

**CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
DANCE TEAM CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I
DANCE TEAM ORGANIZATIONS**

The names of the dance team organizations of the Clear Creek Independent School District shall be: The Clear Brook Celebrities, The Clear Creek Cavaliers, The Clear Falls Emeralds, The Clear Lake Flairs and The Clear Springs Silverados. The organizations shall follow the traditional school colors of black, red and silver (CBHS), maroon, white and silver (CCHS), green, black and silver (CFHS), red, white and blue (CLHS), and royal blue, black and silver (CSHS).

Members of the dance team must meet all standards set forth in this constitution, the CCISD Student Code of Conduct outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook, and the Extracurricular Code of Conduct FM (Regulation). It is the policy of the dance teams in Clear Creek Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in admission or access to its programs and activities.

**ARTICLE II
OBJECTIVES**

- A. To develop and refine character, scholarship, leadership and individual responsibility;
- B. To develop and maintain a very high standard of technical and creative dance;
- C. To promote school spirit and good sportsmanship;
- D. To represent Clear Creek ISD at school functions and events, on and off campus;
- E. To promote interest in all school activities;
- F. To create and maintain positive relations between our dance teams;

**ARTICLE III
AUDITION PROCEDURES – LINE MEMBERSHIP**

A. Application

- **Active Participant** is a current member of the dance team. All active participants must audition each year for a place on the dance team for the next school year.
 - **Candidate Member** is a student who will audition for first year dance team membership.
1. Active participants and candidate members must be entering grades 9-12.
 2. Active participants and candidate members and their parents/guardians must attend a meeting for an explanation of the time, energy, expectations and expenses of dance team membership. Expenses are held to a minimum so that all candidates can try out for membership. A student not able to meet the financial obligations should consult with the director.
 3. Copies of the CCISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct FM (REGULATION) and the CCISD Dance Team Constitution are given to the prospective members and parents/guardians.
 4. A completed application and a signed parent/guardian permission form are returned only to the director by the specified deadline. Late applications will not be accepted.
 5. Current members must be clear of any dance team financial responsibility with their school and/or booster club accounts before application can be accepted for auditions, unless approved by the head dance director.

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B. Audition

It is the responsibility of the active participants and candidate members to be aware of all announcements and posted notices regarding audition dates and the official grade reporting period that will be used to determine eligibility for auditions.

1. Current dance team officers will be exempt from the audition process. The exemption is only in reference to line auditions.
2. Auditions are held on a date designated by the director. Auditions occur only at the designated time. Requests for second auditions will not be granted.
3. Active participants and candidate members are rated by a panel of three judges selected in advance by the director.
4. Active participants and candidate members wear a number, and all judging information will be documented according to the number.
5. Active participants and candidate members are rated in the categories of kick height and technique, splits, projection and showmanship, timing and musicality, memory, technique, execution of movement, and personal presentation.
6. Active participants and candidate members will be prepared to show audition choreography to judges as many times as necessary during the selection process.
7. The decision of the judges is final and is announced as soon as possible.
8. Auditions are closed to the public with only the judges, director, administrator, and necessary personnel present.
9. Judges use a score sheet to award points to each candidate. Each judge independently awards the candidate points in each of the categories. A blank judge's sheet is provided for prospective members to see prior to the audition.
10. Candidates may request to review score sheets within ten school days of auditions. After that time, all score sheets are retained off-site.

C. Selection

1. Each candidate's total score is the sum of the scores from each of the three judges.
2. A candidate with a total score of 24 - 44 points is selected for dance team membership.
3. A candidate with a total score of 45 - 59 points is considered a "call-back" and will perform the audition choreography until the final decision is completed.
4. A candidate with a total score of 60 or more points will not be selected for membership.

D. Transfers

1. Candidates who are not enrolled in Clear Creek ISD at the time of auditions may submit a video audition, showcasing the same required skills and technique that are assessed at auditions. Candidates must contact the director for details and deadlines.
2. Video auditions will be evaluated by three judges using the same criteria outlined above.

