

2017-18 Pride of Alexander City

Visual Ensemble Information: Changes, Requirements, Expectations

The Pride of Alexander City Visual Ensemble will be taking the place of our current Color Guard and Majorette squads. There will be one sponsor, one set of expectations, and a single purpose; to bring a sharper, more polished and professional visual element to our field and stands performances.

Changes:

- Depending on the number auditioning, we will take 16 or 25 into the line. No alternates.
- Those auditioning will have our audition rubric to know what they are working toward during the clinic.
- Positive cooperative attitude at ALL times.
- What the band does, the Visual ensemble does. (Wherever the unit is seated)
- There will be more body/dance involved in our routines.
- The unit may use different equipment during a portion of the show. (ex. sabres, rifles, abstract props, ribbons, and yes, flags.)
- All members will work to improve all skills; marching, spinning, tossing, dance/body.
- There is no negotiation about uniform, hair, or make-up.

Requirements:

- Must have marched for 1 completed season. (Transfer students will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the band director)
- **ALL FEES MUST BE CLEARED TO AUDITION.**
- **ALL FEES MUST BE CLEARED TO RECEIVE ANY OF YOUR UNIFORM.**
 - **Uniform Fee will be \$400**
 - **Includes Pep-rally wear, cold weather gear, make-up, and hair costuming items.**
 - **The deposit and payment schedule MUST BE FOLLOWED.**
- Audition clinics are required. Tryout results are FINAL.
- For auditions, attire will be: Black athletic shorts, (NOT COMPRESSION SHORTS), white short-sleeved t-shirt, athletic shoes. Clinic attire is to be P.E. appropriate.

Expectations:

- While in uniform and in public, you are performing. This very visual component of our band shall represent us with class and professionalism at all times.
- The captain will have completed the application process for the position successfully. Directions given by the captain will be followed without question.
- All Routines will be memorized and passed off.

2017-18 Visual Ensemble Audition Clinic

Dates and Times

Clinic Dates: May 1, 2, & 4 5-7 p.m. Band Room

- Clinic will include:
- Proper stretching and warm up
- Fundamentals of spinning
- Body Control and expression
- Rhythmic movement

Tryout Date: May 5 5 p.m. Band Room

- Auditions are closed.
- Panel judges are band directors and experienced instructors.
- All fees from current year must be 100% cleared.
- Audition attire required (see p.1)
- Results announced to participants following tryouts.
- Captain will be announced at that time.