

Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District

Dance / Drill Team Handbook

Purpose -

- To promote participation and competition through precision group dance / drill team performance.
- To encourage school pride, good sportsmanship and a positive campus image at school activities.
- To promote positive crowd involvement at school activities.

Tryout Qualifications -

All qualifications will be made public at the beginning of the school year.

- Candidate must be in grade 9, 10, or 11.
- All students are allowed to tryout regardless of grade eligibility at the time of tryouts.
- Candidates must have received grades from at least two marking periods within the academic year that they are trying out.
- Candidates must meet CFISD residency requirements.
- Candidates must meet campus requirements for discipline and conduct.
- Candidates must meet campus requirements for parent / candidate meeting and pre-tryout clinics.
- Candidates must have a physical on file with the campus.
- Candidates and their parents will agree to the district and campus handbook requirements, as well as, all financial commitments / responsibilities.

Tryout Procedures -

All procedures will be made public at the beginning of the tryout period and at any meetings held prior to tryouts.

- Tryouts will be held after the second grading period.
- Team sizes will be determined by the director and campus.
- Tryouts will be held before a panel of judges. Judges may include the campus directors.
- Tryouts are closed to observers.
- Campuses will develop a scoring rubric that will be given to candidates prior to tryouts.
- Tryout scoring will be based on a method determined by the campus and may include an interview or classroom performance record (including grades), as well as, skills evaluation.
- Tryouts must be conducted in person.
- Tryouts are final and non-appealable.
- A need, as well as, the procedures for an alternate tryout will be determined by the campus.
- Procedures for officer tryouts will be determined by the campus.
- Members must tryout each year for placement on the dance / drill team.
- Members in good standing transferring from another campus' dance / drill team, who meet CFISD tryout qualifications, may have the opportunity to tryout at the time of transfer. Students not previously on a dance / drill team must wait until regularly scheduled tryouts are conducted (as determined by the campus).

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- Students who are re-zoned by the district will tryout at a time determined by the new / receiving campus.

Post Tryout Responsibilities -

- New dance / drill team members will be scheduled into a designated dance class for the spring semester.
- The drill team member must have been promoted to the next grade level by the first day of school. Failure to be promoted will result in immediate removal from the team.
- Drill team members are required to be at summer camp, all practices, games, pep rallies, fundraisers, performances, competitions and other activities determined by the director. These dates, with the exception of playoff dates, will be communicated in advance.
- Directors may require a doctor's release to participate if the drill team member presents a condition or the director suspects a condition which may be injurious to the member if he / she continues to dance.
- Eligibility to perform is based on the pass / fail standards outlined in the CFISD Student Handbook.
- Demerit / merit systems will be determined by campus and communicated to the drill team member and parents in writing.
- Dismissal procedures will be determined by campus and communicated to the drill team member and parents in writing.

Letter Jacket Procedure -

Letter jackets will be awarded after:

- 1 full school year of participation on dance / drill team and completion of additional criteria as determined by the campus;

-or-

- After 2 full school years of participation on the dance / drill team.

Note: Letter Jackets will be ordered after the end of the 5th Marking Period in accordance with the CFISD Fine Arts department's purchasing timeline.