**ARTICLE IV
ACTIVE PARTICIPANT MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Active participants must be entering grades 9 through 12;
- B. Membership is for an entire year, from audition to audition;
- C. Active participants must be able to execute specific dance techniques at all performances;
- D. Active participants must submit a signed CCISD Physical Form completed by a physician;

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- E. Active participants must follow all guidelines set forth in the Extracurricular Code of Conduct FM (Regulation) and the CCISD Dance Team Constitution.

**ARTICLE V
UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT**

The school will furnish the dance team performance uniforms and props. The props are to remain at school unless checked out by the director. Each member is held responsible for the care and return of issued uniform and props. The member will pay for any damaged uniform or prop, or any uniform not cleaned at the end of the school year. Dance attire and other accessories, and any other items designated by the director, must be purchased by the members.

A. Attire

- 1. Dance team uniform/performance attire must be kept clean and in good condition.
- 2. A signed **Uniform Loan Contract** must be on file.
- 3. Dance team performance attire may not be worn other than when specified the director.
- 4. Dance team practice/performance attire will only be distributed to members who have paid in full.
- 5. Attire specified by the director is required to participate in any dance team rehearsal or performance.
- 6. All required dance team attire may only be worn by the current member.
- 7. Any member who is dismissed or resigns from the team is required to return all school issued uniforms and accessories within seven school days. Failure to comply with this directive will place student on the “not clear” list on the campus.

B. Equipment

- 1. All school property issued to any dance team member will be kept in good condition and returned to the director as it was originally issued. Replacement costs will be at the expense of the member.

**ARTICLE VI
AUDITION PROCEDURES – OFFICERS**

A. Application

- 1. Officer applicants must be entering grades 11-12.
- 2. Officer candidates must be academically eligible in the grading period prior to auditions.
- 3. Officer candidates must have no citizenship grade lower than “S” in the grading period prior to the audition.
- 4. Officer candidates must be an active team member and have a minimum of one year of experience on that school’s dance team.
- 5. Officer candidates must have filed the appropriate application of intent form and must have met all deadlines set by the director.

B. Audition

It is the responsibility of the officer candidate to be aware of all announcements and posted notices regarding audition dates and the official grade reporting period that will be used to determine eligibility for auditions.

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1. Officer candidates must try out on the date designated by the director. Auditions occur only at the designated time. Requests for second auditions will not be granted.
2. Officer candidates are rated by a panel of three judges selected in advance by the director.
3. Officer candidates wear a number and all judging information will be documented according to the number.
4. Officer candidates will be rated according to the following percentages in the categories of solo performance, group performance, and interview:
 - a. Notebook (10%)
 - b. Team Vote (20%)
 - c. Judges (70%)
5. Officer candidates will be prepared to show audition choreography to judges as many times as necessary during the selection process.
6. The decision of the judges is final and is announced as soon as possible.
7. Auditions are closed to the public with only the judges, director, administrator, and necessary personnel.

C. Responsibilities

1. Officers must comply with all instructions from the directors.
2. Officers must comply with all guidelines that apply to dance team members.
3. Officers are required to attend an officer camp designated by the director. If an officer does not attend officer camp, they will be moved to line member status.
4. All officers will be required to perform all officer responsibilities and be present at all practices, meetings, performances and functions. Failure to complete the duties assigned by the director will result in being moved to line member status.

**ARTICLE VII
SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Objective: Social committee will promote spirit and enthusiasm within the team.

- A. The establishment of a Social Committee is at the discretion of the director.
- B. Selection of the social committee will be held on a date designated by the director.
- C. Selection criteria will be set by the director.
- D. Social committee candidates must be academically eligible in the grading period prior to auditions.
- E. Each director will determine the membership number, roles, and duties of the social committee.
- F. Social committee members are required to attend a camp designated by the director. If a social committee member does not attend camp, they will be moved to line member status.
- G. Each member will complete all duties of the Social Committee as specified by the director. Failure to complete the duties assigned by the director will result in dismissal from the Social Committee.

**ARTICLE VIII
ENSEMBLE GROUPS**

Objective: Ensemble Groups will represent the dance team through the display of exemplary dance technique and performance.

