

Heritage High School  
Golden Pride Dance Team

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*Tryout  
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**Dear HHS Dance/Drill Team Hopeful & Parent/Guardian:**

**I am thrilled you have expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Heritage High School Dance Team!**

**Did you know that drill team has been in existence since 1939 when a woman by the name of Gussie Nell Davis created the world famous Kilgore College Rangerettes in Kilgore, Texas? Yes, it was right here in Texas that it all began! Her dream was for a dance line to perform with beauty and precision during the half-time of football games in order to keep the crowds in their seats. She created so much more than that when she pulled together this first group of dancers; she created a place where one could belong and experience incredible opportunities. Her dream is still alive today in numerous dance/drill teams throughout the nation!**

**I feel being a part of this team will benefit you in several ways. You will learn self-discipline, time management, how to set priorities and work towards team goals. You will also experience many things that will help you to become a creative, active and responsible member in our society—learning promptness, handling responsibility and failure, acquiring leadership roles, gaining the ability to accept and follow others, and maintain a good scholastic average. At the same time, you will be dancing and performing in front of appreciative audiences, as well as exercising and staying physically fit. Most of all, you will become part of a legacy as you help build traditions and spirit at Heritage High School!**

**The tryout clinic will be held at the same time as the line camp. You will learn the routines that will be used for the performance season. If selected by the judges for the team you will have the routine knowledge that you need for the season. You will also be required to attend the second session on Sunday. Hopefuls will audition with a kick sequence and a portion of the first routine taught. There will be a review session and the tryout process will be thoroughly explained to you. This is a onetime supplemental audition for the program since it is the opening year.**

**This packet contains all the critical information and all the forms needed to tryout. Please review and complete the attached forms. Completed applications will be accepted in your school's front office, or directly turned in to Mrs. Cooper by, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Packets must be turned in on time in order to tryout. If you have additional questions, please contact me at –[cooperst@friscoisd.org](mailto:cooperst@friscoisd.org).**

**Sincerely,**

**Mrs. Stefanie Cooper  
Heritage High School  
Dept. of Dance  
Director of Golden Pride Dance Team**

2009

HERITAGE HS GOLDEN PRIDE DANCE TEAM  
TRYOUT INFORMATION

2010

**\*\*All practices and tryouts are held at Heritage High School\*\***

**CLINIC DATES FOR TRYOUTS:**

**Saturday, August 22: 10am-5pm (Clinic & Review Session)**

**\*Be dressed and ready to start by the 5 p.m. start time!**

**\*PLEASE NOTE—TRYOUT CLINIC & AUDITION IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!!**

Per the constitution, it is *mandatory for all students to attend the tryout workshops in order to learn the material.* Failure to participate without *prior permission* from the director/administration may result in tryout ineligibility.

**TRYOUTS:**

**Saturday, August 22: 5-6:30pm (Audition with judges)**

**We will begin HHS tryouts at 5:00 p.m. I estimate to be finished by approximately 6:30 p.m. New dance/drill team members will be posted by their tryout number approx. TWO hours after the last group auditions.**

**PLEASE NOTE—TRYOUTS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!!**

**WHAT TO WEAR:**

*Workshop Sessions:* Appropriate dance attire (leotard or dance top, dance pants, and dance shoes) or workout wear. Shoes must be worn at all times for safety. Please, no shorts, crop tops, spaghetti straps or running shoes. Hair must be securely tied back at all times! No jewelry allowed!

*Tryouts:* A solid black leotard or fitted top, long black dance pants, black socks and black jazz shoes. Hair in a neat pony tail. No jewelry or fingernail polish, and makeup should be worn to emphasize facial features. Hair accessories (bows, rhinestones clips, etc.), glitter eye shadow, and body glitter are all prohibited. Audition number (given to hopefuls on the day of tryouts) must be pinned to chest.

