



2023-2024

Audition Information Packet

All audition information is in this packet.

Please read all information before submitting any applications.

If you have questions, please email
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Dear Parent/Guardian and Candidate,

We are delighted that your dancer has shown an interest in auditioning for the Clements High School Dance Teams for the 2023-2024 school year. **REMINDER:** incoming 9th graders are eligible to be considered for JV (Twinkles) and Varsity (Stars). As a parent/guardian of a prospective Dance Team member, you should be fully aware of the audition procedures and requirements for dance team membership. You and your dancer must also realize the commitment and dedication required for all members once they have been selected for the Dance Team.

While a member of the Dance Team, your dancer will receive the best character training possible, experiencing good times, glory and recognition, along with gaining dependability, responsibility, self-discipline and life-long memories. Being a member of an organization such as Dance Team has been the highlight of many dancers' high school experience and provided them an important opportunity for self-development.

The following packet will familiarize you with the audition process and general information concerning Dance Team that should be understood *before* your dancer auditions. Being selected as a Dance Team member is not only an outstanding achievement and a great honor; it is a decision that is encouraged to be discussed between you and your dancer as the audition process can be demanding both physically and emotionally, so parental/guardian support is essential.

Attached you will find an outline of the Audition Process as well as general CHS Dance Team information.

Respectfully,

Ms. Barth & Mrs. Mitchell

CHS Stars and Twinkles Directors

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Questions regarding Fort Bend ISD policies and procedures can be addressed to Dr. Deena Hill, Executive Director of Student Support Services, at 281-634-1143 or Deena.Hill@Fortbendisd.com.

AUDITION INFORMATION

Saturday, May 6th

CHS Competition Gym

Check-In begins at 8:45am

All dancers must be checked-in by 9:00am

Dismissal is approx. at 11:30am

- Dancers will be assigned an audition number upon arrival on audition day.
- Dancers will be stretched and warmed up. The routine will be taught the morning of audition day. *A video of the audition routine will be posted on the Audition Candidate Band page prior to the audition day.*
- Skills in the audition process will include but not limited to:
 - Right, Left and Center Splits
 - Pirouettes, Coupe Turns
 - Turning jumps
 - Jetés (*traveling and stationary*)
- All dancers will be given two (2) chances to perform audition routine in front of the judges.
- All dancers are eligible to be considered for Stars Dance Team.
- Dancers going into grades 9-11 are eligible for Twinkles JV Dance Team.
- There is no set number of dancers for either the JV or the Varsity Dance Teams.

Results will be posted on the Dance Team WEBSITE by 3:00pm!

Click below to be taken there:

www.clementsstars.com

If you are selected for either of the teams, dancers and a parent/guardian will be required to attend the NEW TEAM MEETING. **Tuesday, May 16th at 6:00pm in the CHS Library**
Membership subject to dismissal for failure to attend.

THINGS TO NOTE

- Weekly rehearsal schedule will be determined once we have a finalized master schedule for Clements High School.
- On football game days:
 - **ALL Stars** are required to stay after school for Away **NON-FBISD Stadium** Game Day performance preparations.
 - **Game Day Meals** with the Band will be offered for Away Non-FBISD Stadium Games ONLY and are *optional* to sign up. Details to be shared.
 - Any THURS football games results in no Friday rehearsal for Stars.
- Twinkles will attend and perform at at least one Varsity football games alongside Stars.
 - If it is a Non-FBISD Stadium game they are attending, the above applies to them.
- FBISD Transportation will goes as follows unless otherwise changed by FBISD:
 - Transportation will be provided to all NON-FBISD Stadium games.
 - For all FBISD Stadium games (Mercer or Hall), members are responsible for providing their ride to/from the game. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.
- 2023-2024 will be an **IN STATE!** trip year for Stars. We are headed to San Antonio! Details to be shared at the New Team Booster Club meeting.

****Social Officer Candidates** – your Social Officer Interview Process will begin at approx. 12:15pm. You will receive your results in an envelope before you leave that day.

EXAMPLES OF COSTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The first year on the dance team you will be required to purchase: *a team spirit jersey shirt, backpack (NEW: Team Logo backpacks!), garment bag (Stars), team bow and a handful of other various items which change year to year depending on vendor availability.* You will order via Google form & submit full payment on due date listed below. **Approx cost: \$250 - \$450**

Daily rehearsal clothing will be ALL BLACK - dancers may choose at their discretion what that may be: leotard, sports bra & shorts, leggings and a solid black tank, etc. Items must be FITTED and SOLID BLACK. Most dancers already have items such as these on hand. **Approx cost: \$0 - \$150**

Dance Team Booster Club Cost*

Annual Membership Costs will be determined and voted upon by the 2021-2022 Board Members.

