

# **Orange Pride Drill Team Tryout Packet 2022-2023**

Below is a list of important information regarding the Orange Pride Drill Team tryout process. Please pay close attention to the dates and the information enclosed in this packet, as there are dates and forms that must meet our deadlines in order for your student to participate. Deadlines are non-negotiable. Officer tryouts will take place following the selection of the 2022-2023 team on April 22nd.

Included in this packet are: Candidate Letter, 2022-2023 Activity Overview, Orange Pride Drill Team Constitution, and Tryout information.

## **Mandatory Student and Parent Meeting**

April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

York

## **Online Tryout Application completed by April 13th:**

### **Tryout Clinic**

April 19-21

Officer clinic 4:00-5:00p.m.

Team clinic 5:00-6:30 p.m.

York Gym

### **Tryouts**

April 22nd

4:30 p.m.

York Gym

## **Mandatory New Team Meetings**

TBA

**PLEASE READ ALL OF THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION CAREFULLY.  
ALL DEADLINES MUST BE MET AND ALL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN  
ORDER FOR YOUR STUDENT TO TRYOUT.**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

York Jr. High School is pleased that your child is interested in the Orange Pride Drill Team. Carefully read the following information concerning guidelines for membership. Belonging to a team is a wonderful experience for a child. It also allows us the opportunity to teach them the importance of **hard work, time commitment, dedication, and discipline**. On Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m., a mandatory meeting is scheduled to discuss tryouts. Parents/Guardians and students trying out, including returning team members, ***are required to attend in order to try out for the team on April 22, 2022.***

All forms must be completed and properly filled out by **April 13, 2022**. This letter and the Orange Pride Drill Team Constitution are for your permanent records.

Make sure that you and your child understand the requirements, commitments, cost, and policies before signing the application. If you have any questions, please call (832) 592-8600 or email [rewilson@conroeisd.net](mailto:rewilson@conroeisd.net)

*Randie Wilson*

Randie Wilson, Director

### **Orange Pride Drill Team Overview (Estimations)**

#### **April/May-**

New member/parent meeting  
Vendor Night  
Fundraiser

#### **July-**

Officer Camp

#### **July/August-**

Team Camp @ York  
Back to School  
Practice  
Football Performances

#### **September-**

Football Performances  
Possible Pep rally

#### **October-**

Football Performances  
Possible Pep rally  
Possible Fundraiser

#### **November-**

Contest Preparation

#### **December-**

Basketball Performances  
Contest Preparation

#### **January-**

Basketball Performances  
Contest Preparation  
Possible Contest

#### **February-**

Possible Contest

#### **March-**

Possible Contest  
Technique and Choreography training

#### **April-**

Team/Officer Tryouts for next year  
Spring Show with GOHS

#### **May-**

Year-end celebration

## **Orange Pride Drill Team Constitution**

It is an honor and a privilege to be a part of the Orange Pride Drill Team, an organization with a tradition of excellence. **Remember that it is not your right, but a privilege to be a part of this organization. The expectations for you will be extremely high, but at the same time attainable.** The following are guidelines and rules of which you are expected to adhere throughout the year.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Wilson  
Director

### **Contact Information:**

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York School Phone: (832) 592-8600

**Mrs. Wilson's email: [rewilson@conroeisd.net](mailto:rewilson@conroeisd.net)**

**Organization Director:** Mrs. Randie Wilson

The Orange Pride Drill Team organization is under the supervision of a Director, appointed by the Principal.

### **Purpose of the Organization**

- ★ Dance
- ★ Discipline and self-confidence
- ★ Entertain
- ★ Gain friendships
- ★ Leadership
- ★ Role Models
- ★ School spirit
- ★ Sportsmanship
- ★ Support school athletic activities
- ★ Teamwork

### **Activities:**

- ★ To participate in daily practices, performances, school activities, dance team social activities and other required functions
- ★ All dance team activities are mandatory for everyone. The only excused absences are listed in the handbook.

### **Attitude**

- ★ Members should not hold personal prejudices and grudges and always practice the rules of sportsmanship.
- ★ Members should strive at all times to the best of their ability to make the dance team an outstanding organization of loyalty, dignity and honor.
- ★ Members should remember that while they hold membership on the team that they are always in the role of a member and should conduct themselves properly at all times, both in school and out.
- ★ All members should recognize that the officers hold their positions in order to help lead and direct the team.
- ★ Members should show respect to the director, the officers, other team members, all teachers,

administrators, and school staff at all times.

