



Frisco High School Stars Dance Team Tryout Information Packet and Forms

Dear Stars Hopeful & Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to Dance Team! We are so happy that you have decided to tryout to become a member of this award-winning group. Stars learn how to be great dancers and performers. They also learn to problem solve, work together as a team, serve as leaders, and make close friends. It is an honor to be selected as a member of this dedicated team. The Stars set forth a standard of excellence that can only be maintained with 100% support of all its members and their families.

Included in this packet:

- Tryout Information
- FISD Dance Team Code of Conduct
- Stars Demerit System
- All required applications and forms.

Tryout Qualifications and Requirements:

- Candidates must be entering grades nine (9) through twelve (12) at Frisco High School.
- At least one parent of each candidate must be present at the orientation meeting on February 27, 2019 or must contact the director prior to the meeting.
- Candidates and their families must agree to and be fully aware of the financial responsibilities of being a dance team member and meet all financial obligations throughout the year.
- Each candidate must tryout each year, regardless if she/he has previously been a Dance Team member.
- All financial obligations to any FISD affiliated program must be cleared prior to tryouts.
- Dance team members who have been dismissed or resigned from the previous year must have permission from the director and principal to tryout.
- Candidates must show proof of residence within the attendance zone of the school and be enrolled in that school.
- Must not have been academically ineligible for more than one grading period during the application school year.
- Students must have acceptable disciplinary records for the current year. Students who have been assigned to either ISS, OSS, or DEAP must have permission from the principal to participate in tryouts. **Frisco High School will not be granting a tryout to students who have been assigned OSS, DAEP, or more that 3 days of ISS.**

- After the first semester of the school year, students must have the following number of credits to tryout:
 - Incoming 9th Grade: on track to pass 8th grade and verified by both the outgoing and incoming principals.
 - Current 9th Grade: 2.5 credits
 - Current 10th Grade: 7.5 credits
 - Current 11th Grade: 12.5 credits
- Students must not have been absent (without making up those hours) for more than 10% of school days in a school year.
- Students must be cleared through both the attendance and administrator's offices before eligible to tryout. Documentation for this clearance will be based on campus preference, but must be on file before the tryout process begins.
- The student code for extracurricular activity involvement will continue to be in effect.
- All required forms must be turned into **Mrs. Kullman by Thursday March 7, 2019 by 4:30pm.**

Application Process:

Place all application materials in a manila envelope in order with the checklist on top, clearly marked as follows:

Attention: Kendra Kullman, Frisco High School

Candidate's Name

Frisco High School Dance Team Auditions 2019-2020

Turn in one of the following places:

Frisco High School Front Office

Or

Directly to Mrs. Kullman (Indoor Facility/Dance Studio)

No later than Thursday March 7, 2019 at 4:30pm

Tryout Checklist

- Candidate Application Form
- Information/Agreement Form
- Participation/Code of Conduct Contract
- Parent Permission/Financial Obligations Acknowledgement Form
- Fisd Signature Pages
- Report Card: Must show grading periods for the first four six weeks.
- *****Physician Form, COMPLETED BY A PHYSICIAN (2 sided) – this must be turned in to Mrs. Kullman by April 12, 2019. Physicals must be dated March 2019 or later.**

******Failure to have forms turned in prior to tryouts will result in tryout ineligibility******

Tryout Clinic Dates:

All tryout events will be in the FHS Competition Gym
Monday March 18th – Thursday March 21st 4:30-6:30pm

Stars Tryout Date:

Friday March 22nd at 4:30pm
An estimated finish time will be given at the Tryout Clinic.

Tryout Clinic and Tryout Attire:

For the clinic sessions, appropriate dance attire or work out attire is required. This includes leotard or dance top, dance pants knee length or longer, and dance shoes. No shorts, crop tops, or athletic shoes should be worn. Hair must be pulled back into a ponytail and all jewelry must be removed.

For Tryouts on March 22nd, each candidate must wear a black leotard or dance top, long black dance pants or leggings, and jazz shoes. Hair must be in a ponytail. All jewelry must be removed. Make up should be worn to emphasize facial features. Please remove all colored nail polish. No hair ribbons or bows should be worn. Each candidate will be given a number on the day of tryouts. This must be pinned to their top, so please bring safety pins on the day of tryouts.

Tryout Clinic Agenda

At the tryout clinic sessions, Stars candidates will learn a kick combination, jazz routine, combinations for leaps and pirouettes, and technique for splits. The candidates will be placed in groups of 3-4 on the first clinic day. These will also be the group that they will tryout with during tryouts on Friday March 22nd.

Tryout sessions are closed to spectators and may not be videotaped or recorded. Mrs. Kullman and Outgoing Senior Stars will teach all Stars candidates the combinations during each clinic session. It is important to pay attention, stay quiet, and do not miss any sessions.

Tryout Process:

March 22nd is the only day to try out for the 2019-2020 Stars Dance Team. Stars candidates are required to be present for the entire audition time. Tryouts are closed to the public with only the director, administrators, judges, and Stars candidates present.

