

CLEAR CREEK ISD DANCE/DRILL TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT

FORWARD

The dance team is a vital student organization that participates in a wide range of activities during the regular academic year and summer break.

Those who are on the dance team treasure their membership very highly and consider their association with the students as one of their most pleasant and valuable school experiences. The fellowship, healthful recreation, and the personal gratification, which comes from giving an outstanding performance before an appreciative audience, are but a few of the positive outcomes of dance team membership.

Dance team members acknowledge the following responsibilities:

PREAMBLE

ACTIVITIES

- A. I will participate in daily practices, performances, school activities and other required functions.
- B. I know that all dance team activities are mandatory for everyone and that the only excuses for absences are those listed in the Code of Conduct.
- C. I understand that dance team membership is for an entire year, from tryouts to tryouts.

BEHAVIOR

- A. I will conduct myself in a respected role-model manner, remembering there is an appropriate time and place for various activities.
- B. I will carry out all instructions with a conscientious and enthusiastic attitude.
- C. I will remember that being a drill team member is a privilege and I am considered a school representative and I will behave as such.

UNIFORMS

- A. I know that my uniforms are objects of pride and because they bear the school colors they should be worn with respect and dignity. I understand that I am not to allow anyone who is not a dance team member to wear any part of my uniform- whether purchased by myself or issued by the school- at any time.
- B. I know that I will be responsible for repair or replacement of any lost or mishandled uniforms. (See Constitution) I know the uniforms consist of:
 - 1. Formal field uniform
 - 2. Friday school uniform and/or warm-up
 - 3. Practice uniforms
 - 4. Contest/Basketball/Spring Show or any other performance costume
- C. I know that it is my duty to know when each uniform is required and to wear it properly. I alone am responsible for my uniform.

EQUIPMENT

- A. I realize that I am entrusted with school property when I handle dance team equipment. It will be issued to me in good condition and I will keep it in good condition.
- B. I am responsible for helping to keep the dance room clean at all times.

ATTITUDE

- A. I understand the duty of the officers is to help lead and direct this organization.
- B. I will strive not to hold personal prejudices and/or grudges and to practice the rules of good sportsmanship.
- C. I will try at all times to make the dance team an outstanding organization of unity, loyalty, dignity and honor.

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section I- Maintaining Membership

A. Grade Restrictions

- 1. Basic Requirements
 - a. Each girl must meet TEA-UIL requirements to participate. Team members will be made aware of requirements and changes as they occur.
 - b. Members must maintain a 70 or above in all classes to be considered eligible.
 - c. All grade averages will be checked and recorded immediately after the close of each grading period. Any incomplete grades will be treated as if failing until the missing assignments are made up.
- 2. Disciplinary actions for failure to meet grade requirements.
 - a. A member is eligible for all after-school drill team rehearsals but is not eligible to attend or participate in performances or contests. If after three weeks, the member is passing ALL classes, she will be taken off probation.
 - b. A member who receives a failing grade on two separate 9 week report cards will be dismissed from the team.

B. Conduct Restrictions

Dance team members are expected to abide by the rules and regulations as stipulated in the CCISD and your school student handbook. Infractions of these rules resulting in discipline will automatically result in demerits or removal from the team.

- 1. Any member who receives a "U" or two "N"s during any report card will be subject to a three-week probation. If her conduct has not improved by the time her probation is completed a week will be added. This will continue for each week that the behavior is not improved.
- 2. Any member given ISS will be placed on probation. The probation period is determined by how many days and the reason for ISS. This probation period will not exceed six weeks. See Extracurricular Code of Conduct (FM Regulation).
- 3. Any member assigned to AEP will be immediately dismissed from the team.
- 4. A dance team member will be dismissed from the team if found guilty of any of the following regardless of when or where it occurs:
 - *fighting
 - *drug abuse
 - *undesirable language
 - **unacceptable behavior
 - ** (as judged by the director)
 - *defacing the school
 - *insubordination to faculty
 - *suspension or expulsion
- 5. A member may be dismissed for insubordination to the director after consultation with the principal.

Section II- Attitude Requirements

- A. A member is expected to exhibit a positive attitude at all times. A member should never take part in or encourage complaining, griping, or "bad mouthing" the team, director or school.
- B. A member is expected to fully support any project undertaken by the dance team.
- C. A member may receive demerits or be removed from the team for displaying a bad attitude. Removal will occur only after consultation with the principal and any teacher involved.

ARTICLE II. GENERAL POLICIES

Section I- Excused or Unexcused Absences

Absence from any dance team activity is unexcused except for the circumstances listed below:

- A. Personal illness or accident
 - B. Death in the family
 - C. Prearranged special activities with prior approval from the director.
 - D. Grade probation
- *A member can be 15 minutes late before being considered absent.
*Even if the absence is "excused" a member will still be removed from the performance.
*Unexcused absences will result in demerits and possible dismissal.

Section II- General requirements

- A. All dance team members are expected to attend and participate in all activities, classes, practices, performances and dance team functions.
- B. It is expected that each dance team member realize that to attain high performance standards, the following conditions must be met:
 - 1. Auditions may be held for each performance. The date and time will be designated by the director.
 - 2. If you miss auditions you will not participate in the performance.
 - 3. If you do not make auditions you will be an alternate. Alternates must attend and participate in all practices and functions.
 - 4. Even if a team member is selected for a routine, she will not be allowed to perform if she misses a practice.
 - 5. The only way you can miss a practice and still perform is for a pre-approved school activity.
 - 6. Doctor's appointments should not be scheduled during practice hours.
 - 7. When a team member is absent it is her responsibility to contact the director or Captain BEFORE the absence occurs.
 - 8. A team member is responsible for any instruction or announcements missed during an absence.
 - 9. If a team member is unable to dance for an extended period of time she must still attend every practice, performance or activity (unless told otherwise by the director). Failure to attend will result in demerits and possible dismissal.
 - 10. A doctor's note is required after three consecutive days of non-participation.

