

EHS Winterguard Invitational
Hosted by Eldorado High School Band/Color Guard Boosters

- When:** Friday, March 23, 2018
- Time:** Beginning at 5:00 pm
- Location:** Eldorado High School Main and Auxiliary Gyms
11300 Montgomery Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111
- Cost:** Winterguard teams/units are \$150 per unit (***fees paid after March 2, 2018 = \$180/unit*)
Solos/Ensembles are \$15 per person (***fees paid after March 2, 2018 = \$20/person*)
- Ticket Cost:** \$5.00, adults \$3.00, students (ages 6-18; under 6 are free)
(Six free "Passes" with registration for staff, band director, and/or crew will be provided at Unit check-in.)
- Contact:** Sonya Russell, Event Coordinator Brad Dubbs, Band Director
EldoWGInvitational@gmail.com dubbsbrad@gmail.com
- Deadline:** The registration form and entry fee are due by **FRIDAY, March 2, 2018**. The order of performance will be determined in the reverse order that information AND payment are received (i.e. the first unit to turn in their forms and payment will perform last in its respective class). If circumstances warrant registering after March 2, 2018 please call first to ensure there is still a slot available. **Registration (postmarked) after March 2, 2018 will be \$180 per unit, and \$20 per person for solos and ensembles. Any Unit or Solo/Ensemble that has NOT paid by the start of the event on March 23 will be allowed to perform, but WILL NOT be considered for award placement.** Please NO CASH, make checks payable to Eldorado Band Boosters or pay by Credit Card at <https://secure.affinipay.com/pages/eldorado-band-boosters-club/payments>.
- Important:** Winterguards will be judged using the WGI score sheets that can be found on the WGI website, www.wgi.org. Please review the timing and penalty sheet on the WGI website. There will be a judge who is looking at unit timing as well as equipment time at the Eldorado Invitational. Winterguard shows should adhere to the timing guide as shows will be scheduled 8 minutes apart. The following winterguard classes are provided as guidelines for entering the competition.
- Regional A:** Units with members from high school and/or middle school feeders, with members of beginning to intermediate levels of ability, and approximately 1 to 2 years of experience. This level of ensemble typically incorporates what you might consider a novice guard, or a guard with a minimum amount of members (5 – 8, generally,) who are not experienced enough to compete at the Scholastic level. Here, technique and training are what judges are looking for above all else.
- Scholastic A:** Units with members from high school and/or middle school feeders, with intermediate to advanced levels of ability. *This is your typical guard division that most high school groups should be entering.* This incorporates units who generally have 8 or more students, with decent

experience. Risk starts to become a small factor in scoring, as well as sophistication in design and detail.

Junior Regional A: Units with members that are in **middle school feeders** and have beginning to intermediate levels of ability, and approximately 1 to 2 years of experience. Here, technique and training are what judges are looking for above all else. This is the same as Regional A, except units will be of middle school age.

Solo/Ensemble: Winterguard solo and ensemble competitions will also be held. An ensemble may have up to 4 people. A group with more than 4 people is considered a winterguard unit. Each solo or ensemble should be 2-5 minutes in length, including set-up and tear-down, and will be scheduled 5 minutes apart. Solos and ensembles may place in Division I, II, or III, with a score sheet based on the WGI Individual Analysis sheet. A score of 75 or more is required to place in Division I.

Schedule: All unit check-in, sound check, warm-up and performance times will be emailed out to you by March 19th, 2018. Any changes will be made as they become available and posted regularly. Winterguard solo and ensemble competition will begin at 5pm, followed by the winterguard unit competition concluding the evening. A full retreat will follow. Solos and Ensembles from out of town may request the last entry times and accommodations will be made to the best of our ability. A judge's critique will be available if there is enough interest, as noted on entry forms.

Equipment: All equipment tips must be taped or padded to prevent damage to the gym floor. Equipment will be inspected prior to your performance. **There will be a winterguard floor covering on the gym floor for all performances due to school regulations.**

Music: The preferred method of music playback is from an iPod or CD. iPods tend to produce the best results with little room for error. Make sure that if you're using an iPod or CD, your soundtrack is the only thing on the CD, or in its own playlist for ease. It's recommended you turn off the click-noise on the iPod so that it does not ruin the atmosphere in the beginning of your show. If alternate versions of playback are needed to be used, please consult the contest director.

Make all checks payable to Eldorado Band Boosters

Mail all information to:
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c/o Sonya Russell, Event Coordinator
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Thank you and good luck in the 2018 Winterguard season!