### **Physical Conditioning**

- ★ Each member must be physically fit and capable of enduring strenuous activity.
- ★ Upon entering dance team, each member must have a physical before being allowed to participate.
- ★ Each following year, members will be required to complete follow up information.
- ★ Members with serious injuries may be required to provide a doctor's clearance before resuming activity.

### **Uniforms**

- ★ Team uniforms are an object of pride. They should be worn with dignity and respect. They should be kept in perfect condition.
- ★ The uniform consists of formal field uniform, warm-up suit, practice uniforms, performance and competition costumes.
- ★ It is each member's duty to know which uniform is required and wear it properly.
- ★ Dance team field uniforms and other performance costumes are school property and are to be returned to the dance team after use. No member should keep a uniform, and any unreturned uniforms should be paid for to reimburse the school.

### **Equipment**

- ★ Equipment will be issued in good condition and should be returned in good condition.
- ★ Dance team equipment is school property and is to be returned to the dance team after use. No member should keep equipment and any that is not returned should be paid for to reimburse the school.
- ★ Each member is responsible for dance team equipment.

### **Fundraising**

**All members are expected to participate in fundraising.** Funds raised will be used to purchase a variety of items for the team including equipment, supplies, competition fees, and costumes.

### **Expenses**

- ★ CISD / Booster club will provide the field uniform. Members must furnish their shoes, practice uniforms, day uniform, hair ribbons, tote, warm ups, make-up, etc. (last year's cost approximately \$550)
- ★ Junior high OFFICERS will attend summer camp at their own expense (approximately \$150-350).

### **Absences**

- ★ Ideally, team members should be in all classes every day. If absent for any reason, all or part of the day, a member must inform the Director. A note to excuse the absence is expected when she returns. A member must be present for half of the school day in order to attend practice or a performance.
- ★ A member is excused from a performance for the following pre-arranged reasons: death in the family, illness (must provide a doctor's note), wedding in the family, or permission given by the Director for special situations. A written note must be brought in order for the absence to be excused.
- ★ A member is excused from practice for the above reasons or for a doctor's appointment if a doctor's note is presented. **At least two days notice is expected.** If the appointment is during the week of a performance, the member may not miss more than half of the rehearsal and still perform.
- ★ **The last practice before a performance is mandatory in order for a member to perform.**
- ★ Make-up work, ASD, doctor's appointments are considered absences. School trips are excused but are still considered absences. If any part of a workout is missed the Director will use her discretion in assessing the penalty.
- ★ Ineligibility, disciplinary suspension and injury are not reasons for absence from rehearsal. Only members who are ineligible are prevented from attending performances and functions.
- ★ Any member missing 2 performances may be benched for other performances depending on circumstances and if warning was given ahead of time. Director's discretion will be used.

## Team Awards

### **Member of the Week**

- ★ Member of the Week will be selected during football season and may be selected at other times throughout the year.
- ★ The Director will select Member of the Week. The Director may consult with the officers on this selection.
- ★ Member of the Week will be chosen by the quality of work and participation the given week.

### **End of the Year Celebration Awards**

- ★ Only current team members will be allowed to attend celebration.
- ★ Special awards determined by the Director may be presented at the end of the year.
- ★ The Director may choose to consult the team or the officers in the selection of these awards.
- ★ These awards will be recognized at the end of the year celebration.
- ★ The Director will make the final decision on all awards.

## Suspension due to Grades

**UIL Policy**-A student whose recorded nine-week grade average in any course is lower than 70 at the end of the nine-week period shall be suspended from participation in any extra-curricular activity event during the succeeding three-week period until the end of the three-week period. At the end of the three-week period all grades must be a least a 70 in order for the suspension to be lifted. If a grade lower than 70 is earned again the suspension will continue for the following three-weeks. This suspension shall become effective seven days after the last day of the nine-week grading period in the failing grade was earned. (For the second progress report period only, a student can be suspended from participation in any extra-curricular activity event).

A schedule of eligibility gain/loss dates will be provided at the beginning of the school year.

- ★ Orange Pride Drill Team members who become ineligible **will participate in all practices**. They may not attend performances/functions or dress in uniforms or pep rally attire during their academic suspension.
- ★ Orange Pride Drill Team members who become ineligible more than twice will be released from the team.
- ★ Officers who are ineligible must have a parent conference with the director, and will be placed on probation. If eligibility status is not gained back at next progress report, the officer will lose their position as officer and become a regular team member.

