

**JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL
LEGACIES DANCE
TEAM CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I

OBJECTIVES

- A. To increase and develop character, scholarship, leadership and individual responsibility;
- B. To develop and maintain a very high standard of technical and creative dance;
- C. To promote school spirit and good sportsmanship;
- D. To represent Katy ISD at school functions and events, on and off campus;
- E. To promote interest in all school activities;
- F. To create and maintain positive relations between our dance teams;

ARTICLE II

AUDITION PROCEDURES-Line Membership

- A. Application

Active Participant is a current member of the dance team. All active members must audition each year for a place on the dance team for the next school year.

Candidate Member is a student who will audition for a first year dance team membership.

- 1. Active participants and candidate members must be entering grades 10-12.
- 2. Active participants and candidate members may not have been sent to 'A School' or Out of School Suspension (OSS) at any time during the current school year.
- 3. Active participants and candidate members must have no "U's", and no more than two "N's" in conduct for the official grade reporting period prior to auditions. An official report card must be attached to the application.
- 4. Active participants and candidate members and their parents/guardians must attend a meeting for an explanation of the time, energy, expectations and expenses of dance team membership as well as an understanding of these obligations. (Expenses are held to a minimum so that all candidates are able to try out for membership. A student not able to meet the financial obligations needs to consult with the director.)

5. Copies of the KISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct FM (LOCAL) Board Policy and the KISD Dance Team Constitution are given to the prospective members and parents/guardians.
6. A completed application and a signed parent/guardian permission form are returned only to the director by the specified deadline. Late applications will not be accepted.
7. Current members must be clear of any dance team financial responsibility with their school and/or booster club accounts before application can be accepted for auditions.

B. Audition

It is the responsibility of the active participant and candidate member to be aware of all announcements and posted notices regarding audition dates and the official grade reporting period that will be used to determine eligibility for auditions.

1. Current dance team officers will be exempt from the audition process. The exemption is only in reference to line auditions.
2. Auditions are held on a date designated by the director. Auditions occur only at the designated time. Requests for second auditions will not be granted.
3. Active participants and candidate members are rated by a panel of three judges selected in advance by the director.
4. Active participants and candidate members wear a number and all judging information will be documented according to the number.
5. Active participants and candidate members are rated in the categories of kick height and technique, splits, projection and showmanship, rhythm and coordination, memory, technique, execution of movement, and personal presentation.
6. Active participants and candidate members will be prepared to show audition choreography to judges as many times as necessary during the selection process.
7. The decision of the judges is final and is announced as soon as possible.
8. Auditions are closed to the public with only the judges, director, administrator, and necessary personnel present.
9. Judges use a score sheet to award points to each candidate. Each judge independently awards the candidate points in each of the categories. A blank judge's sheet is provided for prospective members to see prior to the audition. Judges' score sheets will be retained for 1 year after auditions.

C. Selection

1. Each candidate's total score is the average of scores from each of the three judges.
2. A candidate with a total score of 8-14 points is selected for membership of the dance team.
3. A candidate with a total score of 15-19 points is considered a "call-back" at the discretion of the judges and will perform the audition choreography until the final decision is completed.
4. A candidate with a total score of 20 or more points will not be selected for membership.

ARTICLE III

ACTIVE PARTICIPANT MEMBERSHIP

- A. Entering grades 10 through 12;
- B. Membership is for an entire year, from audition to audition;
- C. Able to execute specific dance techniques at all performances;
- D. Submit a signed KISD Physical Form completed by a physician;
- E. Follow all guidelines set forth in the KISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct FM (LOCAL) Board Policy and the KISD Dance Team Constitution.

ARTICLE IV

UNIFORMS and EQUIPMENT

The school will furnish the dance team performance uniforms and props. The props are to remain at school unless checked out by the director. Each member is held responsible for the care and return of members' uniform and props. The member will pay for any damaged uniform or prop, or any uniform not cleaned at the end of the school year. Dance attire and other accessories, and any other items designated by the director, must be purchased by the members.

A. Uniforms

1. The entire uniform must be kept clean and in good condition.
2. A signed Uniform Loan Contract must be on file.

3. Members must wear all parts of the performance uniform while in public.
4. The performance uniform must not be worn in public places other than specified performance areas.
5. All required dance team attire may only be worn by the current member.
6. Any member who is dismissed or resigns from the team is required to return all school issued uniforms and accessories within seven school days. Failure to comply with this directive will place student on the "not clear" list on the campus.