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- A. Selection of the ensemble groups will be held on a date designated by the director.
- B. Selection criteria will be set by the director.
- C. Each director will determine the membership number, performance criteria, practice schedule, and associated fees.
- D. Each member will complete all duties of the ensemble groups as specified by the director. Failure to complete the duties assigned by the director will result in dismissal from the ensemble groups.

**ARTICLE IX
MANAGERS**

Objective: Managers will support the director with organization duties and record keeping.

- A. Selection of managers will be held on a date designated by the director.
- B. Managers will be optional for each individual school and the selection criteria will be set by the director.
- C. Each director will determine the membership number and duties of the managers. Duties can include: video tape performances, organize attire, distribute and collect forms, inventory costumes/supplies, make copies, data entry, and other duties as assigned.
- D. Each member will complete all duties of a manager as specified by the director. Failure to complete the duties assigned by the director will result in dismissal as a manager.

**ARTICLE X
RESPONSIBILITES**

A. Attendance

Dance team programs practice, perform and compete during the entire school year and attend rehearsals and camps during selected summer months.

- 1. All members, if eligible, are required to attend all summer camps, rehearsals, and performances set by the director.
- 2. Absence from any dance team practice or performance is not permitted. If an absence does occur, the director will make the final decision as to participation for any upcoming performances. A member is considered absent if they are absent for 15 minutes or more of any rehearsal or event.
- 3. Unexcused absences will result in demerits and/or possible dismissal from team membership. Personal illness, funeral or death in the immediate family, and special school activities with advance notice and permission from the director are considered excused absences and will not result in demerits.
- 4. Any member absent from school or a performance is responsible for contacting another member to obtain all information given to the team during the absence.
- 5. A member who is not performing must be in attendance and in appropriate attire at all practices and performances with the team.
- 6. Team members who have intermittent conflicts with other CCISD sponsored activities are eligible to perform with prior permission from the director. Notice must be provided to the director with a minimum of seven calendar days before the day of absence.

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7. Team members may not participate in any activities or sport that routinely interfere with their dance team responsibilities without prior approval of the dance team director, the activities director/athletic coach, and school administration.

B. Performance Seasons

Dance team performance seasons consists of football, contest, spring show, and special community performances throughout the year. Each season may have variances between guidelines which will be provided by the director. The following guidelines will be adhered to for all seasons:

1. Members must remain at all activities for the duration of the event.
2. Members must ride the bus to and from any team event. In the event of an extenuating circumstance which prevents the student from riding the bus, a request and appropriate forms must be submitted to the director five days prior to the event.
3. Auditions may be held for each performance. The date and time will be designated by the director.
4. Members who do not make the performing auditions will be an alternate. Alternates must attend and participate in all practices and functions.
5. Any member unable to dance for an extended period of time must attend all practices, performances or activities (unless specified by the director). Failure to attend will result in demerits and/or possible dismissal from the team. A doctor's note is required after three consecutive days of non-participation.
6. Football Season - Any member absent after weekly auditions may be removed for the upcoming performance even if the absence is excused. All performances are mandatory even if member is not performing. Failure to attend may result in loss of performing in the next game.

**ARTICLE XI
DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM**

A. Demerit/Merit systems

Each director will provide the members with a written set of expectations for the Demerit and Merit system.

1. A record of demerits/merits received by each member will be maintained by the director.
2. Demerits will be issued beginning with the first day of team membership and will be cleared for returning members at the end of the current school year.

Demerit System – Line Members

1-15 Demerits	No penalty	
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16	Demerits	Six-week probation	Attend all practices/events. No performance privileges.
21	Demerits	Dismissal from team for remainder of school year	

Demerit System – Officer Members

1-9	Demerits	No penalty		
10	Demerits	Removed from officer position to line member position		
16	Demerits	Six-week probation	Attend all practices/events. No performance privileges.	
21	Demerits	Dismissal from team for remainder of school year		

B. Electronic Media

Any dance team member representing themselves or their organization, in an unfavorable, questionable or illegal manner through electronic media (i.e. social media accounts, text/group messaging, websites, blogs, text messages, chat rooms or similar websites/files accessible through a server or internet), or using electronic communication devices in such a way as to bring discredit, dishonor, or disgrace on their organization or members of any school organization including themselves (i.e. camera phones, digital photos, electronic descriptions) will be subject to the disciplinary actions determined by appropriate school officials and/or the directors including probation or dismissal from the team.

