



## OHHS Winter Guard 2027 Audition Info

### Guard Staff Members:

Guard Director & Instructor: Renee Giugliano - rgiugliano@ohsd.net

Band Director: Zach Petty - zpetty@ohsd.net

Additional Guard Instructors: Andrew Huggins, Makendzie Shipley-Herrin, Lilly Zapata & Annabell Connell

### What is Winter Guard?

Winter Guard is a performance art that uses dancing and acting while spinning/tossing equipment such as flags, rifles, and sabres to give a visual interpretation to music.

### How hard is Winter Guard?

Winter Guard can be physical and mentally demanding. Like any other sport, you will need to build endurance, muscle strength as well as increase your mental sharpness and focus. Don't worry, we don't demand that on the first day. We will teach you these skills starting with basics and progress as we go. You will also need to be able to take corrections, disciplines and criticism while learning. Personal accountability and responsibility is vital to your personal success and team success. Most important, you must balance school work.

### Who can join the Winter Guard?

All students in the Oak Harbor School District, including those that are homeschooled, that are currently in grades 9-12 are invited to join. **No experience needed.** We have instructors and current members to help you learn what you need to know.

### What does it cost to join?

There are no fees for Winter Guard. You will need to purchase personal items: performance shoes, guard gloves and other personal items. Approximate cost: \$8+/-

### When is the Audition (Learning) Camp?

Nov 16-20, 6:00pm - 8:00pm in the OHHS Band Room (D220)

### How Auditions Work - Our auditions are not done in a traditional manner

We aren't looking for perfection at auditions. We're looking for potential. We watch how students learn, how they move, their rhythm and coordination, and how they respond when something is difficult. Some students pick things up quickly, while others need more repetition, and that's okay. What matters just as much as learning the skills is how students respond to coaching. Can they listen to corrections, try again, handle frustration, and treat their teammates respectfully? Winter Guard is competitive, and we have a responsibility to choose students who are willing to learn, accept feedback, and contribute positively to the team. *We don't expect students to arrive knowing everything. We do expect them to be willing to learn, work hard, accept coaching, and be a positive part of the team.*

### What to Bring to Audition Camp

- Audition Agreement including OHHS Progress Report Form (teachers fill out the report)
- Work out clothing, socks & gym shoes (no hoodies and no jeans)
- water bottle
- knee pads
- hair ties/band, if needed (no hair allowed on your face and no hats)

You will learn different skills along with a short audition choreography. All the equipment is provided. It is important that you show up willing, eager, and open to every aspect of the audition process. We recognize that you will likely be stronger in some areas more than others. And that's okay. Just come ready to learn, give it a try and have fun. **Audition Results will be emailed to students by November 25th.**

### I want to give it a try, what do I do next?

Come to our Audition Info Meeting which is on Nov 9th at 6:00pm in the band room. Parents/Guardians are suggested to come with their student(s) to meet the instructors, current team members, learn more about the program, learn more about how auditions work and ask any questions. If parents/guardians can't make it to the meeting or have additional questions, send the instructor an email at rgiugliano@ohsd.net.



## OHHS Winter Guard 2027 Audition Info

### What if I missed the meeting?

No problem! We'll have all the info (including questions asked) available shortly after on our website. Fill out the Audition Agreement, OHHS Progress Report (which is filled out by your current teachers) & then come to audition camp. The Audition Agreement must be signed by you and your parent/legal guardian. You may also choose to submit the online form on our website. **Either way, both the agreement and the Progress report is due Nov 17th.**

### What happens next if I am offered a position on the Winter Guard?

**Students have until November 28th** to officially accept their position on the team. We want students & their families to be fully committed to our program and our schedule, so we leave the final decision up to them. Directions and info on how to accept the position will be given in the email.

Once you accept your position, the first 2027 Winter Guard meeting will take place. This a **REQUIRED parent & student** meeting that will be held in-person on Nov 30 at 6:00pm in the band room. This meeting will outline the Winter season. You will meet additional staff along with meeting other members, getting schedules, filling out required paperwork and more. Most important, measurements for your uniform will be taken.

### If I make the team, when will the rehearsals be?

Rehearsals start December 1st. We have rehearsals Monday through Friday in the Band Room or off campus (excluding holidays and other district no-school days). A schedule will be given to you at the first meeting.

### Here is the current tentative schedule (Dec 1, 2026 - April 26, 2027):

- Monday through Friday: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Locations will vary, more info at meeting

### Want Extra Tips and Start Getting Ahead? Join our Auditions BAND App Group (FREE)

This group is designed to help you feel more confident and prepared before auditions begin. We'll share helpful tips, beginner-friendly practice ideas, and things you can work on at home—even if you don't have any equipment!

