



2021-2022

Royal Pride Drill Team

Tryout Packet

April 6th: Virtual tryout meeting video posted on our team website

April 26th-3:00 pm: Application Deadline

April 27th-April 29th: Tryout Clinic

April 30th: Tryouts

April 30th & May 1st: Judges Deliberation

May 1st: Team Announcement

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY!!

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child is interested in trying out to become a member of the Grand Oaks High School Royal Pride Drill Team, which is one of the most valuable and exciting growth opportunities available to your child at Grand Oaks High School. This will be our fourth year as an organization and with that comes both the opportunity and responsibility to serve as ambassadors for our school and community. We will help lead the way in setting both team and school traditions and fostering a legacy that will continue for years to come. Should your child make the team, they will have an outstanding opportunity to build self confidence, social and organizational skills, and gain a lifetime of memories as we pursue their passion for dance.

This team will allow your child to grow as both a dancer and a leader, equipping them to be successful not only in the program, but upon graduation. Drill Team will challenge your child to learn how to work for TEAM goals, rather than their own personal glory. They will learn how to discipline themselves, how to manage their time, and how to set priorities. Putting teammates first, maintaining high academics, displaying integrity, and a positive attitude will be required at all times. This will enable the team to accomplish anything that it sets out to do. Students will learn skills such as promptness, handling responsibility, handling failure, competition with peers, maintaining the chain of command, and so much more.

Being a part of an extracurricular drill team is a privilege and not a right. This will involve some sacrifice and understanding as a parent, and you need to be aware of what expectation I will have for your child if they make our team. Drill Team is year-round. They will be expected to attend ALL practices and performances, including but not limited to summer camps/practices, daily practice, football games, pep rallies, parades/community events, competitions, Spring Show, and more. In order to maintain an organization of excellence, this organization will be governed by strict rules and your child will be expected to follow the Drill Team Constitution. They will be held accountable for their actions against the Constitution and will maintain discipline and responsibility at all times. All are expected to be punctual and present with a positive attitude at all functions and performances. If your child is interested in participating in other extracurriculars, it is encouraged if scheduling permits. However, if your child has other interests and cannot commit fully to this organization, then I suggest that you discuss it before they try out. Drill Team is a full time commitment and requires the majority of your student's time and devotion. Each dancer will be expected to participate in all fundraising projects. Your child will also expect you to become an active member of the Royal Pride Drill Team Booster Club to show your support for their organization. ***Parent support is essential to the success of this organization.*** A member does not simply join the team, a family does.

Being a member of the team does not guarantee them to dance in any/all performances. When and if your child makes the team, this means that they have all of the capabilities and performance qualities to be a member of the Royal Pride Drill Team. However, your child must work to improve from that point on because the difficulty and technical requirements increase throughout the year and so must your child's training. Each dance will require specific standards/performance criteria and may differ in terms of genre, difficulty, personality, flexibility, and technical ability. Each dancer will be required to try out for each performance routine in front of the directors and must meet expectations for every performance. As Director, I will not lower the quality of the performance or the abilities of others so that everyone can perform. It is up to each dancer to reach the standards for each routine and to earn the privilege of dancing in that performance. If your student does not execute/meet expectations for a particular routine, they would be placed on "alternate status" until the director feels that they have achieved the necessary requirements in a timely manner that could enable them to be added into that particular performance without hindering the rest of the team. All alternates are expected to practice with everyone else to keep up with changes and corrections. They may be placed in the routine at any time at the director's discretion. Dancers also do not dance formations according to their veteran status, but by technical ability.

The final issue to address is the matter of expense. While drill team is very rewarding, it is expensive. All supplies must be bought and fees paid in a timely manner. Members must cover practice clothes, camp fees, contest fees, travel expenses, and other supplies necessary for the year. The team and Booster club raise money for team expenses but this does not cover everything a member needs.

Good luck to your child and thank you for your time. I am looking forward to another great year at Grand Oaks High School.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hardesty Royal Pride Drill Team Director-jhardesty@conroeisd.net

Hannah Gassett Royal Pride Drill Team [Asst. Director-hgassett@conroeisd.net](mailto:Asst.Director-hgassett@conroeisd.net)

Dear Royal Pride Drill Team Candidate,

I am looking forward to your attendance at this year's tryout and thank you for your interest in becoming a member of our organization.

Being a member of the Royal Pride Drill Team can be one of the most valuable and exciting growth opportunities available to you at Grand Oaks High School. This will be our fourth year as an organization and with that comes both the opportunity and responsibility to serve as ambassadors for our school and community as we establish what it means to be a Grand Oaks Grizzly. We will help lead the way in setting both team and school traditions and fostering a legacy that will continue for years to come. Should you make the team, you will have an outstanding opportunity to build self confidence, social and organizational skills and gain a lifetime of memories as we pursue our passion for dance.