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**REMINDER:** Candidates must turn in all required application forms enclosed in a manilla envelope, in the correct order [see tryout checklist], clearly labeled:

ATTN: Stefanie Cooper, Heritage High School  
Candidate's Name  
Heritage HS Dance Team Auditions, 2009-2010  
To the front office or directly to Mrs. Stefanie Cooper  
by THURSDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:00 PM.



# Dance/Drill Team Tryout Checklist

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

Grade Level for *2009-2010* \_\_\_\_\_

## --Golden Pride Dance Team--

Place all application materials in a manila envelope with this CHECKLIST on top, in the correct order listed below, clearly marked as follows:

ATTN: *Stefanie Cooper, Heritage High School*  
*Candidate's Name*  
*Heritage HS Dance Team Auditions, 2009-2010*

Turn in to one of the following places:  
**\*Heritage HS front office or \*Mrs. Cooper**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2009, 4:00 PM.**

- Tryout Checklist
- Candidate Application Form
- Participation/Constitution Contract
- Parent Permission/Financial Obligations Acknowledgement Form
- Medical & Travel Form
- Information Agreement Form
- \*\*Physician Form, COMPLETED BY A PHYSICIAN (2 sided white form)\*\***
- Report Card: Must show each grading period for the 1-6<sup>th</sup> six weeks

**\*\* Failure to have forms turned in prior to tryouts may result in tryout ineligibility \*\***

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A candidate must meet the following FUSD criteria to audition for drill team:

*(Reference also FUSD Dance/Drill Team Constitution and Guidelines, 2009-2010, Tryout Qualifications and Requirements)*

#### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR TRYOUTS:

- ✓ MUST NOT HAVE BEEN ACADEMICALLY INELIGIBLE FOR MORE THAN TWO, SIX-WEEKS GRADING PERIODS DURING THE APPLICATION YEAR.
- ✓ GRADING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE BASED ON THE FIRST, FOUR SIX-WEEKS OF THE APPLICATION YEAR.
- ✓ MUST NOT HAVE FAILED MORE THAN ONE CLASS DURING ANY GRADING PERIOD.
- ✓ MUST HAVE NO MORE THAN THREE DAYS OF ISS DURING THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR AND NO OSS OR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS DURING THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.
- ✓ MUST NOT HAVE MISSED MORE THAN 10% OF SCHOOL DAYS IN ANY COURSE (WITHOUT MAKING UP THOSE HOURS).
- ✓ MUST BE CLEARED THROUGH BOTH THE ATTENDANCE AND ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICES BEFORE ELIGIBLE TO TRYOUT.
- ✓ TRYOUTS MAY BE VIDEO RECORDED IF STUDENT IS UNAVAILABLE TO TRY OUT DURING THE SPECIFIED TIME BECAUSE OF A SCHOOL SPONSORED OR UIL SPONSORED EVENT.

HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL  
GOLDEN PRIDE DANCE TEAM  
CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy)

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt # City Zip Code

Student Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/ Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Work: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from yours): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Father/ Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Work: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Father Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from yours): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Organizations you plan to be in next year: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN PRIDE DANCE TEAM  
PARTICIPATION/CONSTITUTION CONTRACT  
2009-2010**

**Participation in the Heritage High School Dance Team organization is a privilege, not a right.** In order for the member to retain this privilege, the policies and procedures contained in the handbook/constitution must be adhered to in the spirit of discipline, education, and overall goals and objectives of the Frisco I.S.D. and the district-wide, Dance Team Constitution and Guidelines, 2009-2010.

The policies and enforcement procedures are relative to the HHS Dance Team program and will be administered accordingly. The rules, regulations, and policies are all outlined in the Frisco I.S.D.'s Dance/Drill Team Constitution and Guidelines, 2009-2010.