## Discipline

### **Potential Instant Dismissal**

- ★ 20 or more demerits
- ★ Disrespect to a teacher or administrator
- ★ Disrespect to the Director
- ★ Falsifying an excuse or uses the Orange Pride Drill Team to enter or leave a class
- ★ Becoming ineligible more than twice in a school year
- ★ Drinking alcoholic beverages
- ★ Smoking cigarettes/Vaping
- ★ Use of illegal drugs
- ★ Possession of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, vape, or illegal drugs may result in dismissal
- ★ Assignment to DAEP
- ★ Inappropriate use of technology - Posting/texting/messaging of anything relating to, but not limited to, drugs, drinking, smoking/vaping, or material of a sexual nature.
- ★ Any other behavior deemed by the director to be of a serious nature

## **Merits/Demerits**

### **Background and General Rules**

- ★ The Orange Pride Drill Team is governed by a merit/demerit system. The system will begin on a date designated by the Director and will last until the end of the school year.
- ★ The Director may assign demerits and merits.
- ★ The Director will maintain records of all merits/demerits. The member will be required to sign the records for each incident.
- ★ Merits/demerits do not carry over from year to year.
- ★ Merits/demerits may be assigned at any school or dance team function on or off campus. Drill team girls are always representing our team.
- ★ Any Orange Pride Drill Team member who receives 10 or more demerits will be placed on Disciplinary Probation.
- ★ A demerit may be cleared by performing 20 pushups and 20 sit-ups or by performing other designated tasks assigned by the Director. (i.e. cleaning the storeroom, helping the Director, etc). Officers may witness pushups/sit-ups and must report them accurately to the Director.
- ★ Demerits must be worked off within 2 weeks of being acquired.
- ★ **All demerits must be worked off PRIOR to the next performance**, or the member will not be allowed to perform.
- ★ Even after they are worked off, demerits are not erased and still count toward your overall total.
- ★ Demerits that have been cleared by work still remain on the record.
- ★ Merits do not cancel out demerits.
- ★ *Disciplinary Probation*-A member with 10 or more demerits will participate in all practices, dress out in uniform and attend all performances but will not participate in the performance following the assigning of probation. They will be placed back on Disciplinary Probation for each 3 additional demerits received.

### **Merits**

1-Girl of the Week

1-Exceeds fundraising goal

2-Perfect nine weeks (no demerits, absences or tardies)

2-Honor Roll (all A's)

Opportunities for merits not listed will be announced or may be presented to the Director for pre-approval.

### **Demerits (Amount per infraction is at the Director's discretion)**

#### **Behavior**

- 1-tardy to practice
- 1-chewing gum
- 1-failure to help with props, team assignments
- 1-leaving items out in the locker room/dance area
- 1-failure to bring assigned items to practice
- 1-talking during practice
- 1-failure to participate
- 2-tardy to a function
- 2-profanity
- 1-5-disrespect or poor attitude
- 1-5-failure to obey directions
- 1-5-insubordination to Director
- 1-5-leaving practice without permission
- 1-5-unexcused absence from practice
- 1-5-not participating in practice
- 1-5-inappropriate courtship (PDA)
- 1-5-behavior that discredits the team
- 1-5-destruction of someone else's belongings

- 1-5-leaving mess in dance area/locker room
- 5-scholastic dishonesty
- 5-using Orange Pride as an excuse for tardies
- 5-leaving a performance without permission
- 5-10-unexcused absence from performance
- #-Inappropriate post on social media, text, or recordings
- #-assignment to lunch detention
- #-assignment to ASD
- #-assignment to ISS
- #-(amount of demerits will be determined by the severity of the offense)

#### **Uniforms/Costumes**

- 1-incorrect attire at practice
- 1-eating or drinking in uniform without permission
- 1-hair not properly groomed
- 1-wearing jewelry
- 1-wearing nail polish for a performance
- 1-dirty shoes
- 1-incorrect makeup
- 1-2-removing uniform pieces without permission
- 1-3-missing required items
- 1-3-negligence of uniform care or condition
- 2-wearing uniform without permission in public
- 1-5-incorrect attire at a performance/function
- 1-5-missing a piece of uniform/costume (i.e. top, bottom, tights, shoes)
- 1-5-allowing a non-member to wear Orange Pride Drill Team attire

