Highlandette Hopeful Tryout Packet

2026-2027

HIGHLANDETTE TRYOUT INFORMATION

Tryout Meeting Date: Monday, February 16th, 7pm-BHS Auditorium

Pre-training/Practice Times: Tuesday March 24th- Wednesday March 25th 4-6pm
BHS Gym
Thursday March 26th Mock tryouts 4-5pm and optional help 5-6pm- BHS Dance Room

Tryout Date: Friday March 28th, in the Dance Room 4:30 p.m - ?

Complete Application Due on Wednesday, March 25th.

Practice is **mandatory**. If another school activity is planned during these times, please let the directors know so we can make other arrangements. Practice attire should consist of comfortable shorts, t-shirts, tennis shoes and socks or dance attire if you have it.

Audition clothes: (All Black) Black leotard or fitted black top, black jazz pants or leggings, barefoot or any color dance shoes. Hair must be pulled away from face and must be in a ponytail or bun. Make-up should be darker than everyday makeup (please wear a lip color). It is not necessary to go out and buy new dance attire, 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 -$900.00. A complete cost breakdown will be given at the first team/parent meeting in early April. Meeting time will be announced at the end of tryouts. **A $200.00 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.

Dear Highlandette Hopefuls and Parents,

As the Highlandettes prepare for the 2026-2027 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 dancer strives 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, we as their directors, 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 hopeful must truly want to be a Highlandette and be willing to work hard. Note: Hopefuls must in good attendance, academic and disciplinary standing in order to tryout. See Handbook for more information.*

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. Thank you and best wishes! Please do not hesitate to call or email with your questions and concerns. email: cclinton@burnetcisd.net

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)
	Dance: _____ **Dance Elements:_____** **Kick Series: _____** Projection_____ SingleTurn_____ Projection_____ Memory____ Double Turn_____ Overall Technique_____omletion of Movements_____ Chaine' _____ Toe Points_____ Overall Technique_____ Jete'_____ Hand Placement____ Upper body_____ Overall Impression _____ Upper Body_____ Lower body_____ Base Leg_____ Arm Control_____ Fans _____ Toe Points_____ ____**Grades** Right Split _____ Head Placement_____ ____ **Attendance** Left Split _____ _ Foot Closures_____ Additional Comments: ***Judge:***_____	

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All forms are due no later than Wednesday, March 25th.

TURN IN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THIS ORDER, PAPERCLIPPED TOGETHER-

_____ Application
_____ Current Picture (no selfie) attached to application
_____ Contract (signed)
_____ Highlandette Medical Form and Record of Serious Illness (signed)
_____Current Report Card (2025-2026 school year, with each 6 weeks)

Current Photo

Here

Needs to be a headshot.

(no selfies, please)

Photos must fit in this frame.

Application

Return by Wednesday March 25th

Pre-Training 3/24-3/25

4pm-6pm High School- BHS Gym

Audition Date: 3/27 4pm- Dance Studio

Name_____ School ID Number:_____

Classification 2026-2027(circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Address_____

_____

Students Phone Number_____

Student 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
Assistant Director: Madison Owens
mowens@burnetcisd.net

Dear Parents,

We dread tryouts more than any performance, show, etc. we hate the fact that some dancers are chosen and some are not. We know the heartbreak some of the dancers feel and it hurts me just as much. Line tryouts and practices are closed to the public. We want to give your child every advantage we 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 we do not select the team for next year. We 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 dancers 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, the score sheet will no longer 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
Madison Owens

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 ongoing 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 Consolidated 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 a trip. When a 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 engage in such activities and is not suffering from any disease or injury, which would disqualify her from making such a trip.

I agree and hereby waive and release all claims against the BCISD and any teacher, employee, or other person engaged in 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 she may suffer or any loss of property that may occur. It is understood that all policies, regulations and 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 judgment, for the health of my child.

Signed at Burnet, TX this_____ day of _____20_____

Parent/Guardian:_____

CONSTITUTION/GUIDELINES

SECTION I- Purpose

Highlandettes are a dance performance organization that represents Burnet High School with Spirit, Pride and Honor through developing 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: signed contract, travel/medical form and all Rank1 forms.
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 directors.