Stars: \$350 Twinkles: \$200 Managers: \$150

**Booster Club Fees cover a variety of items throughout the year including but not limited to: all team t-shirts, football season & contest season goodie bags and team trip treats.*

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. If you are selected for either team, your name will be submitted to the Counselors - you do not need to contact them about your schedule.

- ❖ **Twinkles** is 1st period and **Stars** is 7th period.
- ❖ There is after-school rehearsal each weekday for **Stars**:
 - **Football Season**, rehearsal will end at **4:00pm**. (This will be for all of Fall semester)
 - **Contest Season**, rehearsal will be *extended* by 30 min, ending at **4:30pm**. (*This will begin Spring Semester*)
 - **Spring Show Season**, rehearsal will be pushed back to ending at **3:30pm**. (*This will begin when we come back from Spring Break*)
 - **No rehearsal on Mondays for the year.** This is the day we expect everyone to schedule their appointments, tutorials, etc. We of course understand that on occasion, this is unavoidable. Please also note: *on occasion, times will be adjusted on a case by case basis. Example: when we have a Thursday night football game, the team will have Friday afternoon off. OR For Spring Show week of, we will have rehearsal on that Monday.*
- ❖ **Twinkles** for the majority of the year do not have rehearsal outside of school time. You will have rehearsal for the football game(s) you are in attendance. Also, as we approach contest season, morning and/or after school rehearsal will be scheduled to prepare the team for competitions.

2. All dancers are required to have at least one parent/legal guardian attend the New Team Booster Club Meeting on **Tuesday, May 16th at 6:00pm**. It will be held in the CHS Library, lasting approximately 45 min.

3. Summer Camp Dates are **mandatory**:

- ❖ **Stars** Summer Team Camp will be from **Tuesday, July 25th** and each weekday after that, ending on **Friday, August 4th** from **9:00am – 3:30pm**.
- ❖ **Twinkles** will be required to attend Stars Summer Team Camp **Friday July 28th** for Team Pictures and one to two additional days the week of July 31st.

Dancers who are not present for any portion of Summer Team Camp are at risk of losing their performance spot for football and contest season.

FEE DUE DATES

Booster Club Fees will be due before the last day of school. Other fees such as supplies, and camp fees will be due at various times. Details on due dates will be shared at the first mandatory team meeting in May after auditions. Monthly payment plans may be set up on a case by case basis via parent/guardian email to both Directors. Information such as this remains confidential.

AUDITION DETAILS

For the audition, candidates must wear the following:

- + Solid black *fitted* dance clothing, such as leggings, hot shorts, a workout tank top or leotard.
- + Hair in a neat, low pony with any bangs secured away from your face.
- + Light make-up, performance lipstick = red/deep burgundy.
- + Candidates may audition either: barefoot, in tan jazz shoes or Twyla (half sole) shoes.
- + You will need to bring at least four (4) safety pins for you to pin your number to your clothing. Safety pins will not be provided on audition day

IMPORTANT- In your application, you will be asked to select which team you are wanting to be considered for, if you select ONLY Stars or ONLY Twinkles, you can only be placed on the team you've selected. If judges do not place you on that team based off your audition, you will not be placed on the other team since you didn't specify that you're willing to be on either team.

FINAL REMINDERS

This is where you can find useful information and ask questions prior to submitting your application and video. Band is our communication platform for both teams throughout the year.

Link to join the Band page for Auditions- <https://band.us/n/a0a18dj950Z6k>

Application Submission LINK BELOW- Due by April 30th, 2023 at 5:00PM

<https://forms.gle/CFudyVYNMQsKq6Gq7>

AUDITION CHECKLIST

✓	ACTION ITEM
	Read the entire packet. Strongly encourage student and at least one parent/guardian read together.
	Join the Audition Band Group page. Updates posted as well as the option to ask questions for quicker answers.
	Review and practice suggested skills for dance team.
	Take a screenshot of your T1, T2 and T3 grades. This will be uploaded into the Audition packet. Please be sure your name is clearly visible on the grade sheet so that it can easily be verified the grades belong to you. A scale is used for considering grades below A and B. The overall scoring component for grades is 25 points out of the overall 100 points earned. The remaining 75 points are earned from judges.
	Complete and submit your application by the due date stated in this packet.
	For audition day: wear SOLID black, bring four (4) safety pins, hair neatly pulled back and out of face, light make-up/lip color & appropriate dance shoes.