B. Equipment

1. All school property issued to any dance team member will be kept in good condition and returned to the director as it was originally issued. Replacement costs will be at the expense of the member.

ARTICLE V

AUDITION PROCEDURES- Officers

A. Application

1. Officer applicants must be entering grades 11-12.
2. Officer candidates must be passing all subjects in the grading period prior to auditions.
3. Officer candidates must have no conduct grade lower than "S" in the grading period prior to the audition.
4. Officer candidates must be active team members, have a minimum of one year experience on the school's dance team, and can only audition within the school for which they originally applied for team membership.
5. The number of officers will be determined at the discretion of the director at each campus.
6. Officer candidates must have filed the appropriate application of intent form and must have met all deadlines set by the director.

B. Audition

It is the responsibility of the officer candidate to be aware of all announcements and posted notices regarding audition dates and the official grade reporting period that will be used to determine eligibility for auditions.

1. Officer candidates must try out on the date designated by the director. Auditions occur only at the designated time. Requests for second auditions will not be granted.
2. Officer candidates are rated by a panel of three judges selected in advance by the director.
3. Officer candidates wear a number and all judging information will be documented according to the number.
4. Officer candidates will be rated according to the following percentages:

Notebook/Book Study	(10%)
Team Vote	(20%)
Judges	(70%)

Categories: Solo performance, group performance and interview
5. Officer candidates will be prepared to show audition choreography to judges as many times as necessary during the selection process.
6. The decision of the judges is final and is announced as soon as possible.
7. Auditions are closed to the public with only the judges, director, administrator, and necessary personnel.

C. Responsibilities

1. Officers must comply with all guidelines that apply to dance team members.
2. Officers are required to attend an officer camp designated by the director. If an officer does not attend officer camp, they will be moved to line member status.
3. All officers will be required to perform all officer responsibilities and be present at all practices, meetings, performances and functions. Failure to complete the duties assigned by the director will result in being moved to line member status.

D. Officer Dismissal

1. Officers will adhere to a "Three Strikes you're Out" policy. All officers are expected to follow the rules of the team and in no way abuse their position. If an officer commits one of the following offenses, she will receive demerits as well as a "strike".

- Not following directions

-Showing disrespect to her Director, team or fellow officers

- Breaking a rule
- Being put on probation
- Not living up to the standards of her office
- Not following school policy

ARTICLE VI

SOCIAL OFFICERS

Objective: Social Officers will promote spirit and enthusiasm within the team.

- A. Selection of the social officer will be held on a date designated by the director.
- B. Selection criteria will be set by the director.
- C. Each director will determine the membership number, titles, and duties of socials.
- D. Each social officer will complete all duties of the position as specified by the director. Failure to complete the duties assigned by the director will result in dismissal from the social officer line.

ARTICLE VII

ENSEMBLE GROUPS

Objective: Ensemble Groups will represent the dance team through the display of exemplary dance technique and performance.

- A. Selection of the Ensemble Groups will be held on a date designated by the director.
- B. Selection criteria will be set by the director.
- C. Each director will determine the membership number and performance criteria.
- D. Each member will complete all duties of the Ensemble Groups as specified by the director. Failure to complete the duties assigned by the director will result in dismissal from the Ensemble Groups.

ARTICLE VIII

MANAGERS

Objective: Managers will support the director with organization duties and record keeping.

- A. Selection of managers will be held on a date designated by the director.
- B. Managers will be optional for each individual school and the selection criteria will be set by the director.
- C. Each director will determine the membership number and duties of the managers. Duties can include: video tape performances, organize attire, distribute and collect forms, inventory costumes/supplies, data entry and copy handouts, other duties as assigned.
- D. Each member will complete all duties of a manager as specified by the director. Failure to complete the duties assigned by the director will result in dismissal as a manager.

ARTICLE IX

RESPONSIBILITES

A. Attendance

Dance team programs practice, perform and compete during the entire school year and attend rehearsals and camps during selected summer months.

- 1. All members are required to attend all rehearsals set by the director. Additional or extended Director-called practices are necessary and mandatory.
- 2. All members, if eligible, are required to attend all performances scheduled by the director.
- 3. Absence from any dance team practice or performance is unexcused with the exception of:
 - a. personal illness,
 - b. funeral or death in the immediate family,
 - c. special school activities with special permission secured from the director.
- 4. A member is considered absent if they are not in attendance for 15 minutes or more of any rehearsal or event.
- 5. A member who is not performing must be in attendance and in appropriate attire at all practices and performances with the team.
- 6. Any member absent from school or a performance is responsible for contacting director to inform her as well as another member to obtain what was missed.

