



2022-2023

Nolan Middle School
Dance Team
Application

Dear Parents/Guardians of Dancer Candidates,

Your child has either expressed an interest or has been recommended by NMS to be a member of the Nolan Middle School 2022-2023 dance team. If selected, there are certain personal and financial responsibilities and obligations, which you and your child must assume in order to qualify and remain a member in good standing. This packet contains all of the information that you will need to know before making the decision on whether or not to allow your child to try out. We hope that you, as a parent of a prospective dancer, are aware of the time and energy it takes to be an effective student leader here at Nolan.

Because we believe our school and students are "Better than the Best!" we always expect the dancers to set good examples of student conduct. We have set forth guidelines that will make our dancers role models at our school. We want our dancers to be exemplary citizens exhibiting high moral and academic standards.

It is our intention that in after reading through this packet with your child, you will discuss the expectations and obligations of being an NMS dancer with. Our organization helps students form friendships, improve communication skills, and develop leadership skills that will prove to be beneficial later in life.

We wish all candidates the best of luck. Please read this packet carefully and be sure you fully understand each rule and procedure **BEFORE** signing. The last pages of this packet must be signed and returned by **April 8, 2022**. **No late applications will be accepted!!!**

I look forward to working with you and your child.

Krislyn Bark

Dance Coach

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Dancer Expectations

Expectations for dancers and other student leaders at Nolan Middle School are extremely high. Please make sure you have read this packet **VERY** carefully, as it describes the schedule requirements and rules for elected dancers. If you cannot abide by the schedule requirements and/or rules, please reconsider trying out.

Grades: Dancer candidates must maintain passing grades or risk extended probation/termination. Students **MUST** have passed the 3rd nine weeks to tryout. If they did not pass, then they **MUST** have passed the current progress report. Please turn in a copy of the report card and the current progress report if needed, with the application.

Time: If elected, plan to spend an average of four hours per week practicing dances, technique, and physical fitness for dance performances.

Transportation: Each parent/guardian must arrange for his/her own child's ride to and from games, practices, performances, and other dance functions. You will be given a calendar for all dance functions; therefore, parents are responsible for their child's timely arrival to events.

Dancers will be issued demerits (which leads up to benching of performances) if parent/guardian is more than 15 minutes late picking them up. After two warnings, decision will be made by sponsor and principal for possible removal from the squad.

Attendance: Do not plan to try out for the dance team unless you plan to attend all games, practices, and dance functions. (Doctor's appointments without a doctor's note are not excused). Missing

practices will result in being benched during the next game. Unexcused absences may result in the removal from the squad.

Rules and Behavior: Keep in mind that being a dance member is a privilege to which one is elected. The strictest consideration for, and adherence to all rules is mandatory. If a referral is issued for a dancer, it may result in removal from the squad. A referral for fighting, bullying or any other referral labeled serious **WILL** result in removal from the team. If a dancer goes to the alternative school, they will not be allowed on the team when they return.

Being a dance member is an honor and special privilege. The dance team exist to promote good sportsmanship, good citizenship, wholesome, and enthusiastic school spirit and are first and foremost representatives of their school.

Dancers should exemplify both individual and group behavior suitable to their position and in accordance with the rules as stated in the KISD Student Code of Conduct. Members of these groups have a fundamental responsibility to play a leadership role in building teamwork and helping the school achieve its goals and objectives. Because of these responsibilities, members of the dance team will be expected to maintain a higher standard of behavior both on and off campus and academic achievement than that of their peers.

Teacher Recommendation: Keep in mind that being a dancer is a privilege to which one is elected. The strictest consideration for, and

adherence to all rules **is mandatory**. How one represents his/herself in class is very important in maintaining the positive image of the entire Nolan Campus. Candidates will need to give their teachers the recommendation form to fill out and their teacher will oversee submitting it to Mrs. Bark's box. Each positive recommendation (example- this student is wonderful in class, and respectful all the time) will earn 100 points. Negative recommendations (example- this student shows disrespect to his/her peers and teachers and refuses to follow directions given) will earn 0 points. Neutral recommendations (ex. they are really great, but have a problem talking in class) will earn 50 points.