#### **Before/during/after performances/practices**

- 1-cell phone during practice or performance
- 1-improper stand conduct
- 1-not cheering with the team or participating in stand routines
- 1-moving from assigned seating
- 1-talking to non-team members while going to restroom
- 1-talking on the football field, track, before/after a performance
- 1-turning around in the stands or on the side lines
- 1-5-talking to non-team members while in stands
- 1-5-allowing a non-team member to sit with the team
- 1-5-talking while performing
- 1-5-improper bus conduct
- 1-5-unsportsmanlike conduct
- 1-5-per 5 minutes late of pick-up after the first initial 15 minutes

#### **Officers**

- 2-abuse of authority
- 2-unnecessary criticism of a member
- 2-failure to meet responsibilities
- 1-5-conduct unbecoming an officer

#### **Managers**

- 1-having incorrect music
- 1-not having music ready
- 2-loss of assigned items (i.e.-music, keys, bags)
- 1-5-failure to meet responsibilities

**\*\*\* The Director may determine if any additional incidents warrant demerits not listed.**

#### **Technology**

A members' electronic communication (via computers, phones, iPad, iPods, etc) and online accounts such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, etc. may not include inappropriate posts or images having to do with smoking, alcohol, drug use or material of a sexual nature.

Students are prohibited from sending, posting, or displaying electronic messages that are damaging to the team or to another person's reputation. This behavior can be considered bullying or harassment which will be dealt with according to CISD rules. Bullying or harassment can be in the form of voice messages, emails, text messages, instant messages, photo images, video, polling websites, social networking and personal web pages. Any of this conduct may lead to probation, suspension, or dismissal from the team. Remember that once something is online, it cannot be taken back. Any posts brought to the director will result in the member being called in for a meeting to discuss.

## **Practice**

### **Mandatory Practice**

- ★ Practice is extremely important to the team. We cannot function correctly without everyone at practice. Please make every effort to be in attendance every day. Please schedule appointments, make-ups, etc on non-practice days or in the mornings.
- ★ **The last practice before a performance is mandatory for a member to perform.**
- ★ Other mandatory practices will be announced and listed on the calendar as such.

### **After School**

- ★ Members are expected to be on time and remain the full time.
- ★ An unexcused absence may result in being pulled from the current line/dance and will receive demerits.
- ★ **Full attention and common courtesy will be extended to the person in charge.** After school practice is not social time – members are expected to be ready to work on the current routine.
- ★ Injured & ineligible/probation members must attend all practices
- ★ Members are expected to be attentive at practice. Discipline will be administered for socializing, playing or non-participation during practices.
- ★ Each member is responsible for making up what is missed (on her own time) when absent from practice.
- ★ **Cell phones may not be used during practice. This includes breaks during practice.**
- ★ **Students must be picked up within 15 minutes of the dismissal of practice. Should your student be picked up later than 15 minutes on three occasions a meeting will be held to discuss possible removal from the team.**

### **Injuries**

Dancers are required to have a doctor's note if they are injured and cannot dance for more than 2 days. Doctor's orders will be followed as written on the note. Students will not be allowed to participate in any performances or practices until they are cleared by the doctor or cleared by the release date on the original doctor's order. If a student has been cleared to participate but cannot perform to the director's expectations, they may not participate in the next performance. Injured students must attend all practices and performances.

## **Performance**

- ★ Before each performance, there will be tryouts that will be judged by the Director to make sure everyone knows the dance to be performed. **The Director will decide who performs.**
- ★ Absences from practices and previous performances affect their eligibility to perform.

