

NHS "Eagle Pride" Auxiliary Information 2024 - 2025 Flags & Majorettes

Dear Students and Parents,

We are excited to announce that it is time for flag and majorette try-outs for the 2024-2025 school year. We are looking for hard-working, highly motivated individuals with great attitudes who are dedicated to helping us create another unforgettable year with the Niceville High School Eagle Pride. We would love you to be a part of our success.

Please read through this entire packet carefully. Then fill out all of the forms included and bring them with you on the week of the clinic. In the packet you will find:

- ❖ Auxiliary General Expectations
- ❖ Separate pages for Color Guard (Flags) and Majorettes with Tryout Information, Schedule, and Financial Obligations
- ❖ NHS Auxiliary Application and Information Form
- ❖ Auxiliary Membership/Behavior Contract Form
- ❖ Auxiliary Schedule Change Request Form
- ❖ Auxiliary Uniform Policy

Auxiliaries Tryouts

Majorette Clinic: April 15 – 18, Tryouts: April 19 (NHS Gym 3:00-5:00)

Color Guard Clinic (Flags): April 29-May 2, Tryouts: May 3 (NHS Gym 2:45-5:00)

*Attendance is required at **all** clinic sessions/try-outs to be eligible for selection. For SCHOOL function conflicts with any times, written notice must be submitted in advance and approved by the Director. This includes any late arrival or early dismissal.*

In May we will hold a required meeting for ALL new and returning auxiliary members at 4:45 pm in the NHS Band Room. Each member is required to attend with one parent or guardian. This meeting will provide a great deal of information about the coming summer and fall marching band season. The meeting will be followed by the Eagle Pride New Student/Parent Orientation at 5:30 pm in the NHS Band Room. The portion beginning at 5:30 pm is only required for new members. If you are unable to attend, please contact the band office or email Mr. Tenore to schedule a makeup.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing you at the tryout clinic. If you have questions you may contact me either by phone or email.

Good Luck!!

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Auxiliary General Expectations

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased that your child is interested in participating as a flag or majorette in the NHS Eagle Pride. If your child is selected, there are expectations and obligations associated with membership that you must be aware of prior to try-outs.

1. Members must obey all rules set forth by the school and the band staff. All members must sign the attached Behavior Contract.
2. Grade and Discipline records will be checked before selection and factored into the scoring results. They also may impact performance status during the season.
3. Personal Appearance and Grooming Policies are in effect for the entire Band Program. The full policy is available on the Band Website. (Note that there are policies for: tattoos, piercings, and hair color.) Because of the visual aspect of the auxiliary's performance, additional dress code and grooming requirements may be implemented for members beyond the published policy for the full band.
4. Members must be registered for **and attend** the appropriate Eurhythmics class. **This includes Collegiate or Dual Enrolled members.** Be aware that the **Auxiliary Class (BOTH Flag and Majorette) is 2nd period** which meets 7:55 – 8:45 on regular bell schedule so that we will have access to the gym every day.
5. Members are expected to participate in all performances and practices. This includes class time, practices outside of the school day, and those practices scheduled over the summer. Please see each group's specific schedule enclosed in this packet.
6. The Band Department "Rehearsal/Attendance & Grading Policy" document is available on the band website and members are expected to adhere to these policies.
7. The member is aware that selection does not guarantee a spot in every performance throughout the year. Alternates will be chosen for each performance. In addition, if a qualified alternate is not available to fill an open spot it will remain empty for a performance. Alternate status is determined by attendance and/or a student's ability to perform the show material in context. (i.e. – marching drill while twirling or equipment work.)
 - a. In addition, if an auxiliary member is unable to march in a major performance (MPA, Troy, a competition, etc.), then the member may swap positions, share positions with another student, or move to an outbound position in the formation(s) to prepare other students/the group for the scheduled absence, to be determined by the Director.
8. There are costs associated with membership for which each member is accountable. Please see each group's specific list of financial obligations enclosed in this packet. Fundraisers will be available to help pay these costs. (Note: Some students have paid for all four years of participation through these fundraising opportunities.)
9. NO performances/competitions in NHS uniforms or using the NHS name are permitted without specific approval from the Band Director (this is a program wide policy).
Auxiliaries are a part of the band and NOT a separate organization on campus.

Color Guard(Flag) Specific Information

Tryout Information

Forms Return:

All forms in this packet must be returned not later than Thursday of clinic week to be eligible to tryout.

Attire:

During the clinic week, please wear dress code appropriate attire (appropriate length shorts and t-shirts, no spaghetti straps or visible undergarments, closed-toe shoes, no jewelry, and hair pulled back).

Individual Equipment Skills (25%)

Skills may include but are not limited to:

Basic Positions: Attention – Parade Rest – Right Shoulder

Presents: Front – Back – Left – Right

Slams: Front – Back – Left – Right

Spins:

Group Routines (55%)

Routines may include but are not limited to:

“Eagles Show” Routine

“Half-Time” Routine

“Marching” Routine

“Parade” Routine

Grades (10%)

Applicants will earn points based on their un-weighted GPA (multiplied by 2.5).