Our year together will include summer camps/practices, daily practice, football games, pep rallies, parades/community events, competitions, Spring Show, and more. Your first step in becoming a part of this wonderful experience will be to watch the mandatory virtual tryout meeting video with a parent/guardian. This video will be posted on our team website www.royalpridedrillteam.com, under the tryout tab, on Wednesday, April 6th.

You must fill out your application online and turn in all online paperwork complete with all of the necessary information and electronic signatures by April 26th, 2021. The Tryout Clinic is mandatory and will begin on April 27th-29th from 4:30pm-7:00pm in the GOHS Gym. Tryouts will be held on Friday, April 30th at 5:00pm. The results will be posted on our website on May 1st.

You will be judged by a panel of experienced judges, and the candidates with the highest scores will become members of the team. There is no set limit to the number of candidates that can be chosen, nor set score that automatically confers acceptance. If all the qualifications, standards, and skills are met, you will make the team. The judges will make a cut wherever there is a natural break in overall scores. There will be 3 breaks. The first break will determine who makes Varsity. The second break will determine who makes Junior Varsity, and the third break will determine who does not make either team. Should there not be an obvious middle break, a Junior Varsity will not be established this year.

You will be judged on appearance, poise, projection, rhythm, style, kicks, splits, knowledge of the routine and overall technique, ability, and school record. Please remember that not everyone is cut out for drill team. Although it may look glamorous from the outside looking in, there is a great deal of time and work involved in membership.

Finally, is the matter of expense. Yes, it does cost to be a member of the Royal Pride Drill Team, but it is so worth it! The initial cost of purchasing all needed materials is high but in following years many items are reused so that returning members' costs are much lower. You will be expected to purchase supplies and pay for camp almost immediately after being chosen for the team. During the year, travel and competition fees will need to be paid by specified due dates. Your parents will also be asked to join the Booster Club. They will be expected to attend meetings, pay dues, help with fundraisers, and other Booster Club projects and volunteer their time. Parents will be asked to work a minimum of hours each year in order to support the team. They will also be required to help with the dance contest we host each year. It is very important that your parents understand that you joining the dance team is a family commitment and will require time and energy from everyone.

It is also important to realize that the expectations for the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams are the same, with exceptions being that a JV team would rehearse mainly in class, would perform at a lower frequency and technical ability, and will work to improve skills that will prepare them for competition at the Varsity level. While still a large financial commitment, JV costs about half of what the Varsity team does, as there are not as many items to order.

I applaud you as you embark on this next journey. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for showing interest in our organization and goodluck!

Sincerely,

Jessica Hardesty Royal Pride Drill Team Director-jhardesty@conroeisd.net

Hannah Gassett Royal Pride Drill Team Asst. Director-hgassett@conroeisd.net

Royal Pride Drill Team 2020 - 2021 Overview

*This is subject to change.

*Varsity vs Junior Varsity is specified below. If it does not specify, it is intended for everyone.

The season may include but is not limited to:

May (These Dates may move online due to Covid-19)	December
May 12th-Vendor Night Group A- <i>Junior Varsity Only</i>	Announce Contest Dates
May 13th-Vendor Night Group B- <i>Varsity Only</i>	Holiday Parade/Community Performances- TBD
Team Fundraisers- Team Sponsorship Poster	Finish Contest Routines/Tryout for Routines
	Team Holiday Party
June	
June 4-7 Trendsetters Officer Camp at Westin Galleria- <i>Officers Only</i>	January
	Polish Contest Routines
July	Solo/Ensemble Contest-TBD
July 19th Mandatory Team/Parent Meeting	School Musical-TBD
July 19th Team Fundraiser Sponsorship Poster Due	
July 19th-23rd Team Home Line Camp- Varsity Dates	February
July 21st-23rd Team Home Line Camp- <i>JV Dates</i>	Contest Season- TBD
	Trendsetters Host Competition
August	Spring Pep Rally
July 26th-Aug 6th Summer Practice/Training- TBD	
Freshman Orientation & Open House	March
Back to School-August 11th	Finish Contests
Practice Football/Pep Rally Routines- <i>Varsity All Games</i>	Spring Break-Potential Travel- <i>Varsity Only</i>
Practice Football Routines- <i>JV potentially 2-3 Varsity Games & 2 JV Games (4-5 games). No Pep Rallies</i>	Plan Spring Show
September	April
Football Games/Pep Rallies	Spring Show
Homecoming-Date TBD	Team Fundraiser-Dance Clinic/Show Vendors
Dance Clinic	Team/Officer Tryouts
October	May
Football Games/Pep Rallies	Banquet
Begin Contest Choreography- <i>JV potentially 2-3 contest routines. TBD</i>	New Team/Officer Work Days- <i>Varsity Only</i>
Philanthropy Month-PINK OUT	Officer Camp- <i>Varsity Only</i>
November	Throughout the Year
End of Football Season	Spirit Nights, Sister Gifts, Parties & Bonding
Practice Contest Routines	

ROYAL PRIDE DRILL TEAM START UP COSTS

- On *May 12th & 13th, 2021* there will be a Mandatory New Team/Parent Meeting & Vendor Nights.
 - Varsity versus Junior Varsity items are designated below.

