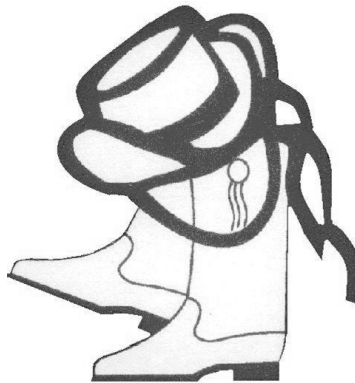


Sunset Drill Team

TRYOUT PACKET



MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

February 5th, 2019

6:30-7:30pm, Dance Room 174

TRYOUT CLINIC

February 25TH – February 28th

4:45-6:30pm, Upstairs GYM 1

TRYOUTS

March 1st

4:45-11:00pm, Upstairs GYM 1

Dear Drill Team Candidate,

Drill team is a demanding extracurricular activity, and only the most talented and committed girls and guys will be selected for the organization. If selected, there are certain personal responsibilities, financial responsibilities, and obligations that you and your parents must assume in order to qualify and remain a member in good standing.

SCHEDULE-

Monday- 4:45-6:30

- Warm Up/Stretch
- Learn Kick
- Review Dance

Tuesday- 4:45-6:30

- Warm Up/Stretch
- Learn Jazz
- Review Dance

Wednesday- 4:45-6:30

- Warm Up/Stretch
- Learn Pom Dance
- Review Dance

Thursday- 4:45-6:30

- Warm Up
- Learn Entrance and Splits
- Break into groups to work with Seniors
- Each group performs in front of the Seniors and Directors for feedback

Friday- 5:00-10:00 (wear all black w/ hair in a low bun, makeup, and red lipstick)

- Warm Up/Stretch on your own
- Tryouts start promptly at 4:45 pm
- Reveal of the 19-20 Bisonette and Bison Belle Drill Team
- After the reveal New Dancer and Parent meeting **MANDATORY** in the dance room

**Make sure to turn in your GRADE SHEET FORM by
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28TH**

What to Wear To the Drill Team Clinic

Candidates should wear any of the following:

✓ Workout Shorts

✓ T-shirts, Leotards, Tanks

✓ Sports Bra

✓ Athletic Shoes

✓ Socks, paws or jazz shoes

NO jewelry (ONLY STUDS)

NO gum

NO tattoos may be visible.

NO clothes with your prior dance team logo

What to Wear To the Final Audition

-Form fitting black top and bottoms

-Sports bra

-Hair must be in a tight bun (low) with no fly aways

-Makeup must be performance ready with red lipstick

Drill Team Tryout Tips

Practice your dances- Work on all motions and sequences. Practice in front of a mirror. This helps you to see yourself and anything that might need more work.

Be Prepared- Come to practice ready to work hard and to learn. Make sure all our paperwork is turned in on time. This shows the Director that you are responsible.

Show Confidence- If you aren't energetic and excited about trying out, your body and your facial expressions will give you away. If you make a mistake move on. Do not giggle, fuss, or get embarrassed. It is okay to make mistakes. It is how you handle it that counts.

Look Your Best- On the big day, follow the makeup and hair directions the Director gives you. Make sure your nails are trimmed (long nails are a safety hazard) and remove all nail polish. Relax and Have Fun!

Judging

Each member will be required to demonstrate a **kick / jazz/ pom routine and the left & right splits in groups of 2-4.** This routine will be taught at the clinic.

Professional drill team judges will evaluate the tryouts.

This year we will be moving to a new judging system. We will use a "YES", "NO", "MAYBE", system which many DFW Drill Teams have successfully adopted.

Candidates will be judged on the following criteria:

Grades & Behavior, Appearance, Splits, Kick technique, Dance technique, Showmanship, and Memory.

Explanation of criteria:

YES- these students will display intermediate/advanced technical abilities, an entertaining presence, the ability to memorize and perform choreography with rhythmic accuracy, proficiency in high kicks, sharp precision, respectful with no behavior issues (ex. ISS/OSS/ Referrals/Problems with teachers/inappropriate social media content) and passing grades.

MAYBE- these students will display beginner technical abilities, an entertaining presence, the ability to memorize choreography, moderate flexibility, clean movement, respectful with no behavior issues (ex. ISS/OSS/ Referrals/Problems with teachers) and passing grades.

NO- little to no technical ability, no performance presence, difficulty memorizing choreography (multiple mistakes throughout routine), lack of flexibility, poor precision, past issues with grades and/or behavior.

The judges will circle a YES, MAYBE, or NO on the judges sheet.

Students that receive a "YES" will be a Bisonette.

Students that receive a "MAYBE" will be a Bison Belle

Students that receive a "NO" may tryout again next year.

Plenty of feedback will be given from the judges if the student receives a "MAYBE" or "NO" as to the candidate's performance and what they need to improve on for next year.

Membership of the Varsity or JV Drill Team shall consist of fittingly selected members. There is no set maximum number for the team. The Directors will decide the number of students selected for each team. Their decision will be based on the overall level of the auditionees. The Directors will consider each candidate's behavior and ability to represent the drill team positively.

Sunset Drill Team Grade Form

Dear Teacher,

Please fill out the grades and comments for this student. Students need to be **committed** and **responsible**. We do not want any negative attitudes coming into the drill team. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to comment about the student privately, please e-mail Mrs. Huggins at lhuggins@dallasisd.org.

Name:

Grade:

School currently attending:

Period	Class	Grade	How are they doing in your class?	Signature
1				
2				
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DUE FEBRUARY 28TH TO MRS. HUGGINS

Candidate Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions:

1. Why do you want to become a member of Drill Team?

2. If you do not make a team, which class would you like to be a part of for the 19-20 school year? (Please circle one)

Dance I

Dance II

Dance Pathway

None

3. If you do not make Bisonettes would you want to be considered for Bison Belles? (Please circle one)

YES

NO