Event Schedule

April 8, 2022 **** Dance Team Application DUE****

April 11-13, 2022 Tryout Clinic **4:00-6:00 pm NOLAN GYM**

April 14, 2022 TRYOUTS **4:00 pm-Finish -GYM**

May 3, 2022 **MANDATORY Parent Information Meeting**

5:45-6:15 pm in the cafeteria.

****All candidates and parents are required to attend the parent information meeting.****

****You will perform basic dance skills, learn a dance routine, and perform the routine during tryouts for judges. These will be taught during the clinics, so it is **very important** that you attend all clinics days leading up to tryouts. If a day is missed, then you will not be allowed to return to tryouts the following day. ****

****If you are late to tryouts, you will not have another opportunity to try out for the NMS dance team. Once the tryouts have started, you will not be allowed in the school.****

If your child makes the team, you will need to refer to the dates on the next page.

MANDATORY Dance Times

****MANDATORY PARENT MEETING****

May 3, 2020 5:45-6:15 pm Nolan Cafeteria

SUMMER CAMP: TBA

SUMMER PRACTICE: July 18 – 21 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM NMS Gym

July 25 – 27 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM NMS Gym

School Year Practice: Tues/Thurs 3:45 – 5:30 PM Dance Room

****Scheduled Performances****

Costume Measurements:

All dancers **MUST** be taken to Cristian's Dancewear to get measurements taken for future practice wear, costumes, etc. This must be done by the last day of school May 26, 2022. If a dancer does not show for measurements by this date, they will be removed from the team.

Cristian's Dancewear

5516 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd A, Killeen, TX 76543

Dance Team Costs

TOTAL COST: \$40.00

Please note that the yearly dues must be paid on or before
Monday- May 16, 2022.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE TRYOUT SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

CLINICS: During the clinic days students will learn a dance routine to perform in a group to the judges on tryout day. Students will also be learning required dance skills that are necessary to make the team.

TRYOUT DAY: On tryout day students will be split into their groups. Students will walk into the gym in their groups and be asked to perform their dance, then show their ability to do the following skills: splits, double turns, and leaps.

Tryout Requirements and Selection of Dancers

Candidates are required to wear the following on tryout day:

- Black athletic shorts
- Solid black T-Shirt
- Athletic shoes
- Hair in a ponytail

Parents will not be allowed in the building during any phase of the tryouts. Candidates will be released after they are finished with their audition.

. RESULTS WILL BE POSTED BY 9:00 PM, Thursday April 14, 2022.

Every attempt is made to hire judges that have not worked with students in Nolan. However, with the hundreds of camps in the state of Texas, attended by thousands of dancers and taught by hundreds of instructors, it may be possible at some time that a member of the judging panel may have had some contact with a candidate who is

trying out. Professional judges with outstanding credential and references will be hired for all tryouts. They will be instructed to judge the candidates based only on the mastery of the skills that they see demonstrated during the tryouts. Tryout results will not be challenged because of prior knowledge of judges and candidates. Paired with the tryout points, candidates will turn in 5 teacher recommendations each worth 20 points.

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE MEMBERS

Right Split- 10 pts

Left Split- 10 pts

Pirouettes- 10 pts

Leaps- 10 pts

Kicks- 10 pts

Performance Showmanship- 10 pts

Overall Technique- 10 pts

Memorization- 10 pts

Overall Impression- 10pts

Coach's Impression- 10 pts

Due Date: All paperwork is due April 8, 2022 (4:00 pm SHARP)!

You will not be able to participate in clinics until we have

this packet in our hands!!!

*If you have it completed before this date, feel free to bring it to the dance room or room 615.

*Please do not turn this packet in until ALL components are completed.

