



2022-2023 Tryout Eligibility Requirements

Before you make the decision to tryout, please carefully consider the following. Being on the Reynolds Middle School Drill Team involves more time and responsibility than most realize. The demands upon a person's time and energy are great and all members must be able to successfully balance school, dance team duties, homework, etc. All your commitment must be taken into consideration before you decide to tryout.

1. All tryout information will be listed in this the Reynolds Middle School Drill Team Tryout Packet
2. Students must be an incoming 7th or 8th grader at Reynolds Middle School.
3. **Residency/Enrollment:** A student is eligible to tryout if:
 1. At the time of the tryouts, the student is enrolled in PISD and is trying out at the school where the student is registered to attend for the next school year.
 2. If the student is not currently enrolled in PISD but provides documentation of intent to register with a housing contact within the district and a closing date prior to July practices, the student may tryout at that campus. Candidate must attend all mandatory meetings and/or practices.
4. **Team Line & Squad Leader Candidates:**
 1. The Reynolds Middle School Drill Team tryout packet must be turned in **to the Front Office at Reynolds MS by 4:00pm on Friday, April 1st.**
 2. All candidates must attend all 3 days of the tryout clinic in order to tryout. Tryout clinic will be from 3:45-5:30pm on **Monday, April 11th-Wednesday, April 13th.** Tryouts will be held on **Thursday, April 14th starting @ 4:00pm.** Team results will be posted on **Thursday, April 14th approx. by 9:00pm.**
 3. All current Eagle Darlings Drill Team members must tryout each year regardless of experience, grade level or previous rank on the team.
 4. During the tryout process, each applicant is required to have a physical on file prior to participating in the tryout clinic. If a candidate has any injuries, a release form from the candidate's doctor stating the exact extent of allowed participation

must be provided. If you have a physical on file this year from another sport, please provide a copy of it with your tryout packet. Exception, candidates who are currently enrolled on the Eagle Darlings Drill Team.

5. All candidates must be passing all courses. Grade sheets are included in this packet and must be signed by all of your teachers with current grades.
6. All students must have a 90% attendance record and no more than one office referral or discipline on file for the current school year.
7. A candidate cannot have been assigned to ISS, Saturday School or any other major school disciplinary actions for the current school year.
8. All candidates that make the team are required to attend all practices and performances provided by the Director.
9. Candidates and their families must agree to and be fully aware of all financial responsibilities of being on the Eagle Darlings Drill Team and be able to meet all financial obligations by required due dates.
10. Candidates must attend school the entire week of tryouts to be eligible to tryout. Candidates missing school will not be allowed to attend tryout clinic or tryouts.

Personal Qualifications:

1. A candidate must WANT to be on the Eagle Darlings Drill Team.
2. A candidate must be willing to abide by rules and follow directions from the Director.
3. A candidate must demonstrate responsibility at all times.
4. A candidate must understand that a decision made by the Director is in the best interest of the team.
5. A candidate must understand that the schedule and discipline of a drill team member demands a high degree of determination, hard work, strength, dedication, self-discipline and loyalty to the team concept.
6. A candidate must have a desire to cooperate- to be “one of the group”.
7. A Medical certification is required if a health condition arises that interferes with her ability to participate. Communicating that certification to the director is her responsibility

Dance Qualifications for Team:

Splits (Right & Left)
Single Pirouette Turn (Right & Left)
Double Pirouette Turn (Right)
Single Coupe Turn (Right)
Jete/Leap (Right & Left)
Stationary Leap (Right)
High Kicks

Dance Qualifications for Squad Leader:

Team Qualifications + the following:
Double Pirouette Turn (Right & Left)
Double Coupe Turn (Right)
Tilt Jump (Right)
Calypso (Right)
Skill of choice

Tryout General Information

It is the belief of PISD, that every candidate should have the opportunity to tryout for the Eagle Darlings Drill Team. If all requirements have been met through this selection process, every candidate will have the opportunity to be selected.

1. All forms must be turned in to **the Front Office at Reynolds MS by 4:00pm on Friday, April 1st**. Tryouts will be held on **Thursday, April 14th starting at 4:00pm**.
2. All students must have a physical completed by a physician in order to tryout for the Eagle Darlings Drill Team. If the student has participated in an athletic sport this school year, we will not need a new physical but will need a copy. The physical form must be turned in with all forms.
3. All students will have an individual number assigned to them. These numbers will be randomly assigned. Students must wear their given number at chest level.
4. **All days of the tryout process are closed to parents, family, and friends.** Candidates going through the tryout process are only allowed to attend. Only candidates may be in the building during the day of tryouts.
5. Dance clothing of your choice may be worn during the week of tryout prep. Must wear jazz shoes. Hair out of face.
6. No jewelry is allowed at any time during the tryout process.
7. All candidates will learn a jazz dance and a kick sequence. Everyone will be required to perform the dance, kick sequence and technical elements.
8. All students will tryout before a panel of certified judges. Judges will have no relation to teaching or coaching any candidate. Please remember that all judges' scores will be final.
9. Dancers **MAY NOT LEAVE** after they dance. Judges may ask for callbacks. Directors will dismiss everyone when judging is over.