Discipline History (10%)

Applicants will have points deducted for each current school year Discipline Referral up to 10% maximum.

See reverse for Flag Schedule and Financial Obligations

Color Guard (Flag) Rehearsal/Performance Schedule

The most current “official” Eagle Pride calendar resides online. **Information and changes found there supersede ALL other published information including that listed below.** Go to the Band website at: nicevilleband.com and click on “Calendar” in the top menu.

Summer/Fall Schedule	
8 th Grade Day (optional)	Saturday, March 11 9am – 12pm
Band Rookie Day	Saturday, May 18 9am – 12pm
Uniform Fit Day	Aug 3 (required for accessories & payment)
Pre-Camp	July 23 – 26 5 - 9pm
Full Band Drill Camp	July 29 – Aug 2 8am – 12noon & 6:30 – 9:00pm
Choreography & Post-Camp	Choreography: Aug 5 – Aug 9 9am – 1pm Post-Camp: Aug 6, 8 6 – 8:30pm
Full Band Rehearsals	Beginning Aug 13 - every Tues. & Thurs. 6-8:30 pm thru the end of football season *potentially into Dec. at State Finals.
Performances	See Charms calendar (go to nicevilleband.com and click “Calendar”)

Color Guard (Flag) Financial Obligations

Note: These prices are estimates. Prices may change based on vendor availability.

Estimated Costs	
Band Participation Fee	\$150
Uniform Fee	\$30
Flag Clinician Fee	\$100
Practice Flag & Pole	\$25 (New Students)
Band T-shirt	\$15 (New Students)
Summer Uniform	\$75 (New Students)
Shoes	\$52 (New Students)
Guard Warm-up	\$80 (New Students)
Band Duffel	\$35-45 (New Students)
Band Hoodie	\$25 (optional)
Guard Rehearsal Shirt	\$15-\$20
Additional items purchased on your own at additional cost	
Show Make-up, Jewelry, and Hair Accessories (price TBD)	

Majorette Specific Information

Tryout Information

Forms Return:

All forms in this packet must be returned not later than Thursday of clinic week to be eligible to try out.

Attire:

Clinic (Monday-Friday) Please wear dress code appropriate attire (appropriate length shorts and t-shirts, no spaghetti straps or visible undergarments, no jewelry, and hair pulled back). Also, wear shoes that can be twirled in outside and inside. **Tryouts** (Monday) Wear solid Black top and maroon/black shorts. Performance Hair (up or down) and Makeup.

Note: emphasis is placed on ability to twirl with group technique to prescribed tempo over individual twirling skill(s)!

Group Twirling Skills (35%)

See skills sequences available on the Band Website

Group Routines (45%)

Routines may include but are not limited to:

“Eagles Show” Routine

“Pregame” Routine

“Halftime” Routine

“Marching/Parade” Routine

Grades (10%)

Applicants will earn points based on their un-weighted GPA (multiplied by 2.5).

Discipline History (10%)

Applicants will have points deducted for each current school year Discipline Referral up to 10% maximum.

See reverse for Majorette Schedule and Financial Obligations

Majorette Rehearsal/Performance Schedule

The most current “official” Eagle Pride calendar resides online. Information and changes found there supersede ALL other published information including that listed below. Go to the Band website at: nicevilleband.com, and click on “Calendar” in the top menu.

Summer/Fall Schedule	
Majorette “Open Gym”	Tentative plans are for Wednesdays beginning June 3 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (More information will be provided to those who make the group.)
8th Grade Day (optional)	Saturday, March 11 9am – 12pm
Band Rookie Day	Saturday, May 18 9am – 12pm
Uniform Fit Day	Aug 3 (required for accessories & payment)
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Majorette Financial Obligations

Note: These prices are estimates. Prices may change based on vendor availability.

Estimated Costs	
Band Participation Fee	\$150 (Everyone)
Uniform Rental (Annual)	\$60
Warm-up Jacket	\$50 (New Members)
Sweatshirt	\$45 (Everyone)
T-Shirts	\$50 (Everyone)
Band Duffel	\$35-45 (New Members)
Summer Uniform	\$150 (New Members)
InStep Shoes (Asahi, Tan)	\$52 (Everyone, if needed)
Additional items (specifics assigned) purchased on your own at additional cost	
Tights	
Batons, Tape, Baton Practice ribbons, or equipment	
Show earrings, Make-up, and Hair pieces	

NHS Auxiliary Application and Information 2024-25

(Please print all information clearly!)

Name: _____ Grade (2024-25) _____

Student Cell Phone _____ Birthday _____

Student E-mail address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____

Parent E-mail address _____

Please list any **school** activities that conflict with the clinic or tryout schedule:

Please list any obligations that may conflict with the summer schedule:

Please list any medical issues that we should be aware of:

Please list any other Extracurricular Activities:

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Auxiliary Membership/Behavior Contract

2024-2025 School Year

Members of the Niceville High School Band Program are held to a higher standard of conduct than the general student population. In addition to their personal responsibility, they also represent both the school and the community. All Band activities are considered school functions. The auxiliary (Guard, Majorette) unit of the Eagle Pride Marching Band is a section of the band, and not an individual entity. As a result, auxiliary students are held to the same expectations as any other band student.