7. A member may be removed from a performance even if an absence is excused.
8. Unexcused absences will result in demerits and/or possible dismissal from team membership.
9. Team members who have intermittent conflicts with other KISD sponsored activities are eligible to perform with prior permission from the director. Notice must be provided to the director with a minimum of seven calendar days before the day of absence.
10. Team members may not participate in any activities or sport that routinely interfere with their dance team responsibilities without prior approval of the dance team director, the activities director/athletic coach, and school administration.

B. Summer

1. All members are required to attend all summer camps/practices as selected by the director.
2. For every two days of practice missed, the member will be placed on probation for one dance. If the probation is during a performance routine that is going to be repeated, the member may not participate in the repeat performance. In addition, the member is subject to demerits according to the Legacies Demerit System.
3. Dance team attire will be distributed to all members who have paid in full. Consequences will apply for all members not wearing required attire.

C. Football Season

1. Any member absent after official placement of formations will be replaced by an alternate for the upcoming performance even if the absence is excused.
2. All performances are mandatory even if member is not performing. Failure to attend will result in loss of performing in the next game as well as a zero in the grade book for that performance.
4. Members must remain at all activities for the duration of the event.
5. Members must ride the bus to and from any team event. In the event of an extenuating circumstance which prevents the student from riding the bus, a request and appropriate forms must be submitted to the director five days prior to the event.

6. Auditions may be held for each performance. The date and time will be designated by the director.
7. Members who do not make the performing auditions will be an alternate. Alternates must attend and participate in all practices and functions.
8. Any member unable to dance for an extended period of time must attend all practices, performances or activities (unless specified by the director). Failure to attend will result in demerits and/or possible dismissal from the team. A doctor's note is required after three consecutive days of non-participation.

D. Spring Show/Contest Season

1. The director will set all rehearsals and performances. Members are allowed two excused absences from practice from each season: 2 for contest and 2 for spring show. Directors will clarify when each season begins and ends. Absences in excess of two will result in removal from any pieces that were practiced during the absence.
2. Members are not allowed to miss rehearsals two full weeks (fourteen calendar days) before a contest or Spring Show. Members who miss rehearsal will immediately be removed from any pieces that were practiced during the absence.
3. Director will determine if a school activity is considered an excused absence during this time. Director may determine to waive a removal if no adequate alternates are available for the contest or Spring Show piece.

ARTICLE X

DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM

A. Demerit/Merit systems

1. Demerit and Merit systems are optional for each school. Each director will provide the members with a written set of rules and explanation of the system used.
2. A record of demerits received by each member will be maintained by the director.
3. Demerits received during summer rehearsals/activities will not be part of the permanent record and may be worked off before the start of the first official school day. Any demerit not worked off by the first day of school will be added to the student's permanent demerit record for the school year.
4. Starting the first official school day, demerits received will remain on record until the end of the current school year.

Demerit Offense:

Demerits:

Failure to be prepared (missing items, papers, etc.)

1

Absences/Tardiness

1

Inappropriate Behavior

1

Loss of attire during practice/performance

1

Insubordination

5

Maintenance of properties, facilities, and equipment

1

Demerit System– Line Members

1-14 Demerits

No penalty

15 Demerits

3-week suspension

Attend all practices/events in full performance attire

No performance privileges

20 Demerits

Dismissal from team for remainder of school year

Demerit System – Officer Members

1-9 Demerits

No penalty

10 Demerits

Removed from officer position to line member position

15 Demerits

Six week probation Attend all practices/events in full performance attire

No performance privileges

20 Demerits

Dismissal from team for remainder of school year

B. Social Media

Any dance team member representing themselves, or their organization, in an unfavorable, questionable or illegal manner through electronic media (i.e. websites, social media, tik tok, blogs, text messages, chat rooms or similar websites/files accessible through a server or internet) or using electronic communication devices in such a way as to bring discredit, dishonor, or disgrace on their organization or members of any other school organization including themselves (i.e. camera phones, digital photos, electronic descriptions) will be subject to the disciplinary actions determined by appropriate school officials and/or the directors including probation, suspension or dismissal from the team.

