



FIRST LADIES DANCE TEAM
AUDITION PACKET
2018 - 2019

Thank you for deciding to try-out for the award winning First Ladies Dance Team.

This packet contains some very important information concerning audition procedures, team requirements, and district policies. Please read this packet *thoroughly* and keep the information for future reference. Each packet should contain:

- Audition Information & Important Dates
- Anticipated Expenses
- First Ladies Tryout Application Form
- First Ladies Signature Page Form
- Try-out Score Sheet
- Grade Sheet

There are **THREE** pages that must be turned in, stapled, and returned to the LBJ/LASA Dance Studio by **Tuesday, March 20th** no later than 4p!!! *No late applications will be accepted!*

First Ladies Audition Information

Workshop & Audition Dates:

Monday, March 19 - Clinic Day 1 - LBJ Gym 4:00 - 6:00

Tuesday, March 20 - Clinic Day 2 - LBJ Gym 4:00 - 6:00

Wednesday, March 21 - Auditions - LBJ Gym 4:00 - ??

Eligibility Requirements:

1. All candidates are eligible to attend both clinic days and judged auditions regardless of academic standing.

2. All required paperwork must be turned in prior to judged auditions. Workshops:

(March 19th & 20th)

- Only those students auditioning for dance team will be admitted to the clinics. All practice sessions and auditions are closed to the public.
- Workshops will begin promptly at 4:00 pm – *PLEASE* be on time.
- Candidates must wear comfortable dance clothes during workshops. Jazz shoes are not a must, but preferred. You **MUST** be dressed out in order to participate in clinic. For the day of audition, all black attire is required.
- ALL Hair must be in a ponytail. (Pulled back, no bangs or hair in the face)
- No gum is allowed and ALL jewelry must be removed before the workshop begins.

- Food and drink are not allowed in the gym. (However, a closed top *water* bottle is permitted)

Judging Criteria:

1. All candidates will be judged on the following categories: Street Jazz
2. Required Skills: Right and left split, double pirouette, split leap, press leap, chaine turn, high kick, and calypso.
3. The judges only know each candidate by number – NO NAMES WILL BE USED.
4. Each candidate must remain at the audition site until the director dismisses the candidates in the event that callbacks are necessary.
5. There are no set numbers for First Ladies. The natural break will decide who makes the team.
6. No results will be posted after the first audition. Results will be posted on the First Ladies website: firstladiesdanceteam.weebly.com

2018-2019 First Ladies Dance Team Dates

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & DATES IF YOU MAKE FIRST LADIES

April 10th 4:00-6:00p – Mandatory Parent Meeting in the Dance Studio

May 3rd & 4th - Spring Show @ LBJ PAC

May 22nd - Mall (Mandatory)

July 1st – 3rd: Officer Camp

end of July or August TBA: East Camp

August TBA: Home Camp

August 2: COMPLETED PHYSICAL FORM DUE

More date information:

- First Ladies requires a large time commitment and it is important that you understand the requirements before you decide to join the team. Please review the attached calendar carefully and discuss it with your family.
- All First Ladies practices and meetings are mandatory. (This includes summer practice AND camp).
- Summer line camp/summer team practices are mandatory. All First Ladies members (including managers) are expected to participate in these rehearsals. This is the time that

the team learns all football routines, pep rally routines, and contest routines as well as team bonding. It is crucial that you are present for these events.

- During the school year, we will practice every day! During school and after school. You should anticipate after school practice ending between 6:00 pm – 6:30 p.m. There will be Late Start practices as well as some late night Fridays/Saturdays.
- Football games are usually held on Thursday or Friday nights.
- During the spring, FLs will compete in 1 or 2 contests in the surrounding Austin area. It will be held on a Saturday and is a mandatory, full-day commitment.
- First Ladies activities will be held to a minimum on the weekends. It will average out to be one bi-monthly.
- Spring Show will be held in the Spring semester and is mandatory.

Judges' Form: Explanation

The following descriptions are intended to assist judges, students, parents, and sponsors with the development of a basic understanding of the components to be evaluated during the try-out process. Judges are urged to use these descriptions as a general guide with the recognition that there will always be some degree of subjectivity in any judged event. A student may display characteristics within more than one of the descriptors for any judging category, in which case the judge shall be encouraged to use his/her professional discretion in the assignment of points.

For each style, a certain amount of points can be given. Listed under each style are techniques and qualities the ideal dancer should possess. Judges are able to check off or award points for techniques and qualities achieved and then give an overall score. The same goes with splits.

