

Highlandette Hopeful Tryout Packet



2021-2022



HIGHLANDETTE LINE TRYOUT INFORMATION

Join the Google Classroom: 3xcthz

Tryout Date: Friday March 26th, in the Dance room 4:30 p.m- ?

Pre-training/Practice Times: Tuesday, March 23rd - Thursday, March 25th 4-6pm

Complete Application Due no later than Wednesday, March 24th.

Practice is Mandatory. You may not tryout unless you are present at all practices. If another school activity is planned during these times, please let me know so we can make other arrangements. Practice attire should consist of comfortable shorts, t-shirts, tennis shoes and socks. You may wear dance attire if you have it.

Audition clothes: (All Black) Black leotard or fitted black top, black jazz pants, tennis shoes or any color dance jazz shoes. Hair must be pulled away from face and if long enough, must be in a ponytail or bun. Make-up should be darker than everyday makeup. It is not necessary to go out and buy new leotards, etc. You may borrow from old Highlandettes or current members. Borrowed items must be returned immediately after tryouts so bring other clothes to change into following tryouts.

Judging: See the sample score sheet. The decision of the judges is final.

Cost: Approximate cost for a 1st year member is -\$800.00. A complete cost breakdown will be given at the first team/parent meeting in May. Meeting time will be announced at the end of tryouts. **A \$100.00 deposit will be due** at that meeting. The final payment will be due in August. Payment plans are an option. Most items are monogrammed with the student's names and are not returnable.

Please understand if you move, your child quits or is removed from the team, you will still owe the money.

Virtual parent meeting Tuesday March 9th at 6pm- Join the google meet with the following code: hxwr7jkwj4 or through the google classroom link at the top.

Dear Highlandette Hopefuls and Parents,

As the Highlandettes prepare for the 2021-2022 season, it is important that you understand the expectations that will be placed upon each team member. Since the Highlandettes represent Burnet High School, it is essential that each girl strive to always bring credit to the school, community, and the Esprit de Corps organization.

Highlandettes is a full year commitment. Members are expected to have the understanding that Highlandettes do not have an off season and are to follow through with their commitment; there will be obstacles and challenges that I as their director will expect them to overcome.

The Handbook includes the constitution and guidelines you and your child must follow as well as general information about the dance/drill team purpose. Please read through the Handbook *carefully*. Highlandettes is a full year commitment. *Each girl must truly want to be a Highlandette and be willing to work hard.*

After you have read the handbook, please decide if you are willing to abide by the guidelines and requirements as stated. Understand that if you are unable to meet the requirements, your membership in Highlandettes will be forfeited. If it is your decision to abide by these rules, please fill out and sign the application, contract and medical release forms at the end of this handbook. All forms are due no later than Wednesday, March 20th. Thank you and best wishes! Please do not hesitate to call or email with your questions and concerns. email: cclinton@burnetcisd.net

Do not forget to following items: (You must turn in all of the following items or you WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TRYOUT) Please turn in papers in this order,

PAPER CLIPPED TOGETHER

- _____ Application
- _____ Current Picture (no selfie)
- _____ Contract (signed)
- _____ Highlandette Medical Form and Record of Serious Illness (signed)
- _____ Current Report Card (2020-2021 school year, with each 6 weeks)

Below is a sample of the score sheet

Number	COMMENTS:(+) excellent (✓) good (-)needs improvement Each candidate must have a "yes" from each judge to become a Highlandette member.	Yes/No/ Call Back (CB)
	<p>Dance: _____</p> <p>Projection _____</p> <p>Memory _____</p> <p>Completion of Movements _____</p> <p>Overall Technique _____</p> <p>Upper body _____</p> <p>Lower body _____</p> <p>Arm Control _____</p> <p>Toe Points _____</p> <p>Head Placement _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Additional Comments:</p>	
<p>Dance Elements: _____</p> <p>Single Turn _____</p> <p>Double Turn _____</p> <p>Chaine' _____</p> <p>Jete' _____</p> <p>Overall Impression _____</p> <p>_____ Grades</p> <p>_____ Attendance</p>		
<p>Kick Series: _____</p> <p>Projection _____</p> <p>Overall Technique _____</p> <p>Toe Points _____</p> <p>Hand Placement _____</p> <p>Upper Body _____</p> <p>Base Leg _____</p> <p>Fans _____</p> <p>Right Split _____</p> <p>Left Split _____</p> <p>Foot Closures _____</p>		
<p>Judge: _____</p>		

Current Photo

Here

Needs to be a head shot.