Section III- Dance Team Summer Requirements

- A. During the summer all members are recommended to attend a 3-4 day camp selected by the director for the purpose of learning routines, dance technique, teamwork and unity. Any

member that chooses not to participate will not be eligible to dance at the first two football games.

- B. Summer practices are mandatory in order for all members to prepare for football season. There are no excused absences, please arrange your summer activities accordingly.

Section IV - Game and Performance Rules

All Games/Performances are mandatory even if you are not performing. Failure to attend will result in loss of performing in the next game.

- A. NO friends or family may sit in the assigned dance team area at any time.
- B. Water will be provided after the performance, no food, drinks, or gum will be allowed.
- C. No team member will leave her seat without permission from the director or without a chaperone.
- D. Team members will not converse with ANYONE (including parents or family) outside the organization AT ANY TIMES while at a game or performance unless authorized by the director.
- E. No one is allowed to leave a game or activity early. If there is an emergency your parent must talk to the director.
- F. Your entire uniform, including hat and makeup, must be on before you get out of your car, during and after the game or performance until you leave the parking lot or change clothes completely. You are not permitted to wear your uniform anywhere but the designated activity - you must change if going out to eat.
- G. You must ride the bus to and from any team event. In the event extenuating circumstance arise which prevent the student from riding the bus, you must see the director for the appropriate forms and permission five days prior to the event.
- H. Follow the bus rules.
- I. During any break you must stay in the designated area.

Section V - Competition and/or Spring Show

Spring Show/Contest consists of three phases:

- Phase 1 Creation, choreography and learning takes place and a maximum of two absences may occur with no penalty.
- Phase 2 Staging, formations and auditions take place. An absence during this phase will result in the members losing position in this dance.
- Phase 3 Performance phase. (See section IV)

One or more contests may be selected by the director during the Spring semester. In addition a Spring Variety Show may be held after competition. Both activities are mandatory unless extenuating circumstances are approved by the director. Financial expenses ARE NOT an excuse. Fund raising projects allow each team member ample opportunity to raise the funds herself.

- A. Practice Attendance
 - 1. If you do not attend contest or participate in the show, you are required to attend all practices.
 - 2. You will be required to attend ALL scheduled activities.
- B. Performances
 - 1. If you do not attend contest or participate in the show you stand to forfeit all performances during that time.
- C. Deposits
 - 1. Competition deposits are generally non-refundable.

ARTICLE III. EXPENSES OF THE ORGANIZATION

- A. Projects for financing this organization will be sponsored throughout the school year and ALL members must participate.
- B. Each member will be given an estimated cost sheet during tryouts.

ARTICLE IV. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- A. It is fine to participate in other activities as long as they do not interfere with ANY dance team obligation

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section I - After Selections

- A. All officers are required to follow all standards set forth in the constitution explicitly.
- B. All officers are required to attend an officer camp in the summer as selected by the director.
- C. All officers are required to be present at all practices, meetings and functions. Any officer may be relieved of her office because of excessive absences or for not doing her duties to the fullest. This can be done after consultation with the director and the principal.

ARTICLE VI. DEMERIT SYSTEM

Section I- Demerits

- A. Demerits may be issued to all dance team members by all officers under the supervision of the director. For the safety and security of the dance team members, officers assist the director with monitoring dance team participation.
- B. A record of demerits received by each member will be kept.
- C. Demerits are accumulated from the first practice or meeting until membership is ended.
- D. Demerits can only be worked off during summer practice. Once school starts the demerits remain on your record until membership is ended.
- E. You can receive 15 demerits and have no performance penalties. On the 16th demerit, you automatically go onto a six-week probationary period. During this time however, you will attend all practices and activities in FULL performance attire. However, you will lose all privileges of dancing. Probation will begin at the time the 16th demerit is received and will continue for six weeks.
- F. After you are put on probation you can receive five more demerits. On the 21st demerit you will be dismissed from the team.

Demerit Offenses:

1. Insubordination to an Officer or the Director
2. Failure to carry out or perform required activities
3. Violating the public display of affection rule
4. Eating or drinking in uniform without permission
5. Eating or drinking in the stands
6. Wearing nail polish at a performance
7. Wearing uniform in public
8. Losing any part of uniform in performance or practice
9. Use of profane language

10. Talking at practice
11. Improper care of uniform

(Demerits Continued)

12. Wearing any jewelry with uniform or at practice
13. Failure to cover any exposed body tattoos while in any team attire
14. Failure to wear the proper attire at any time
15. Being late to practice, games or any function
16. Chewing gum at practice, performance or in any team attire.
17. Leaving an activity or practice without permission
18. Moving or talking on or on the side of the field
19. Not turning things in on time
20. Failure to bring certain things when you are told to do so
21. Wearing dirty, soiled or damaged team attire.
22. Leaving any item out of bin/ locker in practice area
23. Not having hair up during practice
24. Not wearing complete uniform

Section II- General Rules

A. Insubordination

1. Insubordination- unwilling to submit to authority; disobedient or rebellious
2. Insubordination towards the Director is not tolerated and can be grounds for dismissal from the team