Candidate	Street Jazz (30 Points)	Kick Combo (10 points)	Splits(10)/Total (40)
	___ Style ___ Pirouette ___ Energy ___ Calypso ___ Sharp ___ Split Leap ___ Facials ___ High Kick ___ Memory ___ Press Leap ___ Point ___ Improv ___ Arm Placement ___ Timing ___ Projection Total:	___ Height ___ Prepping ___ Pointed Toes ___ Arm and Head Placement ___ Timing Total:	___ Left (5 points) ___ Right (5 points) Total:
	___ Style ___ Pirouette ___ Energy ___ Calypso ___ Sharp ___ Split Leap ___ Facials ___ High Kick ___ Memory ___ Press Leap ___ Point ___ Improv ___ Arm Placement ___ Timing ___ Projection Total:	___ Height ___ Prepping ___ Pointed Toes ___ Arm and Head Placement ___ Timing Total:	___ Left ___ Right Total:

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Example Order Form

ITEM	SIZE	PRICE	QUANTIT Y
BELLA TOP (GRAY TANK)		\$20	
SWING TOP		\$20	
YOGA RACERBACK		\$35	
ANKLE LEGGINGS		\$36	
CAPRI LEGGINGS		\$34	
BOY SHORTS		\$13	
TAN JAZZ SHOES		\$34	
BLACK JAZZ SHOES		\$34	
LEATHER HALF SHOES		\$18	
BLACK SPORTS BRA		\$17	
NUDE BRA		\$27	
BODY TIGHTS (SPECIFY COLOR)		\$19	
TEAM JERSEY		\$48	
RHINESTONE TOP		\$35	
HIP HOP SHOES		\$50	
WARM UP JACKET		\$60	
WARM UP PANTS		\$35	
FIELD HAT		\$55	
FIELD BOOTS		\$55	
EARRINGS		\$12	
PANCHO		\$5	
TEAM BAG		\$50	
REPLACEMENT BRA STRAPS			

MAKE UP KIT			
TEAM CAMP		\$80	
OFFICER CAMP		\$375	
COMPETITION		\$200	
FAIR SHARE		\$100	
			TOTAL:

Payment Information

All items are required to be on the First Ladies Dance Team. The items needed change from year to year. If you are a returning member you may not need all the items.

Payment Schedule:

Date	Payment
May 22, 2018	\$250
July 31, 2018	\$250
Monthly after August	Must make some sort of payment towards balance

Balance must be **paid off by March 2019** before try outs. All payments must be Cash or Check. Check made payable to LBJ First Ladies.

ALL PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

****Please understand if your dancer is no longer a part of First Ladies, any money paid will become property of First Ladies and will not be returned to the dancer, any uniforms not given to the dancer will remain the property of First Ladies and any monies owed to First Ladies will STILL have to be paid.****

2017-2018 Application for First Ladies Dance Team Tryouts

Must be turned in by the second day of clinic, March 20th!

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell # _____

Current Grade level (Check one):

8th Grade _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____

School (Circle one): LBJ LASA

Parents'/Guardians' Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Dancer's email: _____

List any previous dance experience:

Why do you want to be a part of the First Ladies Dance Team?

First Ladies Audition Signature Page

We, the parents/guardians of, _____, grant our permission for her to audition for the First Ladies Dance Team. We have read through the audition packet. We agree to abide by **all** rules and regulations set forth by these documents. We also understand and agree to the consequences for breaking these rules and regulations. Furthermore, we understand that if selected for the team, my daughter will be required to pay for her practice clothing, shoes, boots/hat, game day attire, etc. A reasonable estimate of these expenditures is \$890.00. We understand if my dancer is no longer a part of First Ladies, any money paid will become property of First Ladies and will not be returned to the dancer. Any uniforms not given to the dancer will remain the property of First Ladies. Any monies owed to First Ladies will STILL have to be paid. I further understand that this is an extra-curricular activity and that attendance at all practices, games, and special functions are requirements of team membership. Finally, we understand the audition process. We agree and understand that the decision of the judges is final.

Parent's Name: _____

(Please Print)

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dancer:

I, _____, am choosing to audition for the First Ladies Dance Team. I have read **all** guidelines included in this packet and agree to abide by **all** rules and regulations. I also understand and agree to the consequences for breaking these rules and regulations. If I am selected to the dance team, I understand that I am expected to uphold the standards set by the team/ director and by Austin I.S.D. *beginning the day* I make the team. I must also remain passing in ALL my classes in order to participate in this team. Should I fail to meet these standards, I will be subject to disciplinary action. Finally, I understand the audition process. I agree and understand that the decision of the judges is final.

Student's Name: _____

(Please Print)

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____