(no selfies, please)

Photos must fit in this frame.

Application

Return application by

Wednesday March 24, 2021

*Late and incomplete packets
will not be excepted.*

Name _____

Classification 2021-2022(circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Address _____

Students Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

List any school or community groups you are currently active in:

Burnet High School
1000 The Green Mile
Burnet, TX 78611
512-756-6193 ext. 2445
Director: Caity Clinton
cclinton@burnetcisd.net

Dear Parents,

I dread tryouts more than any performance, show, etc. I hate the fact that some girls are chosen and some are not. I know the heartbreak some of the girls feel and it hurts me just as much. Line tryouts and practices are closed to the public. I want to give your child every advantage I can and some are nervous enough without having many people watching them. Please understand this is not to “hide” anything. It is to make your child feel more comfortable during this stressful time.

As adults we have all learned that “life goes on” and we do get over disappointments. I am appealing to you to help your child deal with the disappointment if she doesn’t make the team, and to help her keep her excitement in check if she does. Please keep in mind that I do not select the team for the next year. I hire qualified judges. You may think your child is the best and certainly deserves to make the team. Most parents do. However, the judges do not know and love your child the way you do. They are present to select the best representation of ability. Please, please support and encourage your child. Placing blame on someone else only teaches these young ladies to display bad sportsmanship.

If you have a complaint or would like to express your disappointment, etc., all score sheets will be in Mr. Burkhart’s office Monday and will be held in his office for 5 working days, after this period score sheet will no long be available for viewing. You may call his office and set up an appointment if you feel the need to look at them.

Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated! Best wishes to your child. We are truly proud of all of them for their efforts.

Sincerely,

Caity Clinton

**BURNET HIGHLANDETTE
Travel and Medical Form**

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name _____ Telephone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Birthdate _____ Age _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian _____
Phone (C) _____ (W) _____
Parent/Guardian _____
Phone (C) _____ (W) _____
**Emergency Contact _____
Phone (C) _____ (W) _____

Insurance Information

Health Insurance Co. _____
Policy Number _____ Group Number _____
Primary Care Physician _____ Telephone Number _____

If possible, please attach a front/back copy of your insurance card

Health Information

List any known drug/food allergies _____

List any medical conditions and history (asthma, contacts, serious injury) _____

RECORD OF SERIOUS INJURIES/ILLNESSES AND/OR OPERATIONS PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROBLEM:

(Please fill in any injury that could be on going or recurring, treatment for the problem, attending physicians, ect.)

Non-Prescription / Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Authorization

If available, a First Aid kit, with approved OTC items, may be provided for minor ailments.

____ (initial) I **do not** give consent to administer any non-prescription medication to my student.

____ (initial) I give consent to administer non-prescription medications to my student as initialed below:

*Please **initial** each medication that can be administered:*

_____ Acetaminophen _____ Ibuprofen _____ Antihistamine/Decongestant _____ Sore Throat Lozenges

_____ Antacids _____ Anti-Diarrheal _____ Electrolyte _____ Menstrual Pain Reliever

I hereby certify that my student has no known drug allergies _____ (initial).

Prescription Authorization

I request that BCISD staff administer medication/s listed below to my student according to the physician's instructions. I agree to furnish an adequate amount of medication in the original container at the time of travel.

Medication/s: _____

***Note:** Medications may be updated/added at the time of travel and additional forms may be attached as needed. Medications will be administered according to the physician's instruction on original container*

PARENTS' PERMISSION, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY OF SCHOOL TRIPS

I understand that the Burnet Consolidate Independent School District (BCISD) will provide transportation for all students, for trips relating to school-sponsored activities. My child has my permission to participate in such trip. When school vehicle cannot be obtained, I give permission for my child to be transported by a private vehicle driven by a licensed operator. The vehicle must be covered by liability insurance and will be under the direct supervision of a school staff member. To the best of my knowledge he/she is physically fit to engaged in such activities and is not suffering from any disease or injury, which would disqualify her from making such trip.

