

# Depoali Winterguard 2024-2025

Dear Depoali Students and Families,

I am pleased to announce the return of Winterguard for this school year. The Winterguard is open to any Depoali student. This group is perfect for those students who have experience in dance/choreography and for those students who would like to learn. We will start practices in January, and these will lead to our competitions in March. If you would like to participate, please complete the online registration, and return the Participation Contract form by 1/09/25. The instructional staff are excellent Colorguard performers from our area. They are extremely knowledgeable and eager to help the students become outstanding performers. I will be helping with communication and administration but will not be the main person in charge of daily practices. Please let your coaches or me know if you have any questions.

-Mr. Barthel, *Depoali Band Director*  
[dbarthel@washoeschools.net](mailto:dbarthel@washoeschools.net)

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## Coaching/Design Staff

Cedar Culley (Coach), Lily Houghton (Coach), Katharine May (Program Coordinator) – [kamay317@gmail.com](mailto:kamay317@gmail.com)

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## Practice Days/Times

- **Starting Wednesday, January 8, 2025:** Wednesdays (1:15-4:30pm) & Thursdays (2-4:30pm)
  - **Additional/extended practices:** Feb 19 (Wed, 2-6pm), March 12 (Wed, 2-6pm)
  - **Practices will run until Spring Break**
- \* We may add a few extra practices as the competitions approach. Advanced notice for any changes will be given.

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## Performances/Competitions

- Wednesday, 2/19 **Winterguard Parent Preview Performance** 5:15pm
  - Saturday, 2/22 **NNIA Preseason Show – Sky Ranch Middle School** **Estimated times:** 10am-6:00pm\*
  - Saturday, 3/1 **NNIA Preview Show – Depoali Middle School** **Estimated times:** 10am-6:00pm\*
  - Saturday, 3/8 **NNIA Winter Review – Damonte Ranch High School** **Estimated times:** 10am-6:00pm\*
  - Wednesday, 3/12 **Winterguard Parent Performance** 5:15pm
  - Saturday, 3/15 **CA Competition – Dublin, CA** **Estimated times:** 6:00am – 11:00pm\*
- \* Competition day schedules will be released as the events approach.

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## Academic/Attendance/Citizenship Policy

- Students must be passing all classes and a 'B' or better in citizenship in all classes in order to participate. Grade checks will be done regularly according to school policy. Those who are not passing will not be allowed to compete until grades are raised to passing status.
- Students who have 2 or more unexcused absences for practices and/or 1 for a performance may be asked to leave the group.
- Students who demonstrate poor behavior during rehearsals/concerts or who receive a major referral may be asked to leave the group.

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## Fees & Due Dates

The cost per member is \$275. The total fee may need to be adjusted according to how many students are in the groups. We will communicate this by the end of January. Please wait to pay the final payment until we have informed everyone of the final cost.

The payments will be due as follows:     **-Thurs Jan 16, \$100**     **-Thurs Feb 13, \$100**     **-Thurs March 6, \$75**

Projected program expenses are listed below (to give you an idea of what your fees help pay for!):

• <b>Competition Fees</b>	\$750 (4 competitions total)	<b>Instructor/Show Design Pay</b>	\$2,500
• <b>Bus Costs</b>	\$1,800 (For 3 competitions)	<b>Uniforms</b>	\$20 per student
		<b>T-Shirts</b>	\$7 per student
		<b>Equipment</b>	\$500

*Fundraising opportunities are available to help pay your fees. Mr. Barthel will announce these as they arise.*

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**Other Factors to be considered:** It is important to understand that the season is long. If you choose to participate, your commitment is needed for the entire season. **The following sports take place during the season: Girls Volleyball and Wrestling. It may not be possible to participate in one of these sports and Winterguard at the same time due to practice and competition conflicts. Please contact Katharine May or Mr. Barthel if you are considering joining a school sport during Winterguard Season prior to joining the sport so we can make sure there won't be too many conflicts.**

# Depoali Winterguard 2025

## Items to be turned in to coaches by Thursday, January 9th, 2025

1. Online registration (instructions below)
2. Print out an IC Overall Grade Report\* (just print screen that shows all grades) *\*This may also be emailed*
3. Complete Participation Contract (below)
4. Complete WCSD Travel Waiver (below)
5. Student WCSD Media Consent & Release Form (below)

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### First Payment of \$75 due by Thursday, January 16, 2025

Payments should be made in the Depoali office. Checks made to Depoali MS

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### Depoali Winterguard: Online Registration

Registration needs to be completed **online**. Go to the band website ([www.washoeschools.net/dbarthel](http://www.washoeschools.net/dbarthel)) and click on the Drumline & Winterguard link in the main menu. Click the 'Online Registration' link and then complete the registration form (survey style) on this page by Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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*Return this signed Contract with an IC Overall Grade print out, Travel Waiver, Digital Tools Universal Consent Form & Media Consent forms by Thursday, January 9, 2025*