Three/Four qualified judges will watch each group and score them according to the preset criteria (see scoring system below). A candidate can receive a possible of 100 points from each judge (300 points total). The minimum score necessary to become a Stars will be 210 points. This is an average of 70.

Presentation – 5 points
Right Split – 5 points
Left Split – 5 points
Pirouettes – 5 points
Leaps – 5 points
Kick Technique – 10 points
Memory – 20 points
Dance Technique – 25 points
Precision and Timing – 10 points
Showmanship – 10 points

Announcement of the 2019-2020 Stars

At the end of the tryout process, all Stars candidates will be dismissed and will be required to leave the building. Results will be posted by number on the Stars Dance Team website, **www.friscohighstars.com**. Mrs. Kullman will notify the candidates of the estimated posting time after tryouts.

Mrs. Kullman will not address the results. The judges' subjective and objective opinions regarding the adjudication process are final and are not appealable or grounds for the FISD formal grievance process. The tryout results, once reviewed and certified as accurate by the campus administration, are final and not appealable or grounds for the FISD formal grievance process.

If a parent wishes to view their student's individual tryout documents, they must contact their officiating administrator. Parents may view their student's individual documents only. The statute of limitations for viewing is five (5) school days following the tryout session. Parents are not allowed to view any other students' documents, nor the tally sheets.

2019-2020 Stars Requirements:

Financial Obligations

The first year of Dance Team can be the most expensive because each girl must purchase initial items, which are used for the rest of her years as a Star. The New Team fitting where ALL items are ordered as a Rookie or Veteran Star is Wednesday, April 24th at 4:30pm in the FHS Indoor Facility/Dance Studio. The initial cost for a new member is around \$850.00. Your first payment will be due on April 24th and the final payment must be received by May 10th. Extended financial plans may be available with approval from the director and principal.

Many required items are a one-time purchase that can be used for the rest of the time on the team. Therefore, upon the member's return in subsequent years, expenses can be considerably less.

There are other expenses that occur during the year such as trips, social events, and banquets that the Stars Booster Club handles. To ease the financial costs of these events, it is very important that you join and become active with the Stars Booster Club.

Mandatory Meeting

A mandatory parent/guardian meeting will be held on April 24th, 2019 at 6:30pm in the FHS cafeteria. All selected candidates must attend with at least one parent or guardian. All Stars must wear dance attire so that they can be fitted for uniforms and practice-wear prior to the meeting at 4:30pm. We will also be discussing camp, practice, and next year's activities.

Grade Requirements

Upon selection, each member must pass all courses. Frisco ISD is moving to 9-week grading period for high school next year. "Students can lose their eligibility if they are failing at the end of the sixth week of school (the "UIL Eligibility Check") or at the end of a 9-week marking period. They can regain eligibility at the 9-week marking period or at any Interim Progress Report ("IPR") after the first 9-week marking period by passing all courses, not just the one they failed. Students who pass all courses for the nine-week period are eligible for the next nine-week period. Students who lose eligibility and then regain eligibility must wait seven calendar days before they become eligible to participate in competitions and performances. Students who are academically ineligible may continue to practice with the team, but may not perform. **Any member who obtains an average below 70 for any two grading periods during the school year may be removed from the team.**

Stars Dance Team Class and Practice

All dance team members are required to enroll in the period 3B Dance Team Class for the fall and spring semesters as well as attend all scheduled practices and performances. This includes summer camps/practices and weekend rehearsals, performances, and events. Work is not an excuse for missing practices or performances. Most outside of school practices will be in the mornings from 6:45am to 8:00am (approx. 2 days a week/day TBD) and after school from 4:30-5:45pm (1 day a week/day TBD).

Uniforms

Members are required to purchase their own practice uniform pieces. Field uniform and contest costumes will be provided and are property of Frisco High School. The member must keep all pieces in excellent condition.

Demerits

Demerits are given as a form of discipline. Members may receive demerits by breaking the rules set by the director. Dance Team rules promote promptness, neatness, responsibility and character. Accumulation of demerits will affect a member's ability to perform and possibility of removal from the Dance Team. Please see the FISD Code of Conduct and the Stars Demerit System for more details.

Commitment:

Being a member of the Stars Dance Team takes a great deal of commitment. The Stars make a full year commitment to the team. We go to camp and practice during the summer, practice and perform during football and basketball season, practice and perform during Contest Season, and participate in a Spring Show.

Stars Dates:

Mandatory New Team Fitting April 24th at 4:30pm (Dance Studio)

Mandatory Parent Meeting April 24th at 6:30pm in Cafeteria

All 2019-2020 Stars need to attend the Stars Spring Show April 5th and 6th @7pm

Rookie Field Uniform Fitting May 13th @4:30pm

Spring New Team Practices: May 13th, May 14st and May 15th 4:30-6pm in FHS Dance Studio/Competition Gym

Summer Dates: July 29th-Aug. 2nd at Hunt Middle School

TBD Aug. 5th and 6th

ALL SUMMER CAMP AND SUMMER PRACTICE DATES ARE MANDATORY

For More Information:

If you have any questions that arise after the meeting please contact the Stars Director, Kendra Kullman.

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