I agree and hereby waive and release all claims against the BCISD and any teacher, employee, or other person engaged any activity in question and agree to hold them harmless from all liability relating to my child for any personal injury or illness that may be suffer or any loss of property that may occur. It is understood that all policies regulations standards of the Burnet CISD will be in effect and must be adhered to on any trip.

I acknowledge that in case of an emergency, illness or accident an attempt will be made to reach the emergency contact people I have listed. However, if no one can be reached, I authorize the school officials to take whatever action is deemed necessary in their judgement, for the health of my child.

Signed at Burnet, TX this _____ day of _____ 20_____

Parent/Guardian: _____

CONSTITUTION/GUIDELINES

SECTION I.

Purpose:

The purpose of this organization will be to promote and maintain school spirit and sportsmanship; to provide entertainment whenever necessary in cooperation with the school and civic activities; and to develop character, leadership and individual responsibility while maintaining high moral standards.

SECTION II.

Qualifications and Requirements

- A. Must be an 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grader at the time of tryouts.
- B. Members must have on file: handbook agreement, application form, travel and medical form.
- C. Members must be physically and emotionally capable of dancing extensively.
- D. Members must be able to give freely of their time for any dance activity throughout the year, before, during and after school and in the summer.
- E. Members must be willing to participate fully in all fundraising activities.
- F. Members must be willing to cooperate fully with the drill team director.

SECTION III.

Tryouts

Line members will be taught a combination of a kick series and jazz routine prior to tryouts. They will perform this routine before a panel of judges. Selection will be based on the following: appearance, technique, rhythm, precision and unity, flexibility, projection and knowledge of routine.

SECTION IV.

Membership

- A. Membership is open student enrolled in Burnet High School.
- B. Members of the team are selected in the spring for the following year. Applicants audition for outside judges. There will be no set number of members accepted.
- C. Managers are considered members of the team and will be held to the same standards of the dancers.
- D. It is recommended that members maintain a 75 average or above in all classes. Members must maintain a passing average in each class to participate in performances and activities. If a member fails more than two six-weeks in a semester, the member will be put on probation and could lose her/his membership if improvement is not shown by the next six weeks.
 1. Grades will be checked by the director at the end of each reporting period.
 2. Any member failing to meet the standard will be put on academic probation for three weeks. During this time, all after-school meetings and rehearsals are suspended and the member will not be seen in any attire representing the team. At the end of the three weeks, the member must be passing in order to resume participation.
- E. In case of a serious accident or illness, a member has the option to remain on the team, provided that:
 1. They will be able to perform for at least part of the year.
 2. They have the consent of the director.
- F. Any condition that hinders a member from fulfilling the duties required as a team member for an extended amount of time could result in dismissal at the discretion of the director and principal.
- G. The director may dismiss a member at any time for failing to comply with the drill team constitution.
- H. If a member is dismissed for disciplinary reasons, they will be ineligible for tryouts the next year.

SECTION V.

Membership Responsibilities

- A. Be **RESPECTFUL** at all times.
 - B. Exhibit good taste in appearance at all times.
 - C. Display exceptional social behavior at all times.
 - D. Attend places and activities which are of reputable character.
 - E. Must be honest.
 - F. Must willingly show school spirit.
 - G. Must have a **GREAT** attitude.
 - H. Must be well mannered toward all authority figures.
 - I. Must show good sportsmanship.
 - J. Must not have or display any distasteful photos of one's own self.
 - K. Members will not use distasteful language at any time.
 - L. Members must **NOT** drink, smoke, use drugs/ alcohol, or participate in any activity that would be degrading to the team.
 - M. Any member who is found guilty of participating in illegal acts may be dismissed from the team.
- The Director reserves the right to put a member on probation or dismiss a member from the team if there is any evidence of the member not following the membership responsibilities.**

SECTION VI.

Booster Club-Parental Permission and Responsibilities

- A. Parents must give their permission for their child to fulfill all the responsibilities of being a member.
- B. Parents must be willing to meet the financial obligations.
- C. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from all activities, except when transportation is provided by the school district.
- D. Parents should be willing to participate and help in the organization's activities.

