

**Birdville High School
Drill Team Auditions
2019-2020
CHECK LIST - COVER PAGE**



Name _____

Upcoming Grade for 2019-2020 _____

Auditioning For (Circle One):

JV only Varsity only Either

All of the following information must be turned into the dance office or main office at BHS prior to Friday April 12, 2019 at 2:00 pm. No tryout packets will be accepted after this date. Failure to turn in paperwork on time will result in forfeiting your candidacy.

*****INCOMPLETE PACKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED*****

Candidate and a parent MUST both INITIAL that the following is included in your packet:

_____ / _____ Check List - Cover Page

_____ / _____ Tryout Application Form

_____ / _____ Candidate / Parent Commitment Form

_____ / _____ Emergency release form

_____ / _____ Publications, Video and Internet Consent and Release Agreement Form

_____ / _____ 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Six Weeks Report Cards (4 total) *or* display of all grades and conduct printed from skyward (Do this yourself – please do not ask a teacher)

_____ / _____ BISD Drill Team Constitution

Both parent and dance team candidate attended the MANDATORY meeting on April 9, 2019 at 6pm in BHS cafe.

****RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR PACKET PRIOR TO 2pm ON 4/12/19****

TRYOUT APPLICATION FORM
To be filled out by the *drill team candidate*

Name: _____ grade for 2019-2020: _____

Birthday: _____ Student phone number: _____ T-shirt Size: _____

Address: _____
Street Address City Zip

Student Email address: _____

Guardian #1: _____ Relationship: _____

Email: _____ Cell/work # _____

Guardian #2: _____ Relationship: _____

Email: _____ Cell/work # _____

PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

Please answer the following questions with honesty and integrity.

1. Why would you like to be a member of the Birdville Drill Team?

2. Please write number of years of training for each of the below styles of dance:

___ Jazz ___ Ballet ___ Hip Hop ___ Modern ___ Lyrical

Please check the following box that applies to you:

I am interested in either team and would accept a position on either team.

I am interested in VARSITY ONLY and WOULD NOT accept a position on JV

I am interested in JV ONLY and WOULD NOT accept a position on VARSITY

If you check that you are only interested in Varsity, and your score places you on JV you will not be selected for either team. If you check that you are only interested in JV and your score qualifies you for varsity you will be placed on JV. Please think carefully about this decision as you are not allowed to change it after this form is turned in

Circle One

I understand that I am auditioning for **BOTH TEAMS, VARSITY ONLY, JV ONLY** by my choice. I understand that this choice cannot be changed at any time throughout or after the audition process.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Birdville High School Tryout Candidate's Commitment:

I have read the following information completely: Birdville Drill Team Audition Information for 2019-2020, BISD Extracurricular Activity Honor Code, and BISD Drill Team Constitution. I understand the responsibilities and privileges of being a member of Birdville Drill Team. I will abide by these rules and regulations to the best of my ability.

I will cooperate fully with the director and all persons and organizations concerned to promote spirit and good sportsmanship.

At all times, whether at school or away from school, I will conduct myself in a manner that best represents the students and faculty of Birdville High School.

Signature of Candidate _____ Upcoming Grade _____ Date _____

PARENT COMMITMENT:

I/We, _____, the parent(s) of _____ give my/our permission for our child to try out Birdville Drill Team. We have read the following paperwork— Birdville Drill Team Audition Information for 2019-2020, BISD Extracurricular Activity Honor Code, BHS Drill Team Constitution and accept the rules and regulations. We will also encourage our child to be a leader that BHS will be proud to have as a representative of the school.

I/We also understand the financial obligations that I/we must fulfill, if my/our child qualifies for the team, will be **from \$1,400.00 – \$2,000.00**. Such items include transportation costs, personal items, camp expenses, uniforms and other items used by my/our child during the year and I/we are willing to provide these things as they become necessary. I/We understand that the uniform bill must be paid by the **first day of school in August**. An outstanding balance after the first day of school will cause my/our child to be ineligible to perform at games or pep rallies. Removal/Resignation does not eliminate the financial obligation.

