

## *2017 Decatur Central Color Guard Exceptions*

Listed below is a list of exception required to be a member of the 2017 Decatur Middle School Fall Guard. These exceptions will help you be a successful member of the color guard if they are followed. Being a member is a hard job, and hard work, you will be given instructional information to be success. As a member you will have to practice outside of rehearsal and will be only as good as the effort you put into the activity. Color guard is an activity that does feature individuals from time to time, and these are the individuals who have been in the program for more than a 1 year, and they have dedicated many hours of practice outside of color guard schedule rehearsal.

- Show up to rehearsal on time (15 minutes early)
- Know your schedule
- Maintain good attendance
- Have a positive attitude
- Maintain passing grades C+ or higher
- Always come to practice prepared
  - Water Bottle
  - Proper Equipment
    - Flags (performance equipment is only used on Thursday evenings and at performances)
    - Weapon- rifle should always be brought to rehearsal
    - Gloves (write your name on the tag)
    - Props that you are responsible for that need to be brought set up at the beginning of rehearsal promptly.
- Keep your weapons in good condition- you are responsible to tape and maintain your weapon for color guard. You must purchase the white tape from Matt.
- Flags must be kept nice as well. Tips, cheaters and silk connection must be keep maintain by you the member. (You will be taught how to do this)
- Be respectful to all staff member, parent's and members
- Always represent DMS and DMWG with pride and distinctiveness.
- Keep color guard storage area as neat and clean as you possibly can.
- Do not over commit yourself. Color Guard takes a lot of time to prepare for the upcoming season.
- Uniform is to be stored properly
  - Hung up on the hanger and zipped up.
  - Keep uniform box clean as well, this isn't a personal items storage area.

Being a member of the color guard instills time management skills, discipline and a strong work ethic for the members that chose to participate. It can be a very rewarding, depending what effort and time you put into your outcome. If you have any questions, please email me at [dccolorguard2013@gmail.com](mailto:dccolorguard2013@gmail.com).

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