### Depoali Winterguard: Participation Contract

*I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Academic/Attendance/Citizenship Policy mentioned in the info letter.*

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Student Name

Student Signature

Date

*I give consent for my child (named above) to participate in the Depoali Winterguard. I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Academic/Attendance/Citizenship Policy mentioned above. I understand that if my child has an overall grade of a 65% or below in any class, they may not be allowed to compete and if grades do not show improvement, they may be asked to leave the group without a refund. I also understand that any music fees already owed to my child's account must be paid in full prior to the start of the Winterguard season (not counting spring trips). I will ensure that after-rehearsal transportation is arranged so our coaches will not need to stay after with my child. I understand that if my child decides to withdraw from the group, a refund will not be issued for any payments. The student will not be considered officially withdrawn until written notification is received by Mr. Barthel (email is ok). I also understand that the total participation cost may change according to how many students choose to participate (we will lock-in the fee total by January 30, 2025).*

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Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**WCSD Waiver of Liability Form**

Please read and complete the form below. The dates of all Winterguard trips and events that this form refers to are listed on the first page of the Depoali Winterguard Information Letter.



Administrative Form 5307  
**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY & ATHLETIC TRAVEL  
WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I hereby acknowledge that I am the lawful parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (student), who will be participating in a variety of Washoe County School District (District) extra-curricular activities and athletic events and competitions during the 2024-2025 school year, as further detailed in the attached proposed schedule. For any non-scheduled and non-NIAA sanctioned sporting events, I understand I will receive advance notice of each activity, along with the mode of transportation to/from the activity and will be given an opportunity to decline my child's participation in said activity.

I hereby expressly relieve, indemnify, save, hold harmless, and agree to defend the District, its Board of Trustees, and all its volunteers, agents or employees thereof from and against any and all liability or claims arising from injury or damage, including property loss or damage, suffered or incurred by my student as a result of the acts, omissions, or conduct of any person, including an employee, trustee, volunteer and/or agent of the District and assume all risk associated with participating in the athletic events.

I understand that travel to and from the athletic events can involve risk of injury including but not limited to neck and spinal injuries, and injury to bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, and tendons. I also certify that my student has no ailment or organic defect that would make participation in the sporting activity dangerous to his/her health.

I further agree to assume the responsibility of seeing that my student cooperates and conforms to the fullest extent with the directions and instructions of the individual(s) supervising my student.

I understand it is my responsibility to carry and maintain medical insurance for my student. In the case of an emergency and the parent/guardian cannot be reached, I hereby authorize the District or any of its employees, agents, representatives, instructors, coaches, or volunteers to obtain whatever medical treatment they deem necessary for the welfare of my student. I further understand and agree that I will be financially responsible for all charges/fees incurred in the rendering of said treatment even if such charges/fees are not covered by medical insurance.

I acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand all of the above, and I hereby consent and give permission for my student to participate in the athletic events described in the attached schedule of events.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature



Administrative Form 1541  
STUDENT MEDIA CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM –  
SPECIFIC EVENT/ACTIVITY

From time to time, a student’s name, photo, and/or video is considered for publication and/or display as we publicize programs in the District or upon request by the media. Generally, students may only be videotaped, photographed, and/or interviewed with your written consent.

The District is requesting to videotape, photograph and/or interview your student for the event/activity listed below: Depoali Winterguard Practices, Performances, & Competitions as

The District has received a request from NNIA, NCBA, CCGC, Depoali MS, WCSD to videotape, photograph, and/or interview your student for the event/activity listed below:

All practices, competitions, and performances for the 24-25 Winterguard Season. These are listed in the Informational Letter.

Please return this form to: Daniel Barthel, Depoali MS Band Director

Please review and sign this Student Media Consent and Release Form. If you have any other questions, please contact the school before signing. Note, this media consent and release form should not be confused with the Opt Out of Student Information document.

I (*initial one*)  give my permission  do not give my permission for my student, \_\_\_\_\_

to be recorded, filmed, photographed, interviewed and/or for such recordings, films, photographs and/or interviews to be publicly exhibited, distributed, or published along with my student’s name, whether undertaken by District staff, a student (as part of a school-approved project), or the media. I understand that information posted on the internet will be available to anyone and for an unspecified amount of time beyond the current school year. I agree that the District may use, or allow others to use, those works without limitation or compensation. I grant permission for the right to edit, use and reuse such recordings, films, photographs and/or interviews for non-profit purposes including use in print, on the internet, and all other forms of media. I release the Washoe County School District and its agents and employees from all claims, demands, and liabilities whatsoever in connect with the above.

By signing below, I verify that I understand the above release.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_