

TRWEA Unit Directors,

On behalf of the Gateway High School winter ensembles, staff, parents, and school district; welcome to Gateway High School! Below you will find some important information that we hope will assist you in making your experience here at Gateway enjoyable.

Please note that Gateway High School is a smoke-free facility. Therefore, no smoking is permitted anywhere on the property. No food or drink will be allowed inside the performance gym at any time. Lastly, the Gateway School District will NOT be held responsible for any valuables that are lost or stolen during your time visiting us.

General Information:

Date: Saturday, February 1st, 2025

Show Begins: 3:30 pm

Doors Open: 2:30 pm

Concessions Open: 2:30 pm

Tickets Prices: \$10.00 – Adults
 \$8.00 – Seniors and Students
 Children 5 & Under Free

Emergency Contacts: Jaemie Cotter (412- 403- 3209) – Colorguard
 Deb Kostley (412-760-5336) – Colorguard
 Kelly McMasters-Parsons (412-849-8616) – Percussion

Unit Entrance: All performers and staff must register at check-in to receive a wristband for entrance into the unit and spectator areas. Unit check-in will be in the Robert A. Read Performing Arts Center (Auditorium) lobby. Please see campus map for unit and equipment entrances. Additional staff beyond 10 and floor crew will be required to pay general admission fees but will receive wristbands that allow access to both unit and spectator areas.

Spectator Entrance: Located on the backside of the sports complex facing the main school building (there will be signs to help guide you). Parking can be found in the lots around the sports complex. Overflow parking can be found in the student parking lot outside of the football stadium. Please see the campus map as well for additional help.

Interval Line/Tarp Folding: Please note for percussion units the interval line is horizontal. For colorguard/baton units the interval line is vertical.

Equipment/Props Check-in (Percussion): All personnel must go to the unit check-in PRIOR to unloading equipment. Non-percussion units will unload equipment at the entrance to the Sports Complex closest to the baseball fields. Due to the size of the show, please do not unload your equipment more than 1 hour before your performance time.

Percussion Groups: Please use the following doors to unload your equipment:

Band Room (Warm-up area A): Door 15

Auxiliary Gym (Warm-up Area B): Door 19

New for Perc for 2025: Both warm up areas will push down the center hall of the high school and through the main office doors. You will then go around the sports complex to enter from the rear exterior doors and stage in the hall behind the visitor bleachers.

Following your performance, you will push directly outside to the trailer loading area, which can be found on the provided maps. Be aware that spectator traffic will be driving around the sports complex. Please review all included maps to be prepared for the updated 2025 flow.

Bus, Truck, Performer and Staff Parking: We ask that all participants, staff, equipment trucks and buses avoid parking in the area designated for spectator parking. Buses should park in the Moss Side Middle School parking lot after dropping students at the Unit Entrance/Check-In. Equipment trucks will also park at Moss Side Middle School.

Concession: Concessions may be purchased in the cafeteria in the main building (see building map).

Candy Grams: Candy grams will be available for purchase. Candy grams purchased prior to the start of a unit's performance will be delivered to the unit following the performance. Candy grams may be purchased following the start of a unit's performance, but the purchaser will be responsible for delivery to the intended performer. Please note, to avoid congestion in the sports complex Candy Grams will be available for purchase in the cafeteria this year.

Equipment use and protection: All equipment MUST be properly padded and protected to prevent damage to any floors. Any props used must be protected so as not to damage any floors. There is to be no spinning, twirling, drumming or other equipment use except inside the designated warm-up and performance areas.

Sound Check: Music may be checked prior to the contest and during intermission/breaks at the discretion of the sound table and contest director.

Critique: You must sign up for critique on the TRWEA website at least 7 days before the show if you plan to attend. Critique will be held in the judges' room upstairs behind the press box following the last performance.

Personal property: Gateway School District and TRWEA are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Units are advised to bring only those items necessary for use during the show and leave valuables at home or in the care of a responsible person from your unit/organization.

Thank you for being a part of our show. Our goal is to provide you and your units with a welcoming and well-organized performance experience. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We wish you luck on the rest of your season!

Sincerely,

The Gateway Winterguard & Percussion Staff and Band Boosters