***No late applications will be accepted under any circumstances.**

Dance Team Tryout Application

Name:_____

ID #:_____

Current Grade Level: 5th, 6th or 7th

Home Address:_____

Home Phone:_____

Work Phone:_____

Cell Phone:_____

Parent/Guardian Names:_____

I have read and understand the tryout regulations, as well as the expectations for elected dance member, and I will abide by them. I also understand that a violation of any of these regulations will disqualify me from the tryout process.

As a parent of a possible dance member, I have read and understand the expectations and regulations for dancers. I also understand that a violation of the tryout process could disqualify my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____

Student Signature:_____

Date:_____

If you have any questions please contact:

Krislyn Bark

Krislyn.bark@killeenisd.org

Candidate Release Form Parent

My child, _____ has my permission to be a Dance Team Member at Nolan Middle School. (Please initial in spaces provided)

_____ I understand that he/she must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the sponsor and principal of Nolan Middle School and be present for all practices and performances. It is my responsibility to have my child at all functions on time! In case of an emergency, I give permission for my child to ride with the sponsor and/or other parent when necessary. I have read the rules and regulations and understand that the violation of any of these rules may lead to a temporary or permanent suspension from the team.

_____ I understand that qualified judges will evaluate my daughter/son and we agree to abide by the decision of the judges.

_____ I understand that if I have any concerns about the decisions made by the sponsor, I will contact that sponsor first. Only after contacting the sponsor, may I contact the Principal, Mrs. York.

_____ I understand the costs involved as stated in the rules.

_____ I understand that by the very nature of the activity, dancing can carry a risk of injury. Dance activities require learned skills and behaviors. These will be taught, practiced, and documented as each participant achieves mastery prior to the performance of each skill. It should be made clear that even though mastery of objectives and skills has been reached, and safety precautions enforced, accidents still may occur. No matter how careful the participants and coach are the risk cannot be eliminated. The risk of injury includes minor injuries such as muscle pulls, dislocation and broken bones. The risk also includes catastrophic injuries such as permanent paralysis or even death from landing or falls on the back, neck, or head. I understand these risks and do hereby release Killeen Independent School District and its employees from any liability due to accident, injury or illness should it occur. I also agree to support my child's efforts wholeheartedly throughout the season.

_____ As a dancer, your child is covered at school-sponsored events by the school insurance, providing that the proper KISD channels are followed. However, you are encouraged to have your own insurance or take the additional school insurance.

_____ Upon making the dance team your child must present evidence of a current medical, physical examination. This must be less than 12 months old.

_____ I also confirm that my child has chosen Nolan Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year on their choice of school form.

_____ I have read the attached information packet and dance team rules. I also understand that every member of the dance team will be expected to follow these rules and regulations, and I agree to abide by these regulations. I understand I will not be allowed in the building on the day of tryouts. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide transportation to and from dance practices and events unless a bus is provided under the KISD guidelines for my child. I understand that it is my responsibility to meet all financial obligations by the deadlines set forth Nolan Middle School. Furthermore, I understand that being a dance team member involves inherent risks, which could cause serious or catastrophic injuries or even death. I have also read and understand the KISD insurance disclaimer. I understand that if I have any questions or concerns regarding dancing, I should contact the appropriate sponsor. I understand and agree to abide by the KISD dance member constitution. Furthermore, I give my consent for the below named student to represent Nolan as a dance team member and participate in extra-curricular activities with knowledge of the responsibilities, conduct expectations and risks involved with being a NMS dance member.

Parent or Guardian Signature

_____/_____/_____

Date

Candidate

I am interested in being a dance team member at Nolan Middle School. I understand the risks inherent to this sport. If elected, I promise to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the sponsor and principal of Nolan Middle School. I promise to always cooperate and follow the instructions of the dance team sponsor.