C. Disciplinary Expectations

1. Members who participate in any CCISD Dance Team will comply with the following documents and procedures at all times:
 - Directives given by the dance team director- written or verbal
 - CCISD Dance Team Constitution
 - CCISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct FM (Regulation)
 - CCISD Student Code of Conduct
2. Members who do not comply with the above documents/directives will result in the issue of one or more of the following: demerits, probation, and/or loss of membership for the remainder of the school year.
3. Repeated violations of school policy will be subject to dismissal from the team based upon the recommendation of the director and school administration.

**ARTICLE XII
PROBATION AND LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP**

A. Definitions

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1. Probation - defined as a member who because of disciplinary or demerit status will not be able to perform in any performance of the dance team BUT must attend all practices, fundraising events, and meetings.
 2. Ineligible – defined as a member who because of grades will not be able to perform in any performance of the dance team BUT must attend all practices, fundraising events, and meetings.
 3. Loss of Membership - defined as a member who will not be permitted participation in any activity of the dance team for the remainder of the school year. A dismissed member must turn in their performing uniform(s) and any other issued items. The student may be removed from the dance team class and placed into the appropriate class/subject with the guidance of the counseling center.
 4. Forfeiture of Membership – defined as a member who voluntarily forfeits their membership on the dance team
- B.** Any member who makes below 70% in any course in a 9 weeks report card will be ineligible to perform for the next three weeks. (Exception: first eligibility check due to UIL on the first 6 weeks progress report or if a waiver is used on any 9 weeks report card). The period of ineligibility begins seven calendar days after the end of the grading period. (Texas Education Code 33.081) Ineligible members are still required to attend all practices, meetings, and fundraising events.
- C.** Any member who is ineligible for any two 9 week official grade checks will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the school year.
- D.** Any member who receives a "U" or more than one "N" in citizenship on any report card will be subject to a three-week probation. If the student receives any conduct grade lower than "S" after probation on any report card, in any class or subject, the member will be dismissed at the specified grading period.
- E.** Any member who is dismissed from the team during a school year is eligible to audition for the team for the next school year and will only receive privileges given to a first-year member.
- F.** Any officer or social committee member who is placed on probation will be demoted to line member status.
- G.** Any member assigned to ISS will be placed on probation from participation in all team performances for 15-60 school days, as determined by the director and campus principal, starting on the first day following the ISS assignment. A student who has been assigned to ISS may not participate in nor attend school-sponsored or school-related extracurricular activities during the period of assignment. Students on probation must be in attendance for rehearsals during the probationary period after the ISS assignment is complete.
- H.** Any member who is prevented from performing twice because of probation and/or ineligibility will be removed from the dance team for the remainder of the school year. The student will be removed from the dance team class and placed into the appropriate class/subject with the guidance of the counseling center.

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- I.** Any member assigned OSS or DAEP will be immediately dismissed from the team for the remainder of the school year.
- J.** Team members are prohibited from the following disciplinary behaviors which may result in probation or loss of membership at the director’s discretion:
- Fighting
 - Alcohol
 - Possession and/or use of tobacco products and/or drugs
 - Inappropriate language/profanity
 - Inappropriate behavior
 - Destruction and/or defacing of school property
 - Insubordination to faculty
 - Inappropriate social media behavior
- K.** Team members who forfeit their membership will be immediately dismissed and will not be permitted participation in any activity of the dance team for the remainder of the school year. A dismissed member must turn in their performing uniform(s) and any other issued items within seven days. The student may be removed from the dance team class and placed in the appropriate class/subject with the guidance of the counseling center. Any member who forfeits their membership from the team during a school year is eligible to audition for the team for the following year and will only receive privileges given to a first-year member.

The district administration, campus administration, or dance team directors may initiate amendments to the Clear Creek I.S.D. Dance Team Constitution. Amendments will be discussed and implemented only with the approval of a majority from the district administration, campus administration, and district dance team directors.