I/We understand that our child must ride school-approved transportation to and from away games because of the responsibility the school has for my/our child.

I/We understand that failure to follow the rules and regulations of the Drill Team Constitution, the BISD Extracurricular Honor Code, will result in suspension or dismissal from the team.

Should my/our child be selected, I/we understand that my/our child must have a current UIL Medical History and Physical Examination Form on file with the director, and be covered by accident insurance. Please fill in the appropriate information.

School accident insurance? _____ yes _____ no

If no: Insurance company _____ policy number _____

Signature of Guardian(s): _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

Birdville ISD Emergency Information
Please print and fill this form out completely.

Name _____ Birth date _____ Activity/Sport ***Drill Team*** _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Name of friend/relative who can be reached if parent/guardian cannot be reached:

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Doctor's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Hospital _____ Phone Number _____

Are you currently taking any medication? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, list medication(s) _____

Specific medical allergies, chronic illness or other medical condition that staff should be aware of

Do you have insurance coverage on your child? Yes ____ No ____

Insurance Company/Policy Information

If, in the judgment of the school, the above student should need immediate treatments as a result of any injury or sickness I do hereby request, authorize, and consent to such care and treatment as may be given said student by any physician, trainer, and nurse or school representative. I do hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless the school and any school or hospital representative from any claim by any person on account of such care and treatment of said student. Furthermore, I do hereby authorize, consent, agree, and request that any medical information necessary to the advancement of care for said student be shared with those individuals deemed necessary. Your signature below gives authorization that is necessary for the school district, its trainers, coaches, associated physicians and student insurance personnel to share information concerning medical diagnosis and treatments for your student.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Birdville Independent School District

Publications, Video, Internet Consent and Release Agreement

Students who attend school in the Birdville Independent School District are occasionally asked to be a part of school and/or District publicity, publications and/or public relations activities. In order to guarantee student privacy and ensure your agreement for your student to participate, the District asks that you and the student sign and return this form to the school for each of your children.

The form referenced below indicates approval for the student's name, picture, art, written work, voice, verbal statements or portraits (video or still) to appear in school publicity or District publications, videos or on the District's website. For example, pictures and articles about school activities may appear in local newspapers or district publications. These pictures and articles may or may not personally identify the student. The pictures and/or videos may be used by the district in subsequent years.

AGREEMENT

Student and Parent/Guardian release to Birdville ISD the student's name, picture, art, written work, voice, verbal statements, portraits (video or still) and consent to their use by BISD.

Birdville ISD agrees that the student's name, picture, art, written work, voice, verbal statements, portraits (video or still) shall only be used for public relations, public information, school or district promotion, publicity, and instruction. Student and Parent/Guardian understand and agree that:

- No monetary consideration shall be paid;
- Consent and release have been given without coercion or duress;
- This agreement is binding upon heirs and/or future legal representatives;
- The photo, video or student statements may be used in subsequent years.

If the Student and Parent/Guardian wish to rescind this agreement they may do so at any time with written notice.

Effective Date of Agreement: _____

Student's Name: _____
(Print Name)

(Student's Signature)

Parent/Guardian: _____
(Print Name)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 26.009(b)(2)

BISD has no control of media use of pictures/statements which are taken without permission.

BISD Drill Team Audition Scoring Breakdown

Dance Ability

- 100 points per judge X 3 judges = 300 possible points
- Points will be rewarded for technique, showmanship, memory, and flexibility

Academics

- Students who have received a 70 average or above in all classes for T1, T2, T3, and T4 will be rewarded 10 points towards their overall score.
- Students who have received below a 70 average in one class in any of the grading periods through T4 will receive 7 points towards their overall score.
- Students who have received below a 70 average in two classes in any of the grading periods through T4 will receive 4 points towards their overall score.
- Students who have received below a 70 average in three or more classes in any of the grading periods through T4 will receive 0 points toward their overall score.
- Pre-AP Pre-Calculus and Advanced Placement courses will be exempt from deductions one time per class per UIL academic guidelines.

