

Katy Independent School District

Dance Team



**Handbook and Guidelines
2021-2022**

Dance Team Program 2021-2022

The purpose of the dance team program is to promote school spirit and a positive school climate through performances and activities as deemed appropriate by the Dance Team director. The dance team members are expected to be positive role models.

This guidebook provides information that explains qualifications and responsibilities of senior high school dance team members. Additional guidelines, as noted in this document, are created and published by each campus.

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Qualifications for Tryouts

Applicants and active members, earning a position must meet and maintain the “Qualifications” for tryouts for the remainder of school year. Failure to do so can result in immediate dismissal from the team.

- Applicants must be in grades 9, 10, or 11
- Be able to perform the essential functions of a dance team member (page 8)
- Applicants must have 2.0 GPA, calculated using all six-week averages of current school year, prior to tryouts
- No placement in OAC
- May not have more than two Level II/Level III disciplinary infractions (or combination thereof)
- May not have committed any Level IV or Level V offenses during the present school year

1. **Physical Examinations** – Candidates must submit a “Preparticipation Physical Evaluation” signed by a physician in order to tryout. Preparticipation forms turned in during the current school year for other activities will fulfill this requirement.

2. **Forms** – All required forms are due by the date established by the campus. Required forms include but are not limited to: Preparticipation Physical Evaluation form, Extracurricular Travel and Consent to Emergency Treatment form etc.

Selection Process

At least three qualified judges will evaluate and rank applicants. An administrator will be present at all team tryouts.

- The judges shall select dance team members based on the ranking of skills and showmanship
- Students moving to Katy ISD after the selection process may tryout before the dance team director if the student has a letter of recommendation from the student’s previous director
- Current members of the dance team should refer to their campus handbook for selection process criteria
- Officers are assigned at the discretion of the director

Responsibilities of Dance Team Program

1. **Responsibilities of Students**

- Follow all rules and regulations outlined in the Discipline Management Plan, Student Code of Conduct, and Campus Constitution
- Cooperate with the director and administration in investigations involving disciplinary infractions

- Show respect toward individuals and property by conducting oneself in a responsible manner
- Serve as an appropriate role model for other students
- Maintain required standards of academic performance
- Arrive prepared and on time for all practices and performances

2. **Responsibilities of Parents**

- Stay informed regarding rules, regulations, and procedures
- Provide transportation, as needed, to ensure students arrive on time for practices and performances
- Pick up students on time after practice and events
- Attend parent orientation meetings, as appropriate
- Encourage student adherence to established rules, regulations, procedures, etc.
- Cooperate with school administrators and organization directors in establishing and maintaining a quality organization
- Parent/guardian is responsible for all financial responsibilities associated with required dance activities/membership

3. **Cost to Families** – Maximum required expenditures should not exceed \$900.00. Inquiries regarding financial responsibilities should be directed to the campus dance team director.

Discipline and Consequences

All students are expected to adhere to the District’s Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct. Students who violate the District’s Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct will be assessed appropriate school disciplinary consequences for the infraction. Disciplinary infractions may also result in a student’s limited participation in extracurricular activities or dismissal from the team.

1. **Academic Requirements** – All students must adhere to the TEA/UII requirements with regard to participation, practices, and performances.

2. **Academic Dismissal** – A dance team member who receives three or more failing grades in any six week grading period or fails three or more classes in one semester, will be dismissed from the team. Advanced courses as designated by TEA and identified by Katy ISD are exempted from the “No Pass, No Play” policy, but students may still be subject to academic probation or dismissal at the campus level if academic progress toward graduation is in question.

3. **Discipline Requirements/Dismissal** – Dance team members who violate the District’s Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct will be assessed appropriate school disciplinary consequences for the infraction. Disciplinary infractions may also include limiting a student’s participation in extracurricular activities, probation, or dismissal from the team.

- Dance team members on probation will be required to attend all scheduled practices
- Dance team members who are arrested or receive a ticket involving alcohol, drugs, or a criminal act, shall be put on probation for six weeks or until the student's guilt or innocence is decided
 - a) During the probationary period, the student will be required to attend all practices, but will not be allowed to perform, or wear any type of uniform.
 - b) If after the six week probation student's guilt or innocence has not been established, the student will be back on the team until such time the case is adjudicated.
 - c) If after adjudication the student is found guilty, they will be dismissed from the team.
- A dance team member who pleads guilty or is convicted of a misdemeanor involving alcohol, drugs, a criminal act, or felony will be removed from the dance team for the remainder of the year
- Any dance team member who accepts deferred adjudication in a criminal proceeding shall be placed on probation until the end of the school year, or until a final judgment of guilty or not guilty is rendered, whichever occurs first