

Jersey Village Gold Dusters Team Tryouts

Turn in this page only by: November 28th

Name _____ ID # _____ Current Grade Level _____ House _____

Have your teachers filled out your recommendations? YES NO

Have you received alternative school placement during this school year? YES NO

Have you been suspended during this school year? YES NO

Have you turned in a current physical for this school year? YES NO

STUDENT/PARENT PERMISSION FORM

I, _____, have read the information pertaining to the Gold Duster Dance Team and auditions. I am willing to put forth the effort needed as well as the time in order to fulfill all the requirements of the Jersey Village Gold Duster Dance Team. I understand that all the rules listed in the Cypress Fairbanks ISD Dance/Drill Team Handbook and the Gold Duster Dance Team Addendum must be followed in order to maintain membership on the Gold Duster Dance Team. I understand that my position on the Gold Duster Dance Team is conditional. I understand that should I receive 10 demerits from the time the team is announced to the first day of new team practice (usually beginning in May), my position on the team will be terminated. I further understand that I may start earning merits and demerits the Monday after team auditions.

Student Signature _____ ***Date*** _____

I, _____, have read and understand all the requirements to be a member of the Gold Duster Dance Team. I will support my daughter/son, the team and Director(s) throughout the audition process and the year should she/he be selected as a Gold Duster. I am also aware of the financial obligations of clothing, camp and membership fees and agree to pay all fees associated with the team by the dates specified. If financial assistance is needed, it is my responsibility to contact the directors immediately. I understand that my student's position on the Gold Duster Dance Team is conditional and should she/he receive 10 demerits from the time the team is announced to the first day of new team practice (usually beginning in May), her/his position on the team will be terminated. I further understand that merits and demerits begin the Monday after team auditions.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ ***Date*** _____

Dear Parents,

I am delighted that your student is interested in auditioning for the Jersey Village Gold Duster Dance Team. As the parent of a prospective dance team member, you should be fully aware of the audition process and requirements for dance team membership. You and your student must also realize the commitment and dedication required of all young adults and their families once they have been selected to the dance team.

Being a member of an organization such as this has been the highlight of many students high school days and has afforded many students an important opportunity for self-development. While a member of the dance team your daughter/son will receive the best character training possible. Your student will experience many good times, along with much glory and recognition, as well as learn conformity, dependability, responsibility, self-discipline, and acquire life-long memories.

The following outline will familiarize you with our audition procedure and contains general information concerning dance teams across the district that must be understood before your student's audition. Being selected as a dance team member is not only an outstanding achievement and a great honor; it is a tremendous commitment that must be taken seriously. The decision to audition should be well thought out and discussed between you and your student. Unlike many sports, dance team is a full year commitment; we begin in July and do not complete our season until May.

Membership on the Gold Duster Dance Team is a privilege, not a right. Since members choose to audition and are then selected for membership in an extra-curricular activity, each member is considered a leader within the school and around the community. Potential members and their families must agree to abide by the guidelines as set forth in the Gold Duster Addendum as well as the CFISD Handbook.

*This is a brief outline of the very intricate Gold Duster Dance Team. I feel that it is necessary for both you and your student to fully understand what would be expected of her/him should she/he make the team. Please consider the **time** and **effort** to be put forth by both **you** and **your student** to make dance team a positive experience. The amount of time, money and commitment of the Gold Duster Dance Team should be evaluated carefully when considering auditioning. Each dance team in Cypress Fairbanks has made a name for themselves that the school, community, parents and past members are indeed proud of. This was only possible through dedication, commitment, and rigor of members and their families. The young adults that make the Gold Duster Dance Team will have an obligation to uphold this excellence.*

I will do everything possible to make auditions and membership a beneficial experience for your student. Self-discipline, good attendance and a positive attitude from you and your student will help. Encourage your student to stretch and practice every evening and no matter what, keep smiling. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email.

Best of Luck,

Ryan Garcia

Jersey Village Gold Duster Director
ryan.garcia@cfisd.net

Katy Livingston

Jersey Village Gold Duster Assistant Director
katy.livingston@cfisd.net

GOLD DUSTER DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS

I. Tryouts

A. Tryout Eligibility:

- 9th, 10th or 11th graders
- Must meet CFISD residency requirements
- Have all current teachers fill out recommendation letters. Ms. Garcia & Ms. Livingston do not need to fill one out.
- Cannot have received alternative school placement or suspended during the current school year.
- Must have a physical on file BEFORE the first day of tryout week. Monday, December 3rd.
- Candidates and their parents will sign agreement forms for the district handbook and campus addendum as well as all financial commitments/responsibilities.
- Candidate & at least one parent/guardian must attend the mandatory meeting November 28th at 7:30pm.
- Candidates must attend every day of the tryout clinic, unless given prior approval from the directors.

