Dear parents/guardians,

We are delighted that your child is interested in auditioning for a dance team at Kempner High School. Please familiarize yourself with the tryout packet and team constitution so you are fully aware of the audition procedures and commitment required to be on our dance teams.

Membership on a dance team is a privilege, not a right. Current members are required to tryout each year and are not guaranteed a returning spot on the team. Members must abide by the FBISD Extra-Curricular Handbook, FBISD Dance Team Code of Conduct, and Kempner Dance Team’s Constitution. It is essential that both you and your child fully understand the expectations if they should make the Varsity Brigade or JV Cadets Dance Team. Please consider the time and effort to be put forth by both you and your dancer to make dance team a positive experience. The time, money, and commitment should be considered carefully when considering auditions.

Please feel free to contact us for any questions! Good luck!!

Anna Ashy Breeann Patek

Head Director Assistant Director

Tryout Checklist

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| Parent & dancer - Attend mandatory tryout meeting 3/17/2025 at 6:00pm | Complete |
| Have current physical on file in Rank one or new physical dated after February 1, 2025 by **02/26/2025.*** Current student-athletes and/or returning members may use their current valid physical for this year that they have on file to tryout. To be eligible to participate for the 2025-2026 school year, they will need to get a new physical dated after April 1, 2025.. Their current physical will expire on May 31,2025
* All students that do not have a physical on file for the current year, 2024-2025; will need to get a new physical and complete the required electronic forms to be eligible for cheer tryouts.  Physicals should be dated after Feb.1, 2025.
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| Turn in all grade checks **4/7/2025** |  |
| Turn in Candidate Signature Page **4/7/2025** |  |
| Attend ALL tryout clinic dates |  |
| READ the 2025-2026 FBISD High School Dance Team Handbook |  |

\*\***You cannot participate in tryouts if your paperwork is not turned in by date listed above**

**- Forms (except the Physical can be emailed to ANNA.ASHY@FORTBENDISD.GOV or dropped off at KHS)**

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tryout Information

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| **Tryout Dates**April 7th-11th @ 4:30pmKempner HS Aux GymHigh School students will audition first. All dates listed are required for eligibility.  |
| **Tryout Results Posted**April 11th after everyone has left the building. Will be posted on Instagram, on our website, and will be posted in the SportsYou |
| **What to wear*** Black leggings, black top (tank top preferred), dance shoes or barefoot
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Day of Tryouts:

* Arrive by 4:00pm in the KHS dance room
	+ Middle school students arrive as soon as you are able
* Check-in and receive a #
* Everyone will come to the gym at 4:30pm for quick announcements and introductions of our judges
	+ Judges will consist of outside qualified individuals
	+ Scoring will be based on memory, projection, timing, energy, technique, flexibility, etc.
	+ Elements that may be included: double pirouette, tilt jump, calypso jump, grande jete, battement, kicks, splits, etc.
* In groups of 4 you will enter the gym, go through the audition process, and return to the dance room
* No one should leave until tryouts are COMPLETED. There could be callbacks!

Example Score Sheet



Eligibility

* All candidates must meet the following requirements:
	+ Attended the mandatory meeting on March 17th
	+ Turn in forms ON TIME (April 7th)
		- Tryout permission forms (located in this packet)
		- An updated physical
		- Copy of T1 & T2 grade report
	+ Must be in good standing in regard to discipline, tardies, DAEP placement, or ISS placement

Guidelines/Constitution

 Every dance team member in FBISD is governed by a set of guidelines or a constitution determined by the Director(s) in accordance with FBISD Dance Team Guidelines, FBISD students code of conduct, and UIL policies.

* Academics
	+ You and your child should be familiar with the UIL “no pass/no play” rule. If a student fails a class, they are required to attend practice but are not allowed to perform until the grade is brought to passing. Eligibility is checked every 3 weeks.

Yearly Schedule

The following is an outline of the Kempner Dance Team schedule. The following dates are MANDATORY.

* June – Team Camp
	+ Dates TBD (Beginning of June)
* Summer – 10 required dance technique hours
* August – Team Camp
	+ Dates TBD (beginning of August)
* September through December – Practice
	+ Football games
	+ Pep rallies
	+ Contest learning
* January through February – Practice
	+ Contest practice
	+ FBDC
	+ Contest in late February
* March through May - Practice
	+ Spring Show preparation
	+ Team Tryouts
	+ Spring Show
	+ Officer Tryouts
	+ Banquet

Payment Dates/Deadlines

 All payments should be made in full by the 1st football game of the fall semester. Payment plans are available upon request. **A deposit of $200 is due on May 1st, 2025.**

* An initial non-refundable deposit of $200 is due May 1st for all Dance Teams. Failure to pay the deposit will result in your student’s practice wear not being ordered with the team.
* Payments plans may be requested. Please follow your plan and clear your balance by the 1st football game of the fall semester. Balances not cleared will result in removal from contest, performances, etc.

**Signature Page**

“Please write your student’s name and then initial each space below.”

My child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to try out for the 2025-2026 Kempner Dance Teams. By initialing each statement and sign at the bottom:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am financially responsible for the items listed in this packet and that fees may change.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have received a copy of the FBISD Dance Team Guidelines.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the student is required to attend all events/practices for the 2025-2026 school year. All events/practices are mandatory unless otherwise stated.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that dates and times may change, and my dancer is still expected to attend. The Director(s) will give as much advance notice as possible.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the 2025-26 season begins with the posting of tryout results.  All disciplinary, grade and attendance issues will begin to accrue for the new team at that time.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my student’s participation in all fundraising activities for the team is mandatory.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that other school activities, doctors’ appointments, and illnesses count towards excused absences (Please see Fort Bend ISD Dance Team Guidelines for questions).

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my child’s academic and discipline record affect his/her ability to try out.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I grant the release of legal responsibility of my student to Fort Bend ISD and the Director(s) while on any project or activity concerning Dance Team responsibilities.

\_\_\_\_\_\_I will show good sportsmanship by accepting the decision of the judges, scores, and the final results of tryouts and all other dance competitions.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the results are campus specific and are not transferrable to any other campus.

**Printed Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Candidate Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Kempner Dance Team Application**

**Please clearly print all of the following information:**

**Candidate Name**:

**ID#:**

**Address:**

**Current School:**  **Current** **Grade**:

**Age**:

**Contact Information:**

**Guardian 1 Name:**  **Relation:**

**Cell:**  **Email:**

**Guardian 2 Name:**  **Relation:**

**Cell:**  **Email:**

**Candidate Allergies/Disabilities/Injuries**:

**\*\*\*Turn this page in to Anna Ashy/Breeann Patek**