

Marshalltown High School Drill Team

2016-2017 Auditions

Tuesday, May 31st 4:00 – 6:00 PM

MHS Band Room 159

*If you are unable to attend, please contact one of the personnel.

Learn the art of prop (auxiliary) dance then perform at home football and basketball games and get the opportunity to compete at the state and regional level!

Thank you for your interest in our team! Our purpose is to interpret music and art through the use of body and equipment. We have two functions: Fall Guard (or Color Guard) in the marching band field shows, and Winter Guard in which we perform as a team alone. We are a *year round* team, including summer, but we will work with your schedule if needed, and we do have breaks when possible!

We are a State Division I ranking team in both Color Guard and Winter Guard. In the education, you will learn choreography in dance, flag, rifle, sabre, ribbon, and many other props. Competitions include, but are subject to change: IHSMA State Marching Contest, ISDTA Solo Competition, ISDTA Team Competition, and MA Midwest Regional. We also do a Drill Team Showcase at the end of the school year every year to showcase solo, small ensemble, and team routines.

Experience is **not** required, but background in dance or music will help. I will help you as much as you let me. The key to having a good audition is to be confident, even if you are insecure, and feel the music. It is **not** important to be perfect at the audition.

Auditions will cover as much of the school song routine as possible:

- Equipment and their parts
- Attention and Carriage
- Basic Positions/Angles
- Stirs
- Drop Spins
- Flares
- 3 count Aerial Toss
- School Song Routine

Additional requirements for making the squad, aside from a positive audition, are:

- Satisfactory GPA (Sports Ineligibility rules apply)
- Satisfactory recommendations from teachers (I will send out emails)
 - This includes assessments on responsibility, attitude, and effort.
- Good health; capability of performing

Any severe negativity in one or more of these areas may result membership ineligibility.

Towards the end, all auditionees will perform the school song at the best of their ability in groups of 2 or 3.

I am not looking for perfection at these auditions, but rather a positive attitude, ability to feel music/rhythm, effort, and potential. This practice is important, but should not be stressful; we WANT you to do well! Anything that you need help with, ask a veteran member or myself, and we will do our best to get you caught up.

Please do not hesitate to ask questions if you have them!! Email or post on the Facebook event. I cannot wait to see you at practice!

Lastly, you must fill out the following questionnaire using this link. Failure to do so will slow down the acceptance process. Thank you!

<http://bit.ly/1WCGokj>

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