

Illusions Dance Team Tryout Information

Welcome! Thank you for your interest in the Illusions Dance Team.
Please see below for important information regarding tryouts.

Please fill out the tryout informational sheets at the back of the packet. Bring it with you to tryouts.
You can find these forms on our website, instagram or at your schools front office.

Text 81010 and say @BUSHDANC (no E) to be added to the remind group to receive updates and reminders

When will I learn the dance?

Our audition clinic will be March 30th & 31st, April 1st & 2nd from 6 - 7:30 at George Bush High School Dance Studio. During the audition clinic you will learn, practice and perfect the tryout routine. Dancers may arrive at Bush HS as early as 5pm.

When are tryouts?

Tryouts will be Saturday, April 4th from 9-11am. You are required to be here at 8:30am. Audition numbers will be given at 8:30am. Roll will be taken at 8:30am.

What do my parents need to know?

A parent/guardian meeting will be Thursday, April 2nd from 6 - 7:30pm. The meeting will be at George Bush High School in the Art Room. During this meeting we will discuss cost, required materials/items, team expectations, calendar and answer any questions you may have.

What if I can't attend the clinic these days?

You must attend all four clinics to be eligible to try out.

What if my parents/guardian can't attend the meeting?

A parent/guardian must attend the meeting on Thursday, April 2nd from 6-7:30pm

What do I need to try out?

- You need to be an incoming 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grader
- Plan to attend George Bush High School for the 2026 - 2027 school year
- Completed tryout registration
- Athletic Physical & Paper Work ***Attached at the back of packet***
- Discipline record
- Report card with your T1, T2 & T3 grade
- Black Leggings (no logos or graphics)
- Black tight fitting shirt (no logos, graphics or crop tops)
- Tan Jazz shoes **You can buy these at Academy for \$33.00** You can also order them from amazon.
- Attend all clinic dates
- Parent/Guardian attends informational meeting

What will I be scored on during my audition?

- Memory
- Execution
- Performance
- Appearance
- Dance Ability

Memory

The judges will be scoring you on how well you know the choreography and skills in the routine. Be sure to practice your dance every day to increase your memory.

Execution

The judges will be scoring you on how well you execute the choreography and skills in the routine. The judges will be looking for pointed toes, straight legs,

Performance

The judges will be scoring you on your performance during the routine. Be sure to use facial expressions such as: smiles, o-mouth, pursing of the lips, winks, eye contact with audiences and any other appropriate facials.

Appearance

The judges will be scoring you on your appearance. They will begin adjudicating you on your appearance when you walk into the gym all the way until you exit.

You must follow the appearance guidelines below:

- Hair slicked back, out of your face, and up in a ponytail.
- Ponytail holder that matches your hair color
- No jewelry of any kind (earrings, bracelets, rings, belly button piercings, etc.)
Nose rings are allowed so long as the jewelry is a stud
- Black tight fitting top (NO LOGOS)
Your top must cover your belly button at all times during the audition
- Black leggings (NO LOGOS)
- Tan Jazz shoes (scan the QR codes below for links to buy jazz shoes)
- Full face performance make up (scan the QR codes below for examples and tutorials for what is required)

Dance Ability

The judges will be scoring you on your dance ability. Dance ability includes: how you move with the music, coordination, effort, precision, rhythm, flexibility and skill level. You will be judged on your right and left split. After you perform the routine once, the judges will ask if you have any special skills that you would like to show them. These skills can be anything dance or cheer related and are meant to showcase your individual special skills. Examples: Leg holds, toe touches, tumbling/acro passes and advanced turn sequences.

What dance skills will be in the tryout dance?

- Right Jete/Leap
- Right Battement/Kick
- Right Tilt
- Single AND Double Pirouette
- Right and Left Chaine Turn
- Stationary/Press Leap
- Toe Touch/Leap in Seconde

Optional Skills that are encouraged but not required to have:

- Fire bird
- Tumbling
- Turns in a la seconde
- Calypso
- Fan kick
- Illusion

Scan the QR below to be added to the remind