I understand that any violation of the Student Code of Conduct resulting in a Discipline Referral may result in suspension from all Band performances for an indeterminate length of time and possible dismissal from the performing group.

These offences include but are not limited to: Truancy/Skipping, Inappropriate Clothing, Off-Limits, Tardiness, GSC/Cell Phone/Electronics, Bus Infraction, Fighting, Disruptive Behavior, Disrespectful, Willful Disobedience, Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco, Extortion, Profanity, Stealing, and Plagiarism/Cheating.

I/we have read the information for membership in the Eagle Pride Auxiliaries. This includes the Behavior Contract above and:

- Auxiliary General Expectations
- Color Guard(Flag)/Majorette Specific Information regarding:
 - Clinic and Tryouts
 - Summer Schedule
 - Financial Obligations

I/we are aware of the Band Rehearsal/Performance Attendance & Grading Policy, and the Personal Appearance and Grooming Policies for Performances which are available on the band website.

I/we understand that I am/my student is a member of the NHS Eagle Pride Marching Band, and the Color Guard/Majorette section is not an individual entity on campus. As a band student, I/we understand the Behavior Contract and what is to be expected as a member of this organization.

I/we agree to the terms of the tryouts and will abide by all band policies.

Please Print

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Auxiliary Schedule Change Request

It is stated in the Try-out packet that all Auxiliary members must be enrolled in the class period for the Eurhythmics course. Students may have to drop one course for first semester and add a single semester course for second semester. (Some students have already registered for this class. Please contact Mr. Tenore **BEFORE TRYOUTS** if you believe that this is the case.)

We would like to submit all schedule requests as soon as the Try-out results are announced. (This will hopefully eliminate problems due to closed sections caused by waiting until the summer to take care of this.)

Please indicate below your 1st and 2nd choices for the course to drop first semester and also for the second semester class to be added.

NOTE: All students must complete this form. Even if you are a RETURNING member and you added the course number to your registration form, please complete the information below. Last year there were schedules that had been incorrectly coded and we didn't catch the error until late in the summer and had much difficulty contacting students/parents to make corrections!

Remember: Auxiliary Class for both Color Guard and Majorettes is 2nd period as of the 2024-25 school year. All Auxiliary members must register and attend the class to be in the Eagle Pride – no exceptions.

Please print clearly and return this form on or before the Try-outs.

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Grade for next year (24-25): _____

___ I HAVE already registered for Eurythmics.

___ I have NOT registered for Eurythmics.

1st Choice course to DROP: _____

2nd Choice course to DROP: _____

1st Choice **semester** course to ADD: _____

2nd Choice **semester** course to ADD: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Auxiliary Uniform Policy 2024-25

Uniforms for the Eagle Pride for General Instrumental Members, Color Guard, and Majorettes are owned by the band and rented by the students. These uniforms are only to be worn during Eagle Pride-related activities, planned and managed by the Director of Bands. **Uniforms are not to be worn at any event outside of Eagle Pride-related activities unless explicitly approved by Mr. Tenore or Mr. Wooten in a written form, *hand-signed by one of them*. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in being barred from performing with the Eagle Pride.**

I, _____, understand that I am not to wear the uniform outside of Eagle Pride-related activities. I understand that I will be barred from performing should I choose to take the school's uniform and use it for a different purpose other than an Eagle Pride performance.

Student Print: _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Print: _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

2. Auxiliary Uniforms, like the General Band Member uniform jacket, will remain at the school and not be taken home under any circumstances, unless approved by Mr. Tenore or Mr. Wooten. **Failure to adhere to this rule will result in being barred from performing with the Eagle Pride.**

I, _____, understand that I am not to bring the uniform home under any circumstances, unless approved by Mr. Tenore or Mr. Wooten. I understand that I will be barred from performing should I choose to take the school's uniform home without given permission.

Student Print: _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Print: _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

3. Uniforms may not be altered in any way shape or form unless approved by the Director of Bands. **Failure to adhere to this rule will result in being barred from performing with the Eagle Pride, and the full cost of the uniform will be charged to the student's account to reimburse the band program.**

This includes, but is not limited to:

- augmenting the uniform with additional stones/sequence/dyes/fabric/etc.
- cutting off/removing sections of the uniform
- tailoring sections of the uniform with a tailor/by yourself

I, _____, understand that I am not to alter the uniform in any way, shape, or form unless approved by Mr. Tenore or Mr. Wooten, provable by a signed form from them. I understand that I will be barred from performing should I choose to manipulate the school's uniform. I understand that I will be responsible for reimbursing the band for the full cost of the uniform should I tamper or alter the uniform.

Student Print: _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Print: _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____