

Elkins HS Elite Dance Team
2011-2012 Try-out Application

Important: Please PRINT neatly in black or blue ink!

Candidate Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

11-12 Grade Level: _____

Birthday: _____

E-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name(s): _____

Mom's work #: _____

Dad's work #: _____

Cell phones: (Mom) _____ (Dad) _____

Mom's E-mail: _____

Dad's E-mail: _____

Please list any prior Dance/Cheer/Gymnastics experience:

What other clubs or activities do you plan to be active in during the 11-12 year?

Please attach a copy of your 3rd 9 weeks report card to this page.

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I hereby give my consent for my child to participate in all approved activities and allow them to accompany the Elite Director(s) or other representatives of Elkins High School or FBISD to any and all team functions and activities.

I hereby grant permission for FBISD employees to secure medical services for my child if deemed necessary.

I understand that neither FBISD nor any of its employees assume any responsibility in case an accident occurs.

I agree to be responsible for the safe return of all uniforms and equipment issued by the school to my child. I understand that financial costs may be incurred for the replacement/repair of damaged or lost items.

Please list any significant illnesses, allergies or medical conditions that the Director(s) should know of. This information will remain confidential.

Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy #: _____

Candidate name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Student Agreement and Parent Consent

I agree to abide by the policies and procedures as set forth by FBISD, Elkins High School and the Elite Director(s) for the Elite Dance Team. I am aware of the time and financial commitment required to participate in this organization, and I understand that all UIL and TEA rules apply. I understand my responsibilities and duties as a member of the Elite Dance Team and, upon acceptance, will represent Elkins High School with integrity, honor and pride.

Elite Dance Team Candidate Signature

Date

I understand the responsibilities of my child. I am aware of the time commitments for this organization and accept all physical and financial responsibilities. I hereby give my permission for my child to audition for and, upon acceptance, participate in the Elkins HS Elite Dance Team.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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2011-2012 Estimated Costs for a New Member*

The practice attire and other estimated costs are listed below.

<u>Practice/Performance clothes:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Burgundy/black top	\$27.00**
Royal top	\$19.50
Black/zebra top	\$28.00**
Black tank leotard	\$20.50**
Black Clamdiggers (2 pairs recommended)	\$24.00**
Black Silkskyn pants (2 pairs recommended)	\$30.00**
Black Velour Pants	\$36.00**
Black split sole jazz shoes	\$30.00
Tan split sole jazz shoes	\$30.00
Convertible tights	\$12.00
Clear Strap Bra	\$15.00
Team T-shirt	\$34.00**
Contest T-shirt	\$15.00
Spring Show T-shirt	\$12.50
Team backpack	\$30.00
Performance Makeup	\$30.00
Hair Rhinestones	\$5.00**
Warm-ups	\$60.00
Rain Poncho	\$13.00**
Team Camp	\$100.00
Team Dues (PACE, team gifts, banquet, etc.)	\$100.00

Estimated Total: \$676.50

Please note: All prices are estimated.

Additional costs include big/lil sis gifts, social events, travel and competition fees.

*Costs decrease dramatically for 2nd and 3rd year members.

**These items may be purchased from graduating/former team members at a much cheaper price.

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Line Try-out Score Sheet

Candidate# _____

Appearance

- Grooming
- Correct Attire
- Composure
- Hair/Make-up

10 pts.

Right Splits

5 pts.

Left Splits

5pts.

Technique/Execution

- Arm Placement
- Leg Placement
- Tight Turns
 - Spotting, Balance
- Leaps/Toe Touch
 - Extension
- Pointed Feet
- Use of turnout, plié
- Completion of Movement

40 pts.

Memory

- Knowledge of routine
- Timing

15 pts.

Showmanship

- Smile
- Energy
- Confidence
- Projection
- Posture
- Style

25 pts.

Total Score:

Comments:

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Judges Signature

**Elkins High School Elite Dance Team
2011-2012 Try-outs
Information and Application Materials**

Dear Dance Team Candidate,

We are so excited that you have decided to try out for the Elite Dance Team! Attached you will find all the information you will need for the 11-12 try-outs, including the application, cost information, parent agreements, medical release, and a sample scoresheet. **Applications are due on or before April 18, 2011 to Mrs. Diamond.** You may bring them to the clinic or drop them off to Mrs. Diamond in the Dance Room, or at the EHS Front Office; please make sure the application is clearly marked to ensure delivery.