I have read the Frisco I.S.D.'s Dance/Drill Team Constitution and Guidelines, 2009-2010, and fully understand the expense, time, and discipline that would be required of me as a dance/drill team member. I agree to abide by all provisions of Heritage High School's Dance/Drill Team. I understand that if I am unable to meet the requirements set forth in the constitution, I will forfeit my membership as a HHS Dance Team member.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (*PRINTED*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read the Frisco I.S.D.'s Dance/Drill Team Constitution and Guidelines, 2009-2010, and I am fully aware of the time, expense, and discipline membership would require of my son/daughter. I understand and agree to abide by all provisions of the FISSD's Dance/Drill Team Constitution and Guidelines. I further stipulate that I will assist the Dance/Drill Team Director and Heritage High School in the monitoring and enforcement of the constitution policies and procedures. I support my son/daughter in this endeavor and understand the implications that will result in the event that the rules and regulations are not followed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (*PRINTED*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Heritage High School Dance/Drill Team  
PARENT PERMISSION / FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ (Candidate's name) has my permission to participate as a member of the Heritage High School Dance/Drill Team in all team practices, performances, and other activities. I understand and accept the rules and regulations that accompany participation as a member of the dance team as well as the penalties for failing to comply (as outlined in the Frisco ISD Dance/Drill Team Constitution and Guidelines and the FISD Code of Conduct for extracurricular activity involvement). I will assist in every way to ensure that the rules and regulations of the Heritage High School Dance/Drill Team are upheld. I also understand that parental involvement is essential to the success of the Team and I will do my best to lend my help to my son/daughter and the team.

Individual expenses for Heritage High School Dance/Drill Team members are estimated to be approx. \$750.00. Many required items are a one-time start up expense, as well as other expenses that will cover two to three years. Therefore, upon the member's return in subsequent years, expenses will be considerably less.

MEMBER TOTAL COST = estimated \$750.00

[covers items such as: member training camp (summer '09), practice attire, jazz shoes, field boots, field hat, tights, team bag, etc.]

Estimated payment dates (to be confirmed by director, once a director is named):

\*on August 24<sup>th</sup> by 4:00pm: 50% Deposit of total membership

\*On or Before September 14<sup>th</sup>: Balance Due

I understand and agree to pay costs involved for my son/daughter to participate in the Heritage High School Dance/Drill Team. I understand that my son/daughter will not be allowed to perform until these payments are secured.

(In special cases, payment arrangements can be made to accommodate need. Please forward your concern to Mrs. Stefanie Cooper [cooperst@friscoisd.org] before basing your decision to tryout on the monetary requirements.)

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL DANCE/DRILL TEAM

## MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

In the event of accident, injury, or illness, I request that the school contact me as soon as possible. If the school is unable to reach me, I hereby authorize the instructor or sponsor to obtain medical treatment for my child as evidenced by my signature on this form. It is understood that neither the instructor nor the high school/ FISD assumes any responsibility in the event of accident, injury, illness. A physical will be required to keep on file at the school in case of injury.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/ Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Home: (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/ Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Home: (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last tetanus: \_\_\_\_\_

Current medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Person to contact if parents cannot be reached:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

List any current physical problems your child has below:

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I attest to my child's physical well-being and give my consent for her complete participation in all dance related activities. I understand he/she will attend all rehearsals and follow all rules and regulations as discussed in the constitution and as established by the director. I understand my son/daughter is responsible for providing his/her own transportation to and from dance rehearsals and activities, and I will not hold the school district, the high school, the principal, or the director responsible for any accident or injury that might occur to, from, or during a dance rehearsal, activity, or production.

Parents' signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Students' signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL  
DANCE/DRILL TEAM  
TRAVEL RELEASE FORM**

As part of its educational program, the Frisco Independent School District ("FISD") has organized a variety of educational and learning activities and trips in which your child will have an opportunity to participate. These trips and activities are designed to benefit students by providing unique learning experiences and exposure to new and different people and places in a supervised setting. School personnel will keep you informed of the upcoming activities in which your child will have the opportunity to participate.

