



NORTH ROYALTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

ROYALETTE AND ROYALAIRE

PERMISSION TO AUDITION FORM

We the parent and student have discussed as a family auditioning for a position in the NRHS Marching Band Front, and we have reviewed the items below, and we understand the items listed below, as well as the rules and in the Band Handbook and Student Code of Conduct.

- The Royalette Dance Team and Royalaire Color Guard are very intense, precision based, corps-style marching auxiliary units that require dedication, determination, and 110% effort at all times. The success of these groups is based on this commitment from every member of the team.
- This is a highly physical, intense activity, and by its definition, is considered to be a "Sport of the Arts." Students should be in good physical shape, and work on endurance and stamina throughout the season to avoid injury.
- Because of the intense rehearsal schedule, no Royalette or Royalaire may participate in any other fall sport or sport-like activity (cheerleading, etc.) The Royalette/Royalaires teams are treated as a sport.
- All members who make the teams are expected to be at every rehearsal.
- Both Royalletes and Royalaires will start practice immediately in June and rehearse throughout June and July before band camp begins in August. Attendance is mandatory at these summer rehearsals, however family vacations are excusable absences in the months of June and July. If you know of a possible conflict/vacation/reunion – please write the possible conflicting dates on the reverse side of this form.
- Once August begins, the band will begin rehearsing daily, as well as the Royalette and Royalaire groups – calendars will be distributed to the members
- Once the School year begins, Royalletes will Rehearse Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and will rehearse with the Band on Wednesdays and Fridays. ***Like any other sport, there are practices every day.***
- Once the School year begins, Royalaires will Rehearse Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and will rehearse with the Band on Wednesdays and Fridays. ***Like any other sport, there are practices every day.***
- There will be Saturday rehearsals throughout the months of September and October and exact days and times will be announced by the advisors, however members of these teams should expect Saturday rehearsals in the months of September and October.
- For performances, the advisors will give specific guidelines for how the uniform is to be worn, hemmed, etc. and additionally there will be guidelines for hair and make-up that need to be followed, failure to do so will be considered a uniform violation. Remember, we are judged on all facets of uniformity.
- Members of the group are not allowed to participate in any hazing/initiation activity of any kind or any activity that makes anyone uncomfortable in anyway. Students should familiarize themselves with the definition of hazing in the student handbook as well as the band handbook as well as the State of Ohio's Hazing Law set forth in Section 2307.44 of the Ohio Revised Code. Section 2903.31.
- Students who are accepted into these groups are ambassadors of the team, the NRHS Band, North Royalton High School, and the North Royalton community. Students who make unwise decisions even outside of school hours or school grounds may have repercussions dealing with the Royalletes/Royalaires, including but not limited to: removal of captain status, removal from Royalletes/Royalaires, removal from the Band, and/or any other consequence the administration feels appropriate.
- Punctuality is an important part of the group's success. Students should plan ahead for traffic/parking/retrieving equipment/stretching so that rehearsals can BEGIN at the time noted on the schedule.
- Rehearsal will conclude at the time printed on the schedules, however often times there are announcements, students retrieve equipment, clothing, water bottles, etc. which may take an additional 5-10 minutes, students who do not drive should make sure their car-pool driver knows this so that they can plan accordingly, however rehearsal will go all the way the printed time on the schedule.
- Members of the Royalletes and Royalaires will be expected to "check-off" their routines the same way that members of the band are expected to "check-off" their music. The advisors/director reserve the right to remove a Royalette or Royalaire for a portion or all of a performance if they are not performing their routine proficiently.
- Band Front members should treat their equipment and uniforms with care and respect – see the Band Handbook for details
- Band Front members should respect and follow directions from all directors, staff members, and advisors. Additionally, students should respect each other, the band equipment and facilities and each other's property. – See Band Handbook for details
- **Members of the teams will be shown by their advisors the proper way to stretch and condition the body for rehearsals at the first practice. After this point, it is the responsibility of the student to follow these instructions and stretch and warm-up their body before rehearsal begins to avoid injury. All band front members should plan on reporting at least 15 minutes before rehearsal begins to properly stretch – the time indicated on the rehearsal schedule will be the time the rehearsal begins and stretching should be completed before this time.**
- **All band front will rehearse in the proper uniform on Friday and Saturday including their black uniform leotards and black marching band shoes. Any band front member who does not have their proper marching band shoes, black uniform leotard (properly hemmed) for rehearsal will not march that performance and their grade will be impacted.**

We feel that the Royalette and Royalaire auxiliary groups are very intense programs, however they are very rewarding. We are glad that you are auditioning for these groups, and wish you the best of luck.

Mr. Sean Osborne, NRHS Principal
Mr. David Vitale, Director of Bands
Mrs. Karen Colabianchi, Royalette Advisor
Ms. Melissa Dombrowski, Royalaire Advisor

We have reviewed the above rules and expectations, as well as the Band Handbook and Student Code of Conduct; and we understand the expectations if (I / my child) get/s accepted into the group.

Student Signature

Parent Signature