- ★ **Only members who dance the routine technically correct will perform.**
- ★ The team will sit as a group at all functions and only team members will be allowed in the team section.
- ★ All team members are required to attend performance, even if they are sitting out the performance.
- ★ The team will go to the performance area together in a uniform fashion.
- ★ All members will sit in an assigned position during functions. All members will actively participate in cheers and stand routines.
- ★ A member “acting up” during a function to the point of drawing attention away from the team will be disciplined and may not participate in the next performance.
- ★ All members will demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- ★ Absence from school on a performance day will automatically exclude a member from participating.
- ★ Any member missing part of her uniform will be disciplined and may not perform.
- ★ Any member going into public (or staying at school/event after dismissal of a performance) must change into appropriate clothing. Uniforms may not be worn anywhere except to team performances.
- ★ Jewelry may not be worn during any performances. Any member that must be asked to remove jewelry will receive demerits.
- ★ Fingernail/toenail polish may not be worn during any performance. Any member who has on polish at a performance will receive demerits.
- ★ Members may not talk to any persons outside the team during team functions without the Director’s permission.
- ★ Members will not talk when performing (including waiting to perform), entering and exiting a performance.
- ★ Members should not talk or move while a player is injured
- ★ Members should not talk or move during the national anthem
- ★ Members should not have food or drink in the stands without the Director’s permission.
- ★ If a member is staying at a function after team dismissal, the Director must have a written note from the parent at least one day prior to the event. The parent must check the student out from the Director at the time the student is leaving the performance. No student will be released to someone under the age of 18.
- ★ Members are to be picked up at the appointed time after the performance.

### **Definition of Groups within the Orange Pride Drill Team**

- ★ Line (all members who are selected for the team)
- ★ Officer
- ★ Spirit Leader
- ★ Manager-to be chosen by the Director

### **Specialized Responsibilities for Officers**

- ★ Model appropriate behavior and dancing for team members at all times during practice & performances
- ★ Aid the Director in any manner requested.
- ★ Help instruct in small groups.

- ★ Help maintain order in the course of practice, performance or public appearance.
- ★ Attend camp (Officer and Team) and a leadership workshop in the summer.
- ★ Attend all practices, games and required functions.
- ★ Assist in the preparing of the performances.
- ★ Be responsible for a squad of team members.
- ★ Remain at the conclusion of a practice or event to assist the director in clean up, music equipment, and any other duty assigned by the director.
- ★ Keep a notebook of information on duties concerning your office to pass to the person taking the office the next year.
- ★ Follow all dance team rules and **set an outstanding example for other members.**
- ★ Meet when needed to plan events.

### **Specialized Responsibilities for Spirit Leaders**

- ★ Aid the Director in any manner requested.
- ★ Remain at the conclusion of a practice or event to assist the director in clean up, music equipment, and any other duty assigned by the director.
- ★ Responsible for initiating motivational activities throughout the year and presenting them to the director.
- ★ Responsible for initiating the making of locker decorations for the following events: designated football games and any other special event that the director requests. Also responsible for removing after a certain amount of time.
- ★ Responsible for recognizing birthdays of all team members.
- ★ Responsible for motivating team and organizing team bonding events. Creating a team chant/motto to be used throughout the year.
- ★ Remain at the conclusion of a practice or event to assist the director in clean up, music equipment, and any other duty assigned by the director.
- ★ Keep a notebook of information concerning your position for future class representative.
- ★ Meet when needed to plan events.

### **Selection and Eligibility for the Dance Team**

Members are selected by an impartial panel of qualified judges and must tryout each year. Any candidate wanting to gain membership to the organization must first meet the eligibility requirements and attend a series of practice/learning sessions prior to tryouts.

### **Eligibility for Tryouts**

In order to try out for the Orange Pride Drill Team at York Junior High, a candidate must:

- ★ Live in the York Junior High official boundary as established by CISD during the time of tryouts, or have been accepted as a transfer to York.
- ★ Have an overall semester average of 70 or higher with no more than one F for the semester. A student is eligible to try out for the next year if she has failed a course during the previous grading period.
- ★ Be in good standing with the grade level principal's office. There must be no recurring behavior problems.
- ★ Students must have an attendance record that complies with the district attendance policy.

- ★ Students must attend the practice sessions prior to tryouts.
- ★ Students must have a parent or guardian attend the information pre-tryout meeting.
- ★ Students must provide their own transportation home from practice sessions at the time stated in the tryout information. **No buses are provided.**
- ★ Because of the vigorous nature of the physical activities required of drill team members, each candidate should be in excellent condition.
- ★ Prior to the tryouts, each candidate must have **online forms filled out.**

### **Team or Line Tryout Percentages**

- ★ 80% - Dance Score
- ★ 15% - School Record Evaluation and Grades
- ★ 5% - Behavior, Attitude, and Participation during clinic