I understand that dance teams and spirit groups exist to promote good sportsmanship, good citizenship, wholesome and enthusiastic school spirit, and cooperation both within the schools and among schools. Members of these groups have a fundamental responsibility to play a leadership role in helping the school to achieve the worthwhile objectives of the school's activities.

Further, I understand that I am to behave in a manner that is becoming to me as an individual, as well as to the organization I represent. I should be aware that in or out of uniform I am a representative of the Blue Diamond Dance Team, Nolan Middle School, and I agree to act accordingly.

I will:

- Be a leader and set an example for those around me.
- Remember SAFETY FIRST!!! NO COACH - NO PRACTICE!!!
- Follow a workout program designed for the development of strength in order to: prevent injury; increase strength and coordination, endurance, flexibility and confidence.
- Keep track of my academic progress (know when I need to get help or attend tutorials). I know that if I am not passing my classes, I am placing an undue burden on the rest of my team.
- Attend and be on time to all practices and performances.
- Promote school spirit.
- Remember that I am a member of a TEAM and there is no "I" in team.
- Give respect to ALL adults.
- HAVE FUN!!!

I, _____, am trying out for a spot on the Blue Diamond Dance Team. I am aware of the time involved in being an NMS dancer. I am prepared to

give 100% and have a positive attitude throughout the year. I understand that my obligations as a dancer begin with tryouts and continue throughout the entire school year. Furthermore, I understand that it is my responsibility to provide my own transportation to and from practices and events unless a bus is provided under the KISD guidelines. I understand that as a dance team member I am expected to behave in a manner that is becoming to me, as well as, to my team. I also realize that grades are very important and that it is my responsibility to remain eligible. It wastes time, money, and energy when I am unable to perform. I have read and understand the attached information packet and KISD Dance Team rules. Furthermore, I have read the Dancer's Code of Conduct and understand my responsibility as a Nolan Blue Diamond. I agree to follow and abide by all of these rules and regulations.

Candidate's signature

_____/_____/_____

Date

All paperwork is due no later than April 8th by
4:00 pm SHARP!!!

Paperwork Checklist

Here is a list of the paperwork items that must be turned in for each candidate by April 8, 2022 @ 4:00PM.

- ◆ Application
- ◆ Parent Release Form
- ◆ Teacher Recommendation Form(s)
- ◆ Candidate Form
- ◆ Copy of Report Card or Progress Report
- ◆ Pre-participation Physical Evaluation
(*If you are involved in athletics, please let us know and we will accept your physical with Athletics*)

Science Teacher Recommendation Form

Please fill out and return to Mrs. BARK'S box by Friday- April 8, 2022

Candidate Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Please Circle Your Answer Below:

I **recommend/do not recommend** the student
above for the dance team program.

Please explain below the why.

Teacher Signature: _____

Points Earned: _____

Math Teacher Recommendation Form

Please fill out and return to Mrs. BARK'S box by Friday- April 8, 2022

Candidate Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Please Circle Your Answer Below:

I **recommend/do not recommend** the student
above for the dance team program.

Please explain below the why.

Teacher Signature: _____

Points Earned: _____

History Teacher Recommendation Form

Please fill out and return to Mrs. BARK'S box by Friday- April 8, 2022

Candidate Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Please Circle Your Answer Below:

I **recommend/do not recommend** the student
above for the dance team program.

Please explain below the why.

Teacher Signature: _____

Points Earned: _____

ELA Teacher Recommendation Form

Please fill out and return to Mrs. BARK'S box by Friday- April 8, 2022

Candidate Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Please Circle Your Answer Below:

I **recommend/do not recommend** the student
above for the dance team program.

Please explain below the why.

Teacher Signature: _____

Points Earned: _____

Elective Teacher Recommendation Form

Please fill out and return to Mrs. BARK'S box by Friday- April 8, 2022

Candidate Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Please Circle Your Answer Below:

I **recommend/do not recommend** the student
above for the dance team program.

Please explain below the why.

Teacher Signature: _____

Points Earned: _____