Discipline

- A list of candidates will be provided to administration at each campus.
- Students receiving a mark for “No Reservation” will be rewarded 10 points.
- Students receiving a mark for “Recommend with Reservation” will be rewarded 5 points.
 - Reasons for reservations could include: D-halls, ISS, and Saturday School
- Students receiving a mark for “Do Not Recommend” will receive 0 points.
 - Reasons for “Do Not Recommend” could include: Suspension from School, Assignment to DAEP, and involvement in illegal activity resulting in a citation.
- Students who are moving in from homeschooling, private school, or are open enrollment to the district must provide a letter of recommendation from their previous administration or dance teacher to validate their discipline points.

Attendance

- Each student will begin with ten points for attendance for the 2018-2019 school year
- Students who have received more than 9 absences per semester will be deducted 3 points per absence
- Students who received more than three tardies for one class period per semester will receive a 1 point deduction for each additional tardy.

The audition will be scored on a possible 330 points.

Two natural breaks will be determined. Students scoring above the first break will be offered a position on Varsity. Students scoring between the two breaks will be offered a position on Jr. Varsity. Students scoring below the second break will not be selected for a team.

Audition Format

Audition Clinic

Monday 4/15 – Wednesday 4/17 4:30 to 6:30 pm

- Students must wear solid black dance attire, no crop tops.
- Hair should be secured and out of the face
- Students will complete warm up and conditioning exercises similar to a regular drill team practice
- Students will learn a ballet combination as well as a Hip Hop/Pom combination
- Students will **review** the traditional "Victory Kick" routine
 - it is highly recommended that students learn this combination prior to the first day at the audition clinic.

YouTube Link to kicks with counts <https://youtu.be/Q8uop10eP9o>

Thursday 4/18 4:30 pm

- Auditions in front of outside judges
- Students must wear solid black attire, either a leotard or fitted top with fitted shorts, tights or leggings. No crop tops.
- Hair should be secured and out of the face
- Students should wear performance style make up

For the audition students will perform ballet, pom and hip hop style movements. It is highly encouraged that students take classes in various styles of dance prior to the audition.

The following tricks are examples of skills that may be included in the audition combinations. This list is not exact.

- Pirouette
- Grande Jete
- Soute Chat
- Russian (leap in second)
- Toe Touch
- Calypso
- Pique Turn
- Chaine Turn
- Battement
- Fan Kick
- Rombersay
- Headspring

2019-2020 Important Dates

*This list is to help give you an idea of the commitment level for the team.
Dates may change slightly, and more events will be added throughout the year*

May 2, 2019	Senior Sell Back *Optional to purchase used items	5:00 pm in Cafe
May 2, 2019	Mandatory meeting and fitting	6:00 pm in Cafe
May 2, 2019	\$300 deposit due	
May 7, 2019	Spring Training Practice	4:30-6:30 pm
May 9, 2019	Spring Training Practice	4:30-6:30 pm
May 14, 2019	Spring Training Practice	4:30-6:30 pm
May 16, 2019	Welcome Tea - parents welcome, dress nice	6:00 pm in BHS Library
June 3-5, 2019	Officer Camp *travel to Houston June 2	
June 10-13, 2019	Team Camp at BHS	8:00 am -4:00 pm
August 5, 2019	Team Pictures	9:00 am
August 5, 2019	Team Practice	Following pictures until 3:00
August 6-8, 2019	Team Practice	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
August 12&13, 2019	Team Practice	2:00-4:30 pm
August 14, 2019	District Show Opener	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
August 14, 2019	Practice	1:00-4:30 pm
August 15, 2019	Practice	2:00-4:30 pm
August 16, 2019	Teacher Help Day	
August 19, 2019	School Starts - Daily practices begin <i>JV Belles - 6:30 to 8:00 am GMDT 2:00-4:30 pm</i>	
August 22, 2019	Band Show Preview	
TBD	Junior Dance Clinic	
TBD	Daddy Daughter Practice *Varsity only	

Varsity members must attend all pep rallies and all varsity football games.