I, the undersigned, the parent and/or legal guardian of the student identified below, a minor, hereby acknowledge that said minor is presently under my care, custody and control. I hereby give the student identified below my express permission to travel with school personnel on the educational enrichment activities and trips the school has planned and to participate in all scheduled activities involved in the trip or activity.

I acknowledge that liability of FISD, the FISD Board of Trustees, and any agents, employees, representatives, insurers, successors, and assignees of the entities just named, is narrowly defined and extremely limited by Texas law and local policy.

**STUDENT/PARENT AUTHORIZATION & RELEASE  
FOR OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITES**

The Frisco Independent School District ("FISD") offers a variety of learning activities at designated off-campus locations in which students will have an opportunity to participate. I hereby give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the various off-campus activities associated with the Frisco Dance/Drill Team program(s). I understand the FISD may not provide transportation to and from all activities. In the event that FISD does not provide such transportation, I further understand that I must provide transportation for my son/daughter as a condition of his/her participation in that activity.

In consideration for allowing my son/daughter to participate in off-campus activities, I knowingly and voluntarily agree to assume full responsibility and assume all risk for any accident, loss, damage, and injuries he or she may sustain as a result of or arising out of any aspect of the activity. Furthermore, I, on behalf of myself, my son/daughter named below, our respective family members, and our respective heirs, legatees, executors, administrators, and assignees, hereby agree to release, acquit, discharge, and hold harmless FISD, and FISD Board of Trustees, and any agents, employees, representatives, insurers, successors, and assignees of the entities just named from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, actions or causes of action, of whatever kind or character, whether known or unknown, whether arising out of federal, state, or local statute or common law, including claims resulting from negligence, that I or my son/daughter may sustain arising out of any aspect of the off-campus activity, including, but not limited to, driving or riding to or from the off-campus activity.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN-STUDENT TRAVEL RELEASE & AGREEMENT**

I HAVE REVIEWED AND AGREE TO THE INFORMATION STATED ABOVE. I UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS AND GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR MY SON/DAUGHTER TO ATTEND DISTRICT AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRIPS, SCHOOL-SPONSORED, EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT FRISCO ISD AND LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INJURIES AND MEDICAL COST FOR STUDENTS. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY VIOLATION OF SET RULES WILL SUBJECT MY CHILD TO SUSPENSION FROM CLASS, EXPULSION FROM SCHOOL AND DISMISSAL FROM THE DANCE/DRILL TEAM ORGANIZATION. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT ANY STUDENT VIOLATING THE CONDUCT RULES OF FRISCO I.S.D. OR THE DANCE/DRILL TEAM ORGANIZATION WILL BE SENT HOME AT HER EXPENSE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Heritage High School  
Dance/Drill Team  
INFORMATION AGREEMENT FORM

An information meeting will be held at HHS on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:00pm. The meeting will present information to assist in understanding the dance team organization and tryout process. If you are not clear and have questions, please make contact with Stefanie Cooper by e-mail at [cooperst@friscoisd.org](mailto:cooperst@friscoisd.org), as soon as possible.



**This form must accompany your application whether or not you AND your parent attended the information meeting at HHS on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Your application will be incomplete without this page and you will not be allowed to audition.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Golden Pride Dance Team Dates to Remember**

8/22: Audition Clinic 10-5pm  
8/22: Audition 5-6:30pm  
8/23: Team Line Camp 12-2pm  
8/24: First Day of School  
8/24: Order Form Due  
8/24: 50% Deposit of Order Form Due

### **Football Performances**

9/3: 7:30 pm @ Heritage  
9/11: 7:30pm @ Pizza Hut Park  
9/17: 7pm @Heritage  
9/24: 7pm @ Heritage  
10/1: 5:30pm @ Heritage  
10/15: 5:30pm @ Heritage  
10/22: 7:30pm @Heritage

\*Pep Rally Dates to Come!