Tryout Performances

Group – Candidates will perform the provided jazz dance and kick sequence as a group. Dancers must wear a fitted **BLACK** dance top or leotard and black long leggings. Jazz shoes must be worn. Hair out of face & no jewelry.

Tryout Scoring

1. The attached score sheet will be used in determining results.
2. All potential candidates must tryout before a panel of judges
3. Candidates will only be judged for exactly the skills performed on the tryout day. To provide equity in scoring, candidates may not receive credit in areas they cannot perform.
4. The Eagle Darlings Drill Team for the upcoming year will be decided based on a YES/NO System, as determined by the judges and on-site PISD Administrator. The hopefuls that receive 3 “yes” or at least 2 “yes”, will be granted a position on the team. The decision of the judges is final.
5. Results will be posted once the tryouts are over. Results will be posted on the Eagle Darlings website (Found on the Reynolds MS website>Students>Eagle Darlings Dance & Drill Team)
6. All post-audition correspondence should be via the Director’s work phone or school email and will be returned the Monday we return to school. No phone calls, texts, or emails will be answered by the Director the evening of or weekend of tryouts.



Candidate Name _____

2022-2023 Grade level _____

Interested in auditioning for a Squad Leader position: Yes No
*(**Returning 8th Graders Only!**)*

TRYOUT CHECKLIST:

All forms that are required to be an eligible candidate are behind this checklist. These forms must be turned in as a packet **by 4:00 pm to the Reynolds Front Office by Friday, April 1st**

STAPLE AND TURN IN COMPLETED PAGES IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Checklist page (this page)
2. Participant form
3. Grade check form
4. Student information form
5. Candidate Agreement form
6. Inherent Risk & Concussion Acknowledgement form
7. Teacher Referral Form *(Teacher will turn this in)*
8. Updated Physical
9. Drill Team Application

PARTICIPATION FORM:

We/I, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____, grant permission for her to participate in the Middle School Drill Team Program. We/I have read the Reynolds Middle School Eagle Darlings Drill Team Program Expectations. We/I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth by this document. We/I also understand and agree to all consequences for breaking these rule and regulations. Furthermore, we/I understand that by choosing to participate on the team, we/I are required to pay for uniform and camp costs by assigned pay dates. We/I further understand that this is an extracurricular activity and that attendance at all practices, performances, games and special functions are a requirement of team membership. We/I agree and understand that the decision of the Director is made with the team's best interest.

Printed Parent(s) Name: _____

Parent(s) Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, _____, am choosing to participate on the Reynolds Middle School Eagle Darlings Drill Team. I have read all of the guidelines in this packet and the Reynolds Middle School Eagle Darlings Drill Team Expectations and agree to abide by all rules and regulations. I also understand and agree to the consequences for breaking these rules and regulations. By choosing to participate on this team, I understand that I am expected to uphold standards set by the team and by PISD Middle School. Should I not meet these standards, I will be subject to disciplinary action. I understand that in an effort to reach and maintain excellence, I will be able to perform if I am in uniform, attend the practice before the performance, and perform that needed material with confidence. I agree and understand that the decision of the Director is made with the squad's best interest.

Printed Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

NAME _____ . BIRTHDAY _____

2022-2023 GRADE _____

STUDENT EMAIL: _____

PLEASE LIST ANY PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS OR CONDITIONS THAT THE DIRECTOR
NEEDS TO KNOW:

PARENT INFORMATION:

GUARDIAN 1: _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

GUARDIAN 2: _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

CANDIDATE AGREEMENT FORM:

All required forms must be complete and turned in by **4:00 pm on Friday, April 1st to the Reynolds MS Front Office**. If these expectations are not followed the candidate will not be eligible to tryout. Tryout clinic days are mandatory. If one or more practices are missed, then the candidate is no longer eligible for tryouts.

I understand that failure to meet required financial deadlines, failure to attend any scheduled practice event, or failure to comply with stated rules and guidelines will result in immediate dismissal from the squad.

I understand that there will be NO refunds upon dismissal or resignation from the squad, and all school issued supplies are to be returned immediately.

Candidate Signature _____ Date _____

Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

INHERENT RISK:

Drill Team is reasonably safe as long as certain guidelines are followed, but there is the inherent risk of injury as in any athletic activity. Drill Team is an anaerobic/aerobic activity that includes jumping, turning, motions, and kicking. All physicals must be on file in the school office before you may participate in practices and games. Keep your Director informed of all injuries and/or chronic conditions.