Try-out Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Attend all clinic sessions.
- ✓ Turn in ALL application materials on or before April 18, 2011.
 - Application
 - Copy of 3rd 9wks Report Card
 - Medical release form
 - Parent permission form

Mandatory Clinic Dates

When: April 18-20, 2011
Where: EHS Girls Gym
Time: 2:45-4:30pm

Try-outs

When: Thursday, April 21, 2011
Where: EHS Girls Gym
Time: 3pm until finished (an estimate will be given at clinic meetings)

What to Wear

Clinic Sessions: Appropriate dance attire (must not show the midriff or cleavage) or workout wear. If you do not have dance shoes you may dance barefoot. No biker shorts, crop tops or running shoes. Hair must be tied back at all times! No jewelry allowed!

Try-outs: A solid black leotard or tank top, solid black dance pants, black socks, and black jazz shoes. Hair must be in a ponytail, no jewelry, and appropriate make-up.

Tryout Material

During the clinic you will be learning a jazz combination and splits from the outgoing Senior Officers. Prior dance experience can help you, but it is not a requirement. No matter the level of experience you have, remember to do your best! There are only 3 clinic days, so make sure you are ready to begin on time, pay close attention to the material and follow the instructions carefully. Make sure you stay hydrated and get plenty of rest during the week. It will make a big difference!

Guidelines Test

All candidates must complete a test over the Elite Dance Team Guidelines. These policies are absolutely necessary for the success of the team. You will need to print out a copy of the guidelines for yourself so that you can study them. The test will be given during tryouts on April 21st.

To access the guidelines, go to the EHS website. Then click Courses -> Fine Arts -> Dance Team M. Diamond -> Resources -> 2011-2012 Guidelines.

Judges Scores

The 3 judges will evaluate each candidate based on dance ability, flexibility, timing, showmanship and energy. There is a sample scoresheet attached so you can see what scores are based on. You will need to be prepared to perform for the judges as much as necessary. Tryouts are closed the public.

Scores are determined using the following:

Judge's Scores 300 pts.

Guidelines Test	50 pts
<u>Academic & Discipline Scores</u>	<u>100 pts.</u>
Total Possible Points	450 pts.

Academic & Discipline Scores

This is a "paper" judge. You will lose points based on low term grades, disciplinary referrals, poor conduct and attendance. Each candidate can earn a maximum of 100 points. We will be looking at the 10-11 school year only.

Academic Infractions: A=+1, B=0, C=-1, D=-2, F=-5

Conduct Infractions: E=0, S=0, N=-5, U=-8

Attendance: Tardy=-2; Unexcused Absence=-5 each or -10 per day

Discipline: -5 per referral

Results

The number of girls chosen depends on the scores. The cutoff point will be determined by a natural break in scoring.

Results will be posted on the campus website, along with other information for all members regarding practices and meetings through the end of the year. Results will be posted within 2 hours after candidates are dismissed.

To access the results, go to the campus website.

Then click Courses -> Fine Arts -> Dance Team M. Diamond -> Resources -> 2011-2012 Team Tryout Results.

Mandatory Dates for those who are chosen...

- May 3
 - Mandatory Parent Meeting; 6pm in the Commons
 - \$100 deposit due
 - Failure to attend will result in removal from team
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 3-26
 - 11-12 Team Practice; 2:45-4:30pm
- May 24
 - Physical Form due
 - Must be on current district form
 - Failure to complete will result in removal from team
- Tuesdays, June 7-July 21
 - Conditioning and Technique Classes; 8:30-10am
 - 1st year members must attend at least 5 classes
 - 2nd and 3rd year members must attend at least 4 classes
- August 1
 - Summer Practices Begin
- August 22
 - School begins; Daily after school practices begin 2:45-4:30pm

If there are any additional questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Diamond.

Good Luck!!!

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