Inside the group, you'll find tips for:

- Dance, flexibility, strength, and coordination
- Rhythm, musicality, and learning choreography
- Flag fundamentals and body awareness
- Building confidence and preparing for auditions
- Understanding teamwork, coachability, and what it takes to be part of a competitive team

Scan QR code or go to: <https://band.us/@ohhsguardauditions>





## OHHS Winter Guard 2027 Audition Info

**Pages 1 & 2 (front and back) must be completed and returned by Nov 18th.**

### Student Info

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pronouns (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Current School: \_\_\_\_\_  
OHSD email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Info

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Preference: ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ Either

Any physical/mental health concerns such as previous/current injuries, spectrum and/or allergies, please list that info here so we can assist correctly and as needed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other activities/sports/clubs you are involved with (list activity and teachers/advisor/coach name): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Attending camp is NOT making a commitment to audition, but the following will be taken into account by our staff for offering members position on the team. Students must:**

- Be in good standing with grades and attendance during current school year.
- Be respectful to those in authority while at camp.
- Have a positive attitude. Accept feedback and corrections.
- Actively participate at all times.
- Keep cell phones placed in backpack/bag until the end of camp.
- Inform instructor(s) about possible emergencies that may cause the need to check your phone.

**Student:** I agree to abide by the conditions as stated in this agreement. I understand that if I choose to audition for the Winter Guard, but staff chooses not to offer me a position, an explanation may not be given, nor will one be expected. I also understand that if I cannot abide by the above agreement, I will not be offered a spot on the team.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Legal Guardian:** I give the student listed above permission to participate in Winter Guard Audition Camp and ultimately join if my student accepts an offer as a member. I have read and understand all the requirements. If my student is accepts and offer onto the team, we agree to abide by all the requirements.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# OHHS Winter Guard 2027 Audition Info

OHHS Winter Guard 2027 Audition Agreement - PAGE 2

## OHHS Progress Report for Extracurricular Activity

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle Activity:    Color Guard    Winter Guard

**Teachers**, please complete the rating sheet by circling appropriate number, grade and making comments on the academic, effort, attitude and attendance for the student named above.

|                               |                      |      |   |   |   |   |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|------|---|---|---|---|-----------|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PERIOD 1<br/>SUBJECT</b>   |                      | POOR |   |   |   |   | EXCELLENT |  |  |  |  | Comments:<br><br><br><br><br>Teacher's Signature: |
|                               | Academic Performance | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Effort               | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attitude             | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attendance           | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Estimated Grade      | F    | D | C | B | A |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
| <b>PERIOD 2<br/>SUBJECT</b>   |                      | POOR |   |   |   |   | EXCELLENT |  |  |  |  | Comments:<br><br><br><br><br>Teacher's Signature: |
|                               | Academic Performance | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Effort               | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attitude             | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attendance           | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Estimated Grade      | F    | D | C | B | A |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
| <b>PERIOD 3<br/>SUBJECT</b>   |                      | POOR |   |   |   |   | EXCELLENT |  |  |  |  | Comments:<br><br><br><br><br>Teacher's Signature: |
|                               | Academic Performance | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Effort               | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attitude             | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attendance           | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Estimated Grade      | F    | D | C | B | A |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
| <b>PERIOD 4<br/>SUBJECT</b>   |                      | POOR |   |   |   |   | EXCELLENT |  |  |  |  | Comments:<br><br><br><br><br>Teacher's Signature: |
|                               | Academic Performance | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Effort               | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attitude             | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attendance           | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Estimated Grade      | F    | D | C | B | A |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
| <b>PERIOD 5<br/>SUBJECT</b>   |                      | POOR |   |   |   |   | EXCELLENT |  |  |  |  | Comments:<br><br><br><br><br>Teacher's Signature: |
|                               | Academic Performance | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Effort               | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attitude             | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attendance           | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Estimated Grade      | F    | D | C | B | A |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
| <b>PERIOD 6<br/>SUBJECT</b>   |                      | POOR |   |   |   |   | EXCELLENT |  |  |  |  | Comments:<br><br><br><br><br>Teacher's Signature: |
|                               | Academic Performance | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Effort               | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attitude             | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attendance           | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Estimated Grade      | F    | D | C | B | A |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
| <b>PERIOD 0/7<br/>SUBJECT</b> |                      | POOR |   |   |   |   | EXCELLENT |  |  |  |  | Comments:<br><br><br><br><br>Teacher's Signature: |
|                               | Academic Performance | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Effort               | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attitude             | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Attendance           | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |
|                               | Estimated Grade      | F    | D | C | B | A |           |  |  |  |  |                                                   |