

Battle HS MCCGA Winter Guard Festival
Hosted by Battle HS Winter Guard
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Welcome to Battle HS! We are so excited to have you here to kick off MCCGA's first in-person competition weekend since 2020! Below is our contact information should you have any questions, comments or concerns.

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Schedule/Admission- Performances will begin at 12p. Current performance times can be found attached to this document and at mccga.org. Our spectator entrance will open at 10:30a. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and senior citizens, children under 5 get in for free.

Unit Parking/Check-in- Buses, trucks and participants/directors driving themselves will park in our lower lot. Unit check-in is directly inside the main entrance off the lower parking lot. Registration will start at 10:30a. Units must be prepared to declare the number of performing members. Performing members will be given a wristband. Your unit will also be given 7 additional passes per MCCGA policy. Directors should wear their MCCGA badge. Additional staff or equipment crew beyond the 7 passes must purchase tickets at the spectator entrance located off the upper parking lot. We will have student hosts that will assist you in finding your designated prop storage area and team member personal storage area. These locations are noted on the attached maps.

Tarp/Props/Equipment Storage-

- Unloading:** Tarps/props/equipment will be stored in our band and choir rooms. Unloading will take place through the doors attached to our **Career Center**. To get to unloading, enter into the gated area just off the lower parking lot.
- Loading:** After each unit performs, tarps/props/equipment will need to be loaded back into your equipment trucks. Loading will take place outside the **Performing Arts Entrance** of the school. These locations are noted on the attached maps.

Spectator Parking- Spectators will park in the upper student parking lot. This parking lot can be accessed by turning onto Battle Avenue from St. Charles Road.

Unit Stations- Each performing unit will be assigned a section of hallway directly off the main entrance on the 1st floor. There are several restrooms in this hallway that can be used for changing and/or hair and make-up.

Music/Sound Check- A CD player and a 1/8 inch stereo patch cable connection for mp3/iPods will be available. No other adaptors or dongles will be provided. Sound checks can be done prior to your performance starting at 11:00a or during any scheduled break.

Warm-up/Tarp Folding Areas- Body and equipment warm-ups will be in our **Auxiliary Gym**. Each unit will use half of this gym space. Units will only be allowed to warm-up in the designated warm-up area or outside (weather permitting). A warm-up schedule is attached. A tarp refolding area is also available in the **Auditorium** after performances. Units ending right before a break may stay and refold in the **Competition Gym**.

Performance Information- All performances will take place in the **Competition Gym**. We will be using a VERTICAL TIMELINE. Entrances and exits are marked on the attached maps. Please follow all the taping and padding guidelines listed on MCCGA's website.

Concessions/Director's Lounge- NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK will be permitted in the school. Concessions will be available in the **Cafeteria**. There will also be a director's lounge located on the upper level in **Room F207**. These are noted on the attached maps.

Retreat: All retreats will be limited to two representatives per team per MCCGA's Covid Guidelines. Middle school and regional retreat report time is 2:50p. Scholastic and independent retreat report time is 6:05p.

Critiques: Will take place after the Cadet/Regional retreat and Scholastic/Ind retreat. Critique sign-ups close at 6:00 pm on Saturday, January 15. Critiques will take place in the BHS Media Center, noted on the attached maps.

Mask Policy: Columbia Public Schools has issued a mask mandate throughout the district. This means masks **must** be worn inside all school and district buildings. The only exceptions to this policy are 1) unit members while they are performing and 2) individuals seated and actively eating in the cafeteria. Food **will not** be allowed to leave the cafeteria, or enter the stands, for the safety of others.

Finally, we are asking that you instruct your students to be respectful of others' property and the school's property. Battle High School will not be responsible for lost or stolen items. Some areas of the school will be marked off-limits. We will expect all students to stay out of these parts of the school.

Again, we are thrilled to have you as our guests at our first festival! We are determined to make the day run as smoothly as possible for you and your students. Please do not hesitate to contact us, a staff member, or a parent volunteer for any assistance you may need.

Thank you,
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