\$30.00	1	
Guard Back Pack/Bag	New		\$39.00	1	
Make Up	New	Includes group hair/make up lesson	\$80.00	1	
Show Shirts	All	1 for each season	\$40.00	1	
Unitards (Tan and Black)	New	40.00 each	\$80.00	2	
Sequin Sneakers	All		\$30.00	1	
Official Spirit Polo	New /Officers		\$32.50	1	
Dress Suit	New		\$94.00	1	
Track Pant	New		\$22.00	1	
Rehearsal Pack	ALL		\$65.00	1	
Knee Pads	New	Black – one size	\$9.75	1	
TOTAL for Items					\$
PISD Guard Fee	All		350.00	1	350.00
PISD Equipment Usage Fee	All		50.00		50.00
TOTAL –PISD FEES					\$400.00
Misc Fees					
Catalyst Jacket for Daily Wear	Optional		\$55.00		
Parent Polo	Optional		\$38.00		
Tailgate Fee	All		\$100.00		100.00
TOTAL DUE					\$

Sizing: If you are unsure of the size, we will have samples for some of the items for the girls to try on for specific items. It is a requirement of the guard that the clothes fit properly, snug and appropriately.

Payment Options: Of course full payments will be accepted. You may divide your fees into payments provided you use the dates as outlined below. If fees are not received when the items are ordered, then your items will not be ordered at that time. The cost will rise for individual items as there will be individual shipping and loss of some 'group' pricing. Furthermore, you student could not pass inspection is she does not have everything she needs when they are required. We have planned to the best of our ability, however, from time to time, an item each student needs may come up based upon the show we are doing. Monies are due by the dates below, as our entire year expenses, entries, costume orders, wardrobe orders, etc must all be completed by August 1. All items are ordered by the Friday after the week of auditions.

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Unless otherwise noted, all checks are to made out to **Dawson High School Band**

- Payment Due Dates:
1. May 17.
 2. June 31
 3. Aug 1 – Final Payment must be in

Signature of Understanding of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____