GMDT Members will work 1-2 JV games as managers.

JV Belles must attend all pep rallies and home JV games. Belles will perform at one Varsity football game

December 5th or 6th Fall Dance Show

Both teams will attend approximately 3 basketball games each

February 1, 2020 District Dance Show

We will attend two regional contests in DFW in February and host a contest. Both teams need to keep all Saturdays in February open, we will solidify which contest dates and locations once the companies release dates.

March 5-7, 2020 Tentative dates New York Trip *Varsity only

March 20-21, 2020 MA Nationals Fort Worth Convention Center

April 3, 2020 Spring Show

BIRDVILLE ISD DANCE & DRILL TEAM CONSTITUTION

Revised – May, 2017

Article I. Name

The name of these organizations shall be as follows:

- Birdville High School Golden Motion, JV Belles, & NXT LVL Hip Hop Crew
- Haltom High School Highsteppers, JV Highsteppers, & New Image Crew
- Richland High School Dixie Belles & Reb Nation Hip Hop Crew

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of these organizations shall be to render service to the school by maintaining and promoting school spirit and providing entertainment whenever requested in cooperation with school and community activities. It shall also strive to develop qualities of leadership, cooperation, scholarship, sportsmanship and high moral standards of conduct.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

- A. Requirements for membership
 - a. Students auditioning for drill team must be entering grades 9-12.
 - b. Must meet district eligibility requirements published in the BISD Secondary Student Handbook
 - c. Students selected for membership must be a full time student of the prospective high school.
- B. Team Fees must be paid for prior to a date designated by the director. If the bill remains unpaid, the member will be placed on probation and be ineligible to participate until payment is made.
- C. Loss of Membership- Membership may be lost if a student:
 - a. Receives a third suspension.
 - b. Once removed, attendance at drill team functions will be prohibited.
 - c. There are no refunds of fees paid for members who resign or are dismissed. Members who resign or are dismissed are still responsible for outstanding balances if the items or services have already been provided.

Section 2. Grades

- A. BISD Drill Team Students will follow UIL academic guidelines.
- B. A member failing to comply with these requirements will be placed on probation according to UIL guidelines.
 - a. Any probation shall include:
 - i. No performances;
 - ii. No wearing of uniforms;
 - iii. May not travel with the team;
 - b. Practice is required of the member on probation, unless decided otherwise by the director.

Section 3. Method of selection for membership

- A. During the workshop, which will be held prior to auditions, candidates will be taught material chosen by the director
- B. A panel of qualified judges consisting of professional dance performers or teachers will score the auditions.
- C. A natural break will be found in the scores to determine who is and is not selected for the team.
- D. Spectators will not be permitted to the workshop or auditions.

- E. Each girl auditioning for membership on the team will be receive and sign for a copy of the Constitution.
- F. An approval to audition must be signed by parents and returned to the director before the student will be allowed to participate in the workshop.
- G. Parents must read and sign an agreement stating that they have read the drill team constitution and agree to abide by its rules.

Section 4. Composition of the team

- A. Officers
- B. Line Members
- C. Managers/ Escorts (will abide by the same rules as dancing members, directors may chose whether or not they wish to have managers or escorts).

Section 5. Rules of membership

- A. Practices
 - a. All members are required to attend the designated class period and practice sessions before or after school and over the summer. Attendance is mandatory.
 - b. Attendance at summer camp is mandatory.
 - c. Members will dress in designated clothes for all practice sessions.
 - d. When a member is absent, it is their duty to find out what they has missed and be prepared for the following day. (Includes material rehearsed and announcements and reminders)
 - e. Any student missing a practice prior to a performance can be removed from the performance at the discretion of the director.
- B. Performances
 - a. All performances/activities must be attended. Any member who does not perform must be present and in designated uniform.
 - b. Members must be present at school half the day (3 periods) on the day of the game or performance.
 - c. Members must travel to and from any activity on transportation approved by the school district.
 - d. Student participation in performances and formations are at the discretion of the director.
 - e. The director must approve all uniforms, drills, dances, and activities.