SECTION VII

Attendance

- A. Attendance is required at all practices, performances and events. The only excused absences are: serious illness or other school related business. Any other circumstances for excused absences will be determined by the director.
- B. Member should not miss a practice the week of a performance. If the member misses a practice, they may not be able to perform.
- C. Make-up's for practice will be determined by the director.
- D. The members will have at least one night practice and several morning practices. These practice times will be set by the director.

SECTION VIII

Performance

- A. The drill team performs at all football games and pep rallies.
- B. Some members may be invited throughout the year to perform at various events such as basketball games or community events.
- C. In the spring, the drill team will compete in contest, march in parades and perform at the annual Spring Show. The dates and times of the performances will be set by the director. All performances are mandatory.

- D. In order to perform at an event, the member must attend school the day of the event. If the event is on Saturday, the member must have attended school on the previous Friday to attend the performance. Unless the absence is approved by the director.
- E. A member may be denied performing privileges for several reasons including:
 - 1. Missing too many practices/ rehearsals
 - 2. Not performing to the team's standards
 - 3. Academic probation
 - 4. Drill team disciplinary probation
 - 5. Disrespecting the director or the team
- F. The director will determine performance standards and will decide who is allowed to perform.

SECTION IX

Officers

- A. Officers will be required to be more dedicated and to put in more practice time towards the team.
- B. Officers are required to attend all Highlandette events; including officer camp, and must be early to practices and performances.
- C. Officer qualifications are:
 - 1. Recommended that she/he maintain an 80 or above average in all classes.
 - 2. Must not fail any class throughout the year or the officer will be put on probation from their office and could be removed.
 - 3. Must be an example to the team.
 - 4. Must enforce and follow the rules.
 - 5. Must be responsible, be a leader and support the director. Should be actively participating in dance classes outside of Highlandettes and/or continuing dance education.
 - 6. Must be creative and open-minded.
- D. Duties of the officers are assigned by the director. Listed below are a few.
 - Shall be the representative and leader of the entire organization.
 - Assists/teaches dances, directs practices and takes charge of the team in the director's absence.
 - Must work closely with the director, line members and other officers.
 - Responsible to the director and fellow officers
 - Responsible for member discipline
 - Assists the captain in choreography and teaching routines
 - Lieutenants keep records of awards
- 3. Social Officers
 - Motivational Activities
 - Sister Bonding/Events
 - Calendar
 - Gifts
 - Thank You Notes
 - Promote Team Theme

SECTION X

Selection of Officers

Officers will be chosen on the basis of their past performances and participation in drill team, their leadership and ability. The judges' score and director's score, officer project, along with teacher interviews will be combined and used in the final selection. In the case of a vacancy in any office, the director will decide whether it is necessary to appoint the next highest qualified person from the tryout group.

- A. The director and judges will determine the number of officers and their rank. The director may remove any officer from their position at any time.
- B. Candidates will choreograph an original dance that is performed for outside judges.
- C. The officer candidate must have passed the six weeks prior to the tryout in order to audition.

- D. Officer candidates must perform a solo at contest the same year as tryouts.
- E. Officer candidates must be an incoming junior and a member for at least one year.

SECTION XI

Transportation

Students are required to ride school transportation to an event. After the event is over, parents may see the director to sign the student out. Under no circumstances will a member of the team be allowed to leave an event with anyone other than their parent without prior permission granted by the principal 24 hours in advance.

SECTION XII

Dismissal from the Team

- A. Dismissal from the drill team will be at the discretion of the director.
- B. Possession/ consumption of any alcohol, drugs or any illegal substance or possession of any weapon, while on or in school property or activities will result in automatic dismissal as well as criminal prosecution.
- C. A member must not fail two six weeks within the school year or the member will be put on probation and could lose her/his membership if improvement is not shown.
- D. If a member of the team is sent to in-school suspension (ISS), the member will be put on probation for an extended amount of time based on the nature of the offense. If a member returns to ISS a second time, she/he will be removed from the team.
- E. If a member is sent to ABC 2 the member will be removed from the team.
- F. Members participating in any illegal actions could be dismissed from the team.
- G. Members who fail to meet the membership responsibilities will be put on probation or could be dismissed from the team. This will be determined on a case by case basis by the director.
- H. Members who are not able to fulfill their duties will be dismissed from the team.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Members are responsible for their personal websites and postings, as well as posting from or on other students' websites. Any communication such as social media, photo sharing, emailing, or texting, etc., appearing on the internet is public domain. The areas of appropriateness will include but are not limited to profane or disrespectful language or gestures, pictures, suggestive poses, clothing, references to alcohol, drugs or any illegal substance, and postings (either verbal, photo or video) that could be interpreted as being negative or threatening towards BCISD staff or dance team members. Any member found guilty of not meeting the standards of the team will be put on probation or could be dismissed from the team upon review from the principle and director.