### **Tryout Information**

- ★ No previous knowledge or training in dance team is necessary in order for a candidate to tryout. The candidates will be taught everything they need to know during the practice sessions.
- ★ Dress for practice sessions must be comfortable, as well as appropriate. Shorts and T-shirts or other dance/workout clothes may be worn with dance shoes or tennis shoes. No cutoffs, halter tops, midriff tops, gum, hair worn down, bare feet, socks, or jewelry will be allowed. Inappropriately dressed candidates will be asked to leave the practice sessions.
- ★ **Dress for tryouts should be all black dance or workout attire (pants or tights preferred), hair pulled back, and no jewelry.**
- ★ Each candidate will be assigned a number and candidates selected will be posted by number only.
- ★ Tryouts & clinic will be closed to observers. Only candidates will be allowed in the building during tryouts. Parents should wait at home or must wait outside if on York's property.
- ★ The candidates will be judged on:
  - Appearance: posture, poise, alignment, and neatness.
  - Dance routine: technique, memory, projection, timing, rhythm, overall ability, and completion of movements.
  - Behavior during the current year and during tryout clinic.
  - Grades
- ★ Candidates **MUST** be in attendance at school on the day of tryouts. If on a Saturday, they **MUST** be in attendance on Friday.

### **Transfer Students**

The Director will take transfers from other teams into consideration. The Director will take students into consideration that meet all drill team requirements and have recommendation from their current drill team instructor. The students will be taken on a probationary period of one 9 weeks. After one 9 weeks, the Director will evaluate the student's eligibility.

## **Officer Tryouts**

### **Eligibility**

- ★ Overall “B” average
- ★ No major discipline problems or warnings within the team or the school
- ★ One (1) year member of the Orange Pride Drill Team
- ★ The candidate may not try out for cheerleading the same year, prior to trying out for officer.
- ★ An officer must be committed to the drill team.

### **Tryout Requirements/Selection Criteria for Officers:**

**30% Mandatory Officer Tryout Dance**

**20% Director's Evaluation**

**15% Line Dance - Routine for team membership**

**10% Interview by Judges**

**10% Officer Essay**

**10% Grades**

**5% School Record Evaluation**

Students interested in trying out for officer should also complete an officer tryout packet that may be obtained from the director. Only students submitting an officer tryout packet along with their team tryout packet will be eligible for officer tryouts.

The officers are expected to perform their responsibilities at the highest level of leadership, citizenship and personal character. Officers are held to a higher standard than the rest of the team. An officer should not expect to receive a warning or second chance for an infraction of any dance team rule. The officer may be relieved of her position. Prior to removal, the Director will confer with the school administration.

Officers must remain eligible (academically and for demerits) throughout the year. If an officer becomes ineligible, they will be placed on probation and a parent/director conference will be held. If the officer does not regain eligibility at next progress report, (or receives additional demerits to be placed back on probation) another conference will be held and the officer may be relieved of her position as officer.

Officers are expected to be at all practices. Other obligations that keep an officer from attending practice **is not acceptable**. Officers are not permitted to miss more than 5 practices throughout the season without a doctor's note. Officers are the example for the team and are making a bigger commitment to the team than regular team members.

## **Spirit Leader Tryouts**

### **Eligibility**

- ★ Overall “B” average
- ★ No major discipline problems or warnings within the team or the school
- ★ One (1) year member of Orange Pride Drill Team
- ★ A spirit leader must be committed to the drill team.

### **Tryout Requirements/Selection Criteria for Spirit Leaders:**

- ★ 20%-Director’s Evaluation-based on member’s performance in drill team the previous year.
- ★ 20%- Essay/Questions
- ★ 20%-Spirit Projects
- ★ 20%-Speech to Team
- ★ 10%-Team Vote
- ★ 10%-Grades

Spirit leaders help plan and organize different activities for our team. Spirit Leaders ARE NOT members of the dance officer line and will not perform in officer routines. Students interested in trying out for spirit leader should complete a packet that may be obtained from the director.

**These tryouts will take place AFTER team and officer tryouts are concluded.**

Spirit Leaders must remain eligible (academically and for demerits) throughout the year. If a spirit leader becomes ineligible, they will be placed on probation and a parent/director conference will be held. If they do not regain eligibility at next progress report, (or receives additional demerits to be placed back on probation) another conference will be held and the officer may be relieved of her position as spirit leader.

Spirit Leaders are expected to be at all practices. Other obligations that keep a spirit leader from attending practice **is not acceptable**. Spirit leaders are an example for the team and are making a bigger commitment to the team than regular team members.