B. Tryout Clinic:

- December 3rd, 4th, 5th: 3:00-4:40pm & 6th: 3:30-6:30pm
 - Students may ride the late bus Dec. 3rd-5th
 - All dates are closed to spectators
- Wear ALL BLACK dance clothing every day of clinic
- The dance is taught by the outgoing Gold Duster Dance Officers
 - May include jazz, hip hop, pom, contemporary and kick dance styles
 - Will include but not limited to right and left splits, turns, leaps, jumps, kicks and quick footwork
- Each candidate **must attend all three days** of the tryout clinic to tryout on the 6th
 - Should a student be injured or become ill, options must be discussed with Ms. Garcia BEFORE you miss.
- There will be optional open "gym" hours Dec. 3th, 4th & 5th. There will be no scheduled instruction during this time. This will be after the tryout clinic from 4:45-5:15pm in the dance room. There is NO late bus available if they stay for open "gym".

C. Final Tryout Day:

- December 6th; starts at 3:30 pm
- Please wear solid black, fitted clothing. Hair should be pulled up into a pony tail or a bun and bangs should be out of your face. Lipstick and make-up should be worn! Our dance team wears make up at every performance! Tryouts are no exception.
- Call Backs – if the judges feel the need to see a student again, they will call them back to dance again. This is not a bad thing!
- Candidates will be dismissed and must LEAVE the building once the judges have finished with their scores.
- Parents, friends and family may **not** be inside the building during tryouts.
- Everyone must tryout in person.
- Judging:
 - Candidates will audition in small groups that will be determined during the tryout clinic by the Director.
 - Scores are based on coordination, rhythm, precision, dance technique, memory, showmanship, overall performance quality and timing.

- Candidates will also take a test over the CFISD Dance/Drill Team Handbook and the Gold Duster Addendum.
 - Wednesday, November 28th during their dance class period or if they are not in a dance class, before school at 6:45am.
 - You can access both of these documents on our webpage at www.jvgolddusters.com; in the "Membership" section, under "Tryout Information".
 - There will be a mock test distributed on Monday or Tuesday Nov. 26th or 27th. Candidates will receive feedback on what they missed so that they can study for their official test on the 28th.
- 60 points will come from the judges (20 points/judge) + 30 points from teacher recommendations + 10 points for turning documents (pg. 1 of this packet & physical) in on time= 100 possible points
 - Candidates with the highest scores, based on the largest break in scores, will be chosen for the Jersey Village Gold Duster Dance Team.
 - Tryout numbers of each candidate that has been chosen for the team will be posted on the "Membership" page (click on "Membership") of the Gold Duster website (www.jvgolddusters.com) on the evening of the 7th. Please do not expect scores prior to 7:00pm.

Judges Score Sheet-TEAM

Tryout #	Memory 20	Performance Quality 20	Leaps 20	Turns 20	Flexibility 20	Score

SAMPLE

Additional Comments:

Judge # _____

Judges Signature _____

JERSEY VILLAGE GOLD DUSTERS
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A. Guidelines & Requirements:

- a.** Every dance team member in Cypress Fairbanks I.S.D. is governed by a set of guidelines set forth by the District (CFISD Dance/Drill Team Handbook) as well as guidelines, which are determined by the campus (Gold Duster Addendum). Dance team members and parents are expected to read, study, know and adhere to the policies and procedures of the dance team.
- b.** Members will always maintain high moral standards and use good judgment. Conduct must always be appropriate and above reproach. Membership may be terminated for unacceptable standards or conduct.

B. Academics:

- a.** We fall under the "NO PASS/NO PLAY" rule – 70 or below on a report card renders a student ineligible.

C. Yearly Schedule:

- a.** Dance Team is a YEAR-ROUND sport. We start at the end of summer and continue through May.
- b.** Gold Dusters will receive a list of important dates in May. This will include major dates, weekend dates and other trip dates but will not include practice dates and times. Attached is a general outline of our practice/performance schedules.

D. Parent Club:

- a.** The main purpose of a Parent Club is to support the Gold Duster Program and the Directors. The Parent Club works with the directors to provide a successful year for the team.
- b.** The district does not provide a budget that will support our team. Therefore, every member's family is expected to take part in the Parent Club and their efforts to support our team. This includes volunteering in many different aspects as well as aiding in our fundraising efforts. Without this effort from each family, our team will not be able to sustain the excellence we have become known for.
- c.** Throughout the year, all Gold Dusters will be asked to help raise money to defer the expenses of the team. These fundraisers will be explained at the mandatory parent meeting held in May.

