

Welcome to Rayburn Colorguard!

Let us take this opportunity to welcome you to the Sam Rayburn High School Colorguard! This will be an exciting year filled with happiness, hard work, perseverance, and big pay offs. This handbook is a guideline in which each member of the colorguard will follow.

Guidelines for trying out for guard

Anyone enrolled in Sam Rayburn High School or will be enrolled at Sam Rayburn High School as a 9th grader may try-out. No experience is necessary and all students are welcome. Try-outs will be 2 weeks in length and will entail the applicant learning a flag routine and dance step routine. Each applicant will be expected to attend each day of auditions. If circumstances arise the applicant will need to let the band director or colorguard instructor know. The band director, colorguard instructor, and current colorguard officers will judge the applicant. The applicant performs in a small group then by themselves.

Guard Camp

Colorguard camp is in the first part of June in the mornings for a week and helps to reinforce the fundamentals taught during auditions as well as parts of the marching routine for marching season. Attendance is mandatory for guard members serious about marching during marching season.

Marching Season

Marching season is defined by a football season with UIL Marching Contests added on Saturdays. Each member is expected to attend the games as well as contests and other school functions defined by the band director and colorguard instructor. The band director or colorguard instructor prior to the absence must clear absences. Should a member choose to skip a game or function the member is subject to consequences decided by the band director and colorguard instructor.

Practices

During marching season practice is held after-school during the school year and during the day before school starts. Each member is expected to be at these practices if they expect to march during half-time. Just like the game absences, the band director or colorguard instructor must clear practice absences. If a member chooses to skip a practice they have the possibility of not marching that week and the spot will be given away.

Uniforms

Each member will be issued a uniform for marching season. The following guidelines will be strictly enforced to:

1. There is no eating while in costume.
2. Clear soda or water can be drank while in costume.
3. Please remember you are a representative of Sam Rayburn while you are in costume and proper manners will be shown.
4. There will no profanity while in costume.

Each member will purchase split sole jazz shoes and black leotards and black shorts. This will be indoor practice attire. The expenses for these items will belong to the member but payment plans can be worked out.

Friday Day Outfits

On game day Friday, each member of the guard will wear the guard tee-shirt or polo and khaki pants, and appropriate footwear. Any light khaki pant will work.

Bus Behavior

The following will be strictly enforced on the bus trips:

1. No throwing items out the window
 2. No boom boxes, you may use personal headphones
 3. No flash photography
- All rules set forth by Pasadena Independent School District's transportation department