Article IV. Uniforms

- A. Each member is responsible for the care of all uniforms and accessories issued.
- B. The school district will provide the basic items of the official field uniform for each member
- C. Drill Team members may receive a letter jacket if:
 - a. They are in good standing, on their second year as a varsity member
 - b. They are in good standing, and spent one year on JV and are now on varsity
 - c. Dance Students maybe receive a letter jacket if they are in good standing and have participated in dance and/or JV drill team for all four years at a BISS school.
- D. The uniform or any part of it is not to be worn unless authorized by the director.
- E. Uniforms will be inspected for neatness at all appearances.
- F. In any uniform hair is to be worn as directed by the director.
- G. When in uniform, jewelry or nail polish shall not be worn without special permission.
- H. Members shall not eat or drink in uniform unless authorized by the director.
- I. When a field uniform and other school issued costumes are returned, they must be cleaned as specified by the director, at the cost of the student.
- J. Members will not loan out their drill team clothing to anyone for any reason.

- K. Changes to physical appearance including, but not limited to, hairstyles and piercings must be coordinated with the dance instructor prior to any alteration.

Article V. Attendance

- A. Excused absences will be granted only for illness, death in the family, or extenuating circumstances as approved in advance by the director.
- B. If it becomes necessary for a member to be absent from practice or a performance for any reason, she must notify the director prior to the absence. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence.
- C. In the event of illness, death in the family, or emergency, the Director must receive a written excuse from a parent the first day the student is back. Failure to do so will cause the absence to be an unexcused absence.
- D. A member who is able to come to school but is unable to participate in a practice due to illness should bring a note from her parent. This note will be honored for one (1) day only. Two (2) or more days will require a doctor's excuse or recommendation from the campus trainer for non-participation. The student will dress out in the required uniform.
- E. A member is considered tardy if she is not in her designated lines when roll call starts. This includes class, practices, pre-game and performances.
- F. Any member who has a job is expected to arrange their work schedule around their practice and performance schedule. Work is not an "excused" absence.
- G. Doctor's visits should be scheduled around the practice and performance schedule.
- H. If a student must miss practice for academic tutorials, they must provide the director with a signed pass from the academic teacher.

Article VI. Officer Tryouts

- A. Requirements and Responsibilities
 - a. Dance officers and social officers will help assist the director as she sees fit and within reason. Specific duties are outlined and discussed following auditions. All rules and regulations in the drill team constitution apply to officers.
 - b. Each Officer and Officer Candidate must have high scholastic standing and have proven herself in leadership, character, reliability and attitude.
 - c. Officers must maintain a minimum of an overall "C" average in all classes.
 - d. Officers and Officer Candidates must never have been placed on team probation for any reason.
 - e. Officers will help enforce rules and regulations outlined in this constitution.
- B. Audition Process
 - a. Officer tryouts will be held in the spring.
 - b. Each candidate must be a sophomore, junior or senior for the following school year, and have been a member of the team the year preceding tryouts.
 - c. Each candidate must perform a variety of assignments as designated by the director.
 - d. The judges and the director will determine the number of officers.
 - e. The judges and director will determine which offices shall be created each year.
- C. Reasons for Officer Dismissal
 - a. Failure of a six week grading period
 - b. Insubordination to the director
 - c. Failure to fulfill her duties and obligations
 - d. Discrediting the drill team

Birdville ISD Drill Team Constitution Agreement

I have read and understand the constitution of the Birdville ISD Drill Teams. I agree to abide by the rules set forth for me by this constitution, the BISD student handbook and the laws of the state of Texas. I understand that failure to comply with rules and policies that are laid out will result in consequences as explained in this constitution and seen fit by the director and administration.

Student Name (Printed): _____

School Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Student Signature

Date

I also give my permission for my student to participate in all activities of the organization such as the following:

- In-or-out-of-town athletic events
- Meetings, activities, banquets, parties
- Practices before and after school and summer practices
- Performances, parades, etc
- Summer camps and special clinics during the year
- Competitions
- Fundraisers

Parent Signature

Date