E. Gold Duster Financial Commitment and Payments

- 1. MASTER INVOICE:** This payment is divided evenly from January to May. Attached is the Financial Agreement Form. If your student makes the team, this form is due the following Monday after the team is announced.
 - a. CLOTHING PAYMENT** – This includes practice clothing, performance accessories, shoes, performance lipstick and other items required of all Gold Dusters, some of which are personalized. Approximately **\$600**. Your first year is the most expensive because you are buying all of these items for the very first time. IF your student takes care of these items, most of them can last all of their years on Gold Dusters.
 - b. TEAM CAMP** – This is the summer camp that each Gold Duster is required to attend. Summer Camp fee is approximately **\$200**

c. ACTIVITY FEE – Includes formal and end-of-year banquet, football and Homecoming items, and some contest expenses. Approximately **\$300** (based on 2017-2018)

d. T-SHIRT/PARTY FUND- This includes three t-shirts and three parties. **\$75**

2. **TEAM TRIP** – The team will not be traveling during the 2019-2020 school year. We will travel again in the 2020-2021 school year.

3. **BUDGET:** These are estimated amounts. The actual amounts will be established and voted by the Parent Club at the end of this school year. In addition, your Gold Duster will be responsible for paying for any extra supplies bought during the school year (example – dance shoes, tights, etc.), and other activities for which they may qualify or elect to participate in, such as contest solos.

**Note: There are many items for the Gold Dusters that are budgeted and paid by the Parent Club that are not covered by your payments, such as costumes, additional training and choreography, props, rank gifts, the Gold Duster yearbook page, team outings, and other things that are planned for the year. Those are all paid from Parent Club fundraisers.*

4. **PAYMENTS** – Here is what you should budget for.

a. Payments are due at the Parent Club meetings each month.

2019-2020 Master Invoice: Total estimated amount due \$1140

January 17th - \$228

February 7th - \$228

March 7th - \$228

April 4th - \$228

May 16th - \$228

b. Payments may be made at any point prior to these dates. If you ever need an extension on a payment. Please contact our treasurer at treasurer4jvgdpc@gmail.com. We will hold clothing fittings in March and everything will then be ordered for your student. In effort to reduce the cost of supplies, we will hold a senior resale, for members to purchase pre-worn items. We will have a list of items/sizes that seniors are selling for the new team members to sign up for before we place the order.

6. PAYMENT OPTIONS –

a. Cash, Money Order or Credit Card; Our Treasurer takes care of making sure all payments are posted to your student's account. **Dance team is an extreme financial and time commitment.** However, PLEASE do not let money be a reason your student does not audition for the team. There ARE alternative means to meeting the financial obligations! If this is a concern for you, please speak with me prior to tryouts.

b. Should you choose to pay by credit card, you will be waiving your right to the cash discounted price (approximately 4%) for all transactions.

2019-2020 Gold Duster Financial Agreement From

Per the Gold Duster Addendum-

1. Expenses

a. It should be noted that the Gold Duster organization has a financial obligation attached to membership. If financial difficulties occur within a family making it difficult to meet this obligation, the director(s) must be informed immediately. Steps will be taken to assist rather than dismiss the member but remain the responsibility of the member and their family.

b. All team fees, clothing and camp fees must be paid prior to distribution of clothing and departure to camp unless other arrangements have been made with the director and JVGDPDPC Treasurer.

Each month an installment to your students overall Gold Duster balance is due. If you are unable to complete your payment on time, communication must be made to both the Director and Treasurer.

Treasurer4jvgdpc@gmail.com

All Gold Duster dues must be paid in full by the Parent meeting on May 16th.

If you would like to apply for Financial Support, please ask the Director or Treasurer for the application form. You can apply for financial support at any time.

If you need an extension or alternate installment due dates, please contact the Treasurer to set this up before the payment is due. We are always willing to work with families to avoid their students facing any penalties with their membership on our team.

Please remember that dance teams come with a financial obligation. If payments are not paid in full by May 16th or if there is failure to communicate needs for Financial Support, extensions or alternate due dates before the monthly due dates, then your student's membership will be terminated.

If your student's membership is terminated OR if your student quits on or before May 16th then your activity fee and camp fee will be returned to you. Likewise, if your student's membership is terminated OR if your student quits any time after May 16th, the activity and camp fees will **not** be refunded. Your clothing fee is nonrefundable once clothing has been ordered.

Please sign below that you understand and agree to all the information above. If this form is not signed and returned by December 10, 2018, then your student's membership with our 2019-2020 team will be terminated.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Students Printed Name

Date