SECTION XV

School Policy

- A. All school rules apply.
- B. The principal and/or director may apply the rules of this constitution and/or the school discipline management policy in deciding discipline for any member.
- C. Members may participate in other high school activities or organizations. The conflicting practice times will be worked out with the coaches, teachers and directors. Drill team is considered a Varsity activity and takes precedence over a non- Varsity activity.

SECTION XIV

Letter Jackets

- A. Any member who serves one full year (2 semesters) and meets all award requirements will receive a letter jacket.
- B. All patches will be paid for by the students.

Award Requirements

Must pass all classes at least four of the six six-weeks grading periods.

Must attend and participate in football games, halftime and other functions as required by the director during the fall semester.

Must attend and participate in the drill team competition during the spring semester.

Must attend and participate in the Spring Show.

SECTION XVI

Fundraiser

Any monies turned in by a student that are **raised** under the auspices of Burnet CISD, BHS Esprit de Corps, or BHS Highlandettes are non-refundable. **On a case by case basis, any payments made directly by a student or their parent can be refunded. Please consult with the director if this situation arises.**

SECTION XVII

Grades

- A. The director will explain the expectations of the team members at the beginning of the school year.
- B. In the event the director wishes to change the method of grading, she will issue a memo no later than one week prior to the six weeks it will begin.
- C. Grades will be based on performance, attendance, participation, willingness to learn and attitude.

SECTION XVIII

Constitutional Changes

- A. The constitution is subject to change at any time due to the Texas Educational Agency rules changes, UIL changes or with approval from the principal.
- B. The director may interpret/alter the rules according to the situation.
- C. The director may also enforce other rules as they become necessary during the school year for the benefit of the organization.

***** All rules in the constitution are under the discretion of the director and the principal.**

Highlandette Contract and Photo Release

Photo/Video Release: (Please initial one)

_____ I hereby give Burnet CISD/Highlandettes the right to publish pictures or videos of my child for newsworthy information or advertisements.

_____ I do not give Burnet CISD/Highlandettes the right to publish pictures or videos of my child for newsworthy information or advertisements.

Student Contract

I have read the guidelines and understand the requirements for the participation in Highlandettes. I also understand the dedication and time it takes to be involved in Highlandettes. I intend to devote the time needed to make Highlandettes a success, if I am selected. My signature below signifies that I have read and agree to abide by all the constitution guidelines and that I am not presently on probation for any law violation that will continue past the date of auditions.

I have read and understand Burnet CISD Highlandette Constitution/Guidelines. I agree to abide by these regulations if I am selected for Highlandettes.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Contract

MANDATORY EVENTS- volunteer presence required

- **CONCESSION STAND- 2 spots per family (football games)**
- **SPRING SHOW- 1 spot per family - Last weekend in April**

ADDITIONAL EVENTS- volunteer opportunities

- **Nutcracker**
- **Kicks for Kash**
- **Mini Dettas (Fall and Spring)**
- **Contest (February)**

Please initial:

_____ I agree to the volunteer requirements

_____ I am a Highlandette parent and will volunteer for at least 4 spots from the events listed above including the required events (2 football games in the concession stands and 1 at Spring Show).

My child and I have read and discussed the responsibilities of being a member of Highlandettes, such as cost, time involved, physical requirements, and performance requirements. I understand his/her obligations and responsibilities as a member.

I have read and understand Burnet CISD Highlandette Constitution/Guidelines. I have discussed the requirements, responsibilities, and rules with my child. I agree to support and uphold the regulations if my child is selected as a member of the Highlandettes.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date