C. Disciplinary Expectations

1. Members who participate in any KISD Dance Team will comply with the following documents and procedures at all times:
 - KISD Dance Team Constitution
 - KISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct FM (LOCAL)
 - KISD Student Code of Conduct
 - Directives given by the dance team director- written or verbal

2. Members who do not comply with the above documents/directives will result in the issue of one or more of the following: demerits, probation, suspension, and/or loss of membership for the remainder of the school year.
3. Repeated violations of school policy will be subject to dismissal from the team based upon the recommendation of the director and the grade level principal.

ARTICLE XI

PROBATION, SUSPENSION, AND LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

A. Definitions

1. Probation - defined as a member will not be able to perform in any performance of the dance team BUT must attend all practices. Probation may be given for a specific infraction or determined amount of demerits accumulated.
2. Probation will begin with the first performance following the discovery of the member's violation and will last for two weeks (14 calendar days) after the investigation. If the next performance is a contest or spring show dance performance, the member may be removed from one or more dances. The director may extend the probationary period for infractions, circumstances or guidelines not included in this constitution and will do so will the approval of campus administration.
3. Suspension - defined as a member will not be able to participate in dance team performance, practice, or function.
4. Loss of Membership - defined as a member will not be permitted participation in any activity of the dance team for the remainder of the school year. A dismissed member must turn in their performing uniform(s) and any other issued items. The student will be removed from the dance team class and placed into the appropriate class/subject with the guidance of the counseling center.

B. Any member who makes below 70% in any course in a 6 weeks report card will be placed on probation for the next three weeks. (Exception: first eligibility check due to UIL on the first 6 weeks progress report.) The probation begins seven calendar days after the end of the grading period. (Texas Education Code 33.081)

C. Any member who is ineligible for any two 6 week report cards will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the school year.

- D. Any member who receives a "U" or two "N"s during any report card will be subject to a three-week probation. If the student receives any future U or N in any class or subject during any report card the member will be dismissed at the specified grading period
- E. Any member who is dismissed or resigns from the team during a school year is eligible to audition for the team for the next school year and will only receive privileges given to a first year member.
- F. Any member leaving the team for any reason will remain out for the remainder of the school year.
- G. Any member assigned to ISS will have the following actions:
- 1st offense: Suspension from further participation in all team activities for 15 school days starting on the first day of the ISS assignment for a level 1 infraction. A level 2 infraction will result in removal from the team immediately.
- 2nd offense: Loss of membership from the dance team for the remainder of the school year. The student will be removed from the dance team class and placed into the appropriate class/subject with the guidance of the counseling center.
- H. Any member assigned Out of School Suspension or 'A School' will be immediately dismissed from the team for one calendar year. The student will not be allowed to audition for team membership during this dismissal time period. Team members are prohibited from the following disciplinary behaviors, participating in these behaviors can result in immediate dismissal from the team:
- Fighting
 - Alcohol
 - Possession and/or use of tobacco products and/or drugs
 - Inappropriate language/profanity
 - Inappropriate behavior
 - Destruction and/or defacing of school property
 - Insubordination to faculty

The district administration, campus administration, or dance team directors may initiate amendments to the KATY I.S.D. Dance Team Constitution. Amendments will be discussed and implemented only with the approval of a majority from the district administration, campus administration, and district dance team directors.

I. Veto Clause

- J. Since the director is directly responsible to the principal and the Katy Independent School Board for the welfare of this organization, it is expressly understood that all student powers herein set forth are delegated by the director and may be revoked at any time.

ARTICLE XII

PETITION FOR EXIT

The following steps must be completed before any student may exit the Jordan Legacies program.

- A. In-person conference with directors and student.
- B. Conference with directors and parent(s).
- C. Petition for exit written document submitted to grade level AP with written approval from director.
- D. Granting the petition is based on input from the teacher, student performance in the course, availability of space in other courses, and the timing of the request.
- E. All items that belong to Jordan High School must be returned and checked in with the director 2 weeks upon exit approval. A hold will be placed on the student account for all items not returned by the 2-week deadline. The hold will not be removed until the date the items are returned.
- F. Financial refunds of ANY sort will not be honored by the JLBC upon exit from the team.

ARTICLE XIII

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS

Any parent who wishes to discuss any matter of the Jordan Legacies should feel free to contact the director from 7:45-8:15 am any weekday or contact their daughter's counselor to make an appointment with the director.