

Minooka Community High School Colorguard has open spots for the fall season!

When the Marching Indians performs, listen to the audience and you'll hear lots of gasps, sighs, wow's, and cheers when the color guard pulls out a new flag or tosses a rifle, making it turn 2, 3, 4, 5 or even 6 rotations. The Color Guard interprets the music visually, using dance, costumes, flags & props.

Students who join MCHS Color Guard typically enjoy movement or dance, take pride in learning new skills, and enjoy being part of a tightly knit group while also getting the MCHS marching band experience. Just like band members, they can letter in "the sport of the arts" and try out for leadership positions.

Color Guard is a sport due to its physical and competitive aspects. Physical stamina is needed to put together movement, dancing, and equipment work at the same time. Color Guard is also an art. Performers use the elements of expression and their equipment to tell a story. The music and scenery set the stage, and the performer completes the show.

10 Reasons to Join Color Guard

- It's fun!
- Perform in front of hundreds at varsity football games...even as a 9th grader!
- Take pride in belonging to an award winning organization
- Enjoy the marching band experience without having to practice an instrument
- Get to take dance class
- Make dozens of new friends before starting high school
- Burn lots of calories and get a tan in the summer
- Get to wear awesome costumes
- Earn a letter
- Travel on band and color guard trips; this year they are going to San Antonio, TX!

Color Guard Team Awards

- 1st place-2008 Benedictine University Competition
- 2nd Place – 2007 Illini Marching Festival Parade
- 1st Place-2006 Illini Marching Festival Parade
- 1st Place-2007 Corn Festival Parade
- 1st Place-2007 Dwight Harvest Days Parade and Field Competition
- Bronze Medalist-2009 Midwest Colorguard Circuit Championships
- Bronze Medalist-2008 Midwest Colorguard Circuit Championships
- Gold Medalist-2007 Midwest Colorguard Circuit Championships
- Gold Medalist-2006 Midwest Colorguard Circuit Championships
- Bronze Medalist-2005 Midwest Colorguard Circuit Championships

Be part of the Minooka High School Color Guard

Do you like music and dance? Enjoy performing? Want to make friends for life? Want to be part of an award-winning MCHS organization? If so, MCHS Color Guard is for you!

Tryouts are May 11-May 14th from 5-8:30pm in the main gym at Central Campus. During a one-week, after-school clinic, candidates are taught a short routine and some dance basics on which they will be judged.

Students in 8th through 11th grades that will be attending MCHS in the fall may try out for the Color Guard in the spring. No previous experience is necessary. Students do NOT have to be in band. All members of MCHS Color Guard, including 9th graders, perform at varsity football games.

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We would love to meet you and see what you have to offer to this multiple award winning group! Come the first day and give it a try!!