



## Who We Are:

The Instrumental Music Department at West Covina High School is organized to provide students an educational and memorable musical experience. The Bulldog Band & Colorguard represent a large, talented, disciplined, and diverse group of young individuals who bring pride and honor to their school and community. Members are expected to work hard and become a strong team. Beyond the musical and performance excellence acquired through this program, the skills acquired in the Band & Colorguard team may be applied to many challenges in real life. Teamwork, work ethic, time management, goal setting and self-discipline are just a few examples of the skills needed to make this group successful.

## Who Can Join:

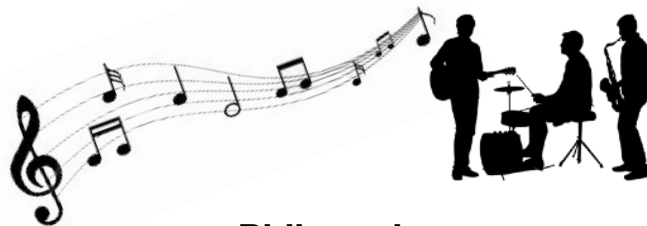
*Any WCHS student may find a role in the Bulldogs Marching Band & Colorguard*

### MARCHING BAND PERFORMANCES

- Football Games
- Pep Rallies
- Marching Band Competitions

### PERFORMING ENSEMBLES

- Marching Band
- Concert Band
- Wind Ensemble
- Jazz Ensembles
- Percussion Ensembles



## Philosophy

The Bulldog Band & Colorguard was assembled to provide a meaningful learning experiences for students will prepare them for the future. Music education and performance provide venues for students to express themselves as well as share knowledge and understanding with others. Involvement in this activity exposes the students to lessons in discipline, teamwork and social skills. Furthermore, studies show that a student's involvement in music increases understanding in other subjects, especially mathematics. Advanced members are encouraged to exercise their leadership skills in the student leadership program. Overall, the Bulldog Band & Colorguard is designed to provide its members with memorable experiences that will last a lifetime.

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**BAND & COLORGUARD**



*Become a Marching Bulldog !*

## “Guard”



“Guard” brings the visual life and emotion to music of the Marching Band. These students perform with the band during the halftime show, in the stands, in parades, and during most band events. They are the band’s “Color Guard.”

### What is an Indoor Colorguard Show?

Colorguard has evolved into a separate activity known as winter guard, which is an indoor sport usually performed during the winter or spring, where the guard performs unaccompanied by a marching band to a piece of pre-recorded music indoors. Colorguard are taught choreography, and use a combination of spin flags, spin sabers, mock rifles, and other equipment, as well as dance and other interpretive movement.

### Who Can Join:

*Any WCHS student may find a role in the “Guard”. No experience is necessary to join, but you should have a passion for performance and music, as well as a willingness to try something new and physically demanding. Previous participation in any sport, dance, gymnastics, etc is not required, but certainly a bonus.*



### What is a Field Show?

A Field Show is the half time show performed at the football games that is taken into competition. It is a partnership of talents of winds, percussion, and colorguard performed during the fall season. The ensemble creates an 8–11-minute presentation that combines the skill sets of: musical performance abilities, physical agility through synchronized visual movements, choreographed dance and weaponry. These elements, all performed simultaneously by different sections of the ensemble, create a beautiful arrangement of music and pageantry in motion.

### FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS



Fundraisers are provided to help students pay for individual expenses since **ELIGIBILITY IS NOT BASED ON ABILITY TO PAY OUT OF POCKET**. Our operating budget every year is typically between \$25,000 - \$50,000 per year to cover the Band and Guard’s expenses. To pay these bills, the Band Parent Association raises funds throughout the year. You may help by participating/volunteering during the fundraisers or by donating student or snack bar essentials such as water, sodas, chips, other snacks, etc., or donate to the West Covina High School Band & Colorguard **GoFundme** page.



### What is an Indoor Percussion Show?

An Indoor Percussion Show is an illustration of the efforts of the Battery (Snare, Tenors, Basses, and Cymbals) and the Front Ensemble (Mallet Percussion, Synthesizers, Guitar/Bass, Drum Set, and Auxiliary Percussion) during the winter season. Performed in a gymnasium, this type of show utilizes similar skills used in the field show adapted to the indoor setting. Performances begin in the late winter and continue into late April.



**“Bulldog PRIDE”**