SECTION III- Membership

A. Membership is open to students enrolled in Burnet High School. There will be no set number of members accepted.
B. Managers are considered members of the team and will be held to the same standards of the dancers.
C. 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 membership if improvement is not shown by the next six weeks.
    a. Grades will be checked by the directors at the end of each reporting period.
    b. Any member failing to meet the standard will be put on academic probation for three weeks. 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.
D. In case of a serious injury, accident or illness, a member has the option to remain on the team, provided that:
    a. They will be able to perform for at least part of the year.
    b. They have the consent of the directors.
    c. They communicate injuries with the directors, when injury happens, as the injury is ongoing, and provide a doctor's note or feedback stating the injury and the extent of the injury(ie how long going to be out). The member must also be continuing to work to get back as fast a possible.
E. 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 directors and principal.
F. The directors may dismiss a member at any time for failing to comply with the drill team constitution.
G. If a member is dismissed for disciplinary reasons, they will be ineligible for tryouts the next year.

Membership Responsibilities

A. Be **RESPECTFUL** and **HONEST** at all times.
B. Exhibit good taste in appearance at all times.
C. Display exceptional social behavior at all times and attend places/activities of reputable character.
D. Must show school spirit.
E. Must have a **GREAT** attitude.
F. Must be well mannered toward all authority figures.
G. Must be actively improving or showing growth.
H. Must represent themselves appropriately on social media *(see digital citizenship)*
I. Members will not use distasteful language at any time.

J. Members must **NOT** drink, smoke, vape, use drugs/ alcohol, or participate in any activity that would be degrading to the team.

The directors 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. Any member who is found guilty of participating in illegal acts may be dismissed from the team.

SECTION IV- 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. *(see Parent Contract)*

SECTION V- 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 directors.
B. Members 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 for practice will be determined by the directors.
D. The members will have at least one night practice and several morning practices. These practice times will be set by the directors.

SECTION VI- Performance

A. In the fall, The drill team performs at all football games, pep rallies, marching contests, and parades.
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 contests, march in parades and perform at the annual Spring Show. The dates and times of the performances will be set by the directors. 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 directors.
E. A member may be denied performing privileges for several reasons including:
    i. Missing too many practices/rehearsals
    ii. Not performing to the team's standards
    iii. Academic probation
    iv. Drill team disciplinary probation
    v. Disrespecting the directors or the team

F. The directors will determine performance standards and will decide who is allowed to perform.

SECTION VII- 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:
    i. Recommended that they maintain an A or B average in all classes.
    ii. Must not fail any class throughout the year or will be put on probation or removed.
    iii. Must be an example to/for the team.
    iv. Must enforce and follow the rules.

v. Must be responsible, be a leader and support the directors. Should be actively participating in dance classes outside of Highlandettes and/or continuing dance education.
vi. Must be creative and open-minded.
vii. Must perform a solo at contest the year they are active as an officer

D. Duties of the officers are assigned by the directors. A list will be communicated in the officer tryout packet

SECTION VIII- 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.

Eligibility Requirements for Tryouts:

1. Attendance: Hopefuls must be in compliance with 90% rule in attendance throughout the year leading up to auditions and must not have attendance issues.
2. Academic Standing: Hopefuls must not fail more than two six-week grading periods within the year of auditions.
3. Disciplinary Conduct: Hopefuls must be in good standing regarding disciplinary matters in the year of auditions.

Selection of Officers

Officers will be chosen on the basis of their leadership and dance ability. A detailed list of tryout requirements will be communicated with officer candidates prior to tryouts.

A. The directors and judges will determine the number of officers and their rank. The directors may remove any officer from their position at any time.
B. The officer candidate must have passed the six weeks prior to the tryout in order to audition.
C. Officer candidates must perform a solo at a contest or a show-off the same year as tryouts.
D. Officer candidates must be a member of the team for at least one year.

SECTION IX- Transportation

Students are required to ride school transportation to an event. After the event is over, parents may sign the student out of their Highlandette. 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.

SECTION X- Dismissal from the Team

A. Dismissal from the drill team will be at the discretion of the directors.
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, will be removed from the team.
E. If a member is sent to DAEP the member may 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 directors.
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 others' 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 principal and directors.

SECTION XI- 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 could be refunded. Please consult with the directors if this situation arises.

SECTION XII

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 five of the six six-weeks grading periods.
Must attend and participate in football games, halftime and other functions as required by the directors 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 XV- School Policy

A. All school rules apply.
B. The principal and/or directors 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- Dance Team Grading

A. The directors will explain the expectations of the team members at the beginning of the school year.
B. In the event the directors 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 XVI- 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 directors may interpret/alter the rules according to the situation.
C. The directors 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 directors 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 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 Dettes (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**