Estimate of startup cost: \$1200-\$1500 for Varsity & \$750 Junior Varsity

HOME LINE CAMP/CHOREOGRAPHY: July 19th-23rd- \$200 Varsity July 21st-23rd- \$130 Junior Varsity

LEAPIN' LEOTARD ITEMS:

- Black ankle length leggings-*Varsity & JV*
- Black boy short-*Varsity & JV*
- Royal blue boy short-*Varsity Only*
- Charcoal gray boy short-*Varsity Only*
- Black Nike-style cover up shorts-*Varsity & JV*
- Black dance tank top-*Varsity & JV*
- Royal blue & orange tank top-*Varsity & JV*
- Black sports bra-*Varsity & JV*
- Royal blue sports bra-*Varsity Only*
- Warm ups-*Varsity & JV*
- Game day t-shirt-*Varsity & JV*
- Team duffle bag-*Varsity & JV*
- Team poncho-*Varsity & JV*
- Team water jug-*Varsity & JV*
- Team boots-*Varsity Only*
- Team hat & hat cover-*Varsity Only*
- Team earrings-*Varsity & JV*
- Team stadium seat-*Varsity & JV*
- Tan convertible tights (2 pair)-*JV*
- Tan stirrup tights (2 pair)-*Varsity*
- Nude convertible bra-*Varsity & JV*
- Tan jazz shoes-*Varsity & JV*
- Tan turners-*Varsity Only*

CUSTOMIZED T-SHIRTS FOR THE YEAR: \$60--Varsity & JV

SEPHORA MAKEUP: \$24

- Red Lip stain \$12-*Varsity & JV*
- Red Lipliner \$12-*Optional*

BOOSTER CLUB DUES: \$200 Varsity/\$100 Junior Varsity

COMPETITION FEES: \$250 Varsity/ \$125 JV

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL FEES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR \$100

- 1) Yearly Sister Gifts (about 4 – 6)
- 2) Seasonal Parties – asked to bring an item, assigned by squad
- 3) Studio Gifts – (assigned items by squad: tissues, paper towels, cases of waters, feminine, products, etc.)
- 4) Team Overalls

All applicants must complete the online application, signature pages, & medical release forms at:

<https://www.royalpridedrillteam.com>

Royal Pride Drill Team Line Tryouts

Performance Sample Score Sheet

Candidate # _____

Appearance (5 points) _____

Showmanship (10 points) _____

Knowledge/Memory (10 points) _____

Technique (20 points) _____

Rhythm & Timing (10 points) _____

Precision & Execution (10 points) _____

Turns (5 points) _____

Kick Height (5 points) _____

Kick Technique (5 points) _____

Splits- Left (5 points) _____

Splits-Right (5 points) _____

Overall Impression (10 points) _____

TOTAL _____ (out of 100)

Judge's Signature _____

School Record Sample Evaluation Sheet

(Based on the past year's grades, attendance and discipline)

FIRST SEMESTER	THIRD NINE WEEKS

Students receive 5 points for A's, 4 points for B's, 3 points for C's, 2 points for D's and 1 points for F's.

Report Card TOTAL _____ (80 points)

Number of Referrals _____ Reason(s) _____ _____	6 points – 0 infractions 4 points – 1 – 2 infractions 2 point – 3 infractions 0 points – 4 or more infractions	_____
Number of times assigned ISS _____ Reason (s) _____ _____	6 points – None 2 point – 1 time 0 points – 2 or more times	_____
Number of times assigned OSS/DAEP _____ Reason (s) _____ _____	2 points – None 0 points – 1 or more times	_____
Number of Excused Abs (E) or (DOC) _____	2 points,0-2; 1 point, 3-5; 0 points, 6 or more	_____
Number of Unexcused Abs (U) or (TRU) _____	2 points,0-1; 1 point, 2-4; 0 points, 5 or more	_____
Number of Total Tardies (T) _____	2 points,0-2; 1 point, 3-5; 0 points, 6 or more	_____

Attendance/Discipline TOTAL _____ (20 points)

Candidate #: _____

TOTAL POINTS (100 possible) _____