

Addendum for High School Dance Teams

Grading

Learning objectives in dance team are based on performance skills, responsibility, and participation. Therefore, students are expected to fulfill individual as well as group responsibilities.

Because dance is performance based and a team activity, it is imperative that members participate in all rehearsals and performances to meet the essential elements of the course. Therefore, students may lose points from their six week grade for the following:

Unexcused absence from co-curricular rehearsal –double daily grade
Co-curricular rehearsal would be an extension of classroom studies required for grading and curriculum directed.

Unexcused absence from co-curricular performance –double major grade
A co-curricular performance is one that is an extension of classroom activities such as dance recitals that do not meet the definition of extra-curricular.

Selection of Members

- Selection of members will be based on a dance workshop.
- All girls trying out must have a grade update sheet completed prior to tryouts, and recommendations should be given by each current classroom teacher.
- Tryouts will be closed to the public.
- No score sheets will be distributed and all tallies will be kept on file in the school.
- Results will be announced or posted. The final number selected may vary.

- Each girl is allowed one and only one audition each year. (Any exceptions must have the approval of the principal AND the Director of Fine Arts.)
- Students new to the school with dance team experience may receive an audition at the time of their enrollment at the discretion of the director and the principal.

Selection of Officers

A student must have been a member of the dance team at least one year before trying out for officer.

Officers will be selected based on criteria designed by the dance teacher and the audition standards of the Texas Dance and Drill Team Association.

Summer Rehearsals

There will be a series of summer rehearsals prior to the beginning of the school year which all students participating in the marching unit MUST attend. These rehearsals will begin three weeks prior to the beginning of school (four weeks for dance team and officers) and will be held daily, except weekends, until school begins.

Awards

Awards will be presented to dance team students based on a point system for participation and service.

Required Performance	1 point
Solo Contest (Division I) (one per year)	1 point
Small Ensemble Competition (Division I) (one per year)	1 point
Team Competition (Division I) (one per contest)	1 point
Winning of Individual Title, i.e. "Miss Texas Drill Team"	15
points	
Senior	10
points*	

*These points count only for students who have not received an award by their senior year. They may not be used to receive a second award letter.

25 points = Awards Jacket/Blanket/Sweater

A student will be awarded a second letter for accumulating an additional 25 points. A student may receive only one major award for combined activities during her four years in high school. A student may not receive two letter awards in the same year for participation in dance team.