

Color Guard Proposal for April, 2022 Board Meeting

Students in the High School Color Guard will benefit from earning PE credits because it is a physically rigorous and demanding ensemble. Color Guard will be treated like the rest of our after school extracurricular sports with count toward PE credit.

Students in the Bronco Marching Band already receive PE credit for the fall semester. Color Guard will learn the fundamental marching basics and learn to control their bodies in space. The goal of this class/sport is to train the individual to handle any situation, like moving while spinning flags, rifles and sabers and thorough the understanding of ballet and jazz dance basics. Concepts taught in the color guard range from marching and spinning for up to ten minutes at a time (which is extremely exhausting), but also incorporating body movements into the drill. Students learn the proper posture, carriage techniques, and marching commands. The color guard specifically learns to dance, spin and toss to the music of the marching band.

After a week long, intensive summer band camp, color guard members will rehearse weekly on their own, either during a class period or after school daily, as well as with the band every Thursday night until the end of the season. They will also perform at most home football games, and eventually compete in completions in the years to come. High School Color Guard will not only be an excellent physical outlet for students, it will also allow them to perform on the field in a creative and expressive manner.

In the Spring semester, the color guard will typically learn a routine that is set to prerecorded music and will compete against other color guards, indoors through the WGASC (Winter Guard Association of Southern California). This runs through the end of the school year. I hope you will consider this proposal and the benefits that it will have for the students and the Marching Band program as a whole.