Although the probability of injury is minimized if you practice correctly, there is always the possibility of one occurring. Injuries that can occur in drill team include, but are not limited to, the following: blisters, muscle strains, joint and muscle soreness, abrasions, contusions, stress fractures, broken bones, spinal cord injuries involving paralysis, and even death. However, if you take certain precautions, the possibility of such injuries will be largely decreased.

CONCUSSION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

A concussion is an injury to the brain. It is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to either the head or the body that causes the brain to move rapidly within the skull. The resulting injury to the brain changes how the brain functions in a normal manner. The signs and symptoms of a concussion can show up immediately after the injury or may not appear for hours or days after the injury. Concussions can have serious long-term health effects, and even a seemingly mild injury can be serious. A major concern with any concussion is returning to play too soon. Having a second concussion before healing can take place from the initial or previous concussion can lead to serious and potentially fatal health conditions.

What are the symptoms of a concussion?

Signs and symptoms of a concussion are typically noticed right after the injury, but some might not be recognized until days after the injury. Common symptoms include: headache, dizziness, amnesia, fatigue, confusion, mood changes, depression, poor vision, sensitivity to light or noise, lethargy, poor attention or concentration, sleep disturbances, and aggression. The individual may or may not have lost consciousness.

I have read the preceded warning and thoroughly understand the assumption of risks inherited & concussion while participating on the Drill Team. I acknowledge that I am physically fit and I am voluntarily participating.

Candidate Signature _____ Date _____

Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Reynolds Middle School Eagle Darlings Drill Team

Teacher Referral Form

Student's Name: _____

Teachers: Please return to the front office by April 1st (or place in Coach Shepherd's box) Please do not return to the student.

The above student is trying to be on the Reynolds Middle School Eagle Darlings Drill Team. Your input is greatly needed in order to best evaluate this student and their possible placement on the team. The Eagle Darlings Dance & Drill Team requires students who are highly motivated, disciplined, respectful, and make passing grades.

Teacher's Name: _____

Subject Taught: _____

Please rank the following skills/categories on a scale of 1-10 (1 being the least and 10 being the most.)

Participation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Motivation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Respect Teacher	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Respects Peers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Completes Work	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Attitude	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
On Task	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Maturity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Organization	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Has this student failed your class any six weeks this year? YES NO

If yes, how many six weeks has she failed? _____

If you have any additional concerns/comments that you feel I should know, please write them below with your signature. (these are not shared with the student)

Teacher's Signature: _____



Student Name: _____

Nickname (name you go by): _____

Grade Level for the UPCOMING year: _____

Birthday: _____

Student Phone Number: _____
(optional)

Student Email Address: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Best Parent Contact Phone Numbers: _____

Best Family Email Address: _____

How many absences this school year? _____

How many tardies? _____

Do you have any discipline referrals (other than tardies)?

If yes, how many? Explain: _____

List three reasons you are trying out for the Reynolds MS Eagle Darlings.

1.

2.

3.

How many years or months of dance experience do you have? _____

In what other extra-curricular activities are you involved (in-side or out-side of school)?

What is one thing you will do to balance homework, family responsibilities, and multiple extra-curricular activities if you make the Eagle Darlings team?

What are you doing currently to prepare yourself to grow as a dancer?

List three adjectives that describe you.

1.

2.

3.



What is a Squad Leader??

***Open to returning Eagle Darling 8th graders only!**

During the tryout process, dancers with the top highest score who apply will be rewarded this position. It is reserved for those who are (or who are growing as) **technically excellent dancers**. Squad leaders will be asked to help team members work on specific dance technique during practices and will be asked to demonstrate new movements as they are being taught. Squad leaders must be prepared to spend additional time helping those team members who need it.

Before becoming interested in trying out for this position, make sure your studio/extra---curricular/homework load and this position are a good match.

Before tryouts, Squad Leader candidates will **Answer a packet of questions given by the Director**. Type your answers and print packet out to turn in **to the Front Office at Reynolds MS by 4:00pm Friday, April 1st, along with your Tryout packet**. If this is not turned in by the deadline, you will not be qualified for this position.

Squad Leader guidelines:

- *Must make the Eagle Darlings Drill Team their number one priority.*
- Must be willing to give many extra hours which include: special squad leader preparation rehearsals, and hosting outside practices for Darlings during the Summer.
- Should always arrive early for all activities and plan to stay late, if necessary, until all jobs have been completed.
- Must not accumulate more than two demerits at one time. Squad Leaders should set the example for the team.
- Must develop a critical eye for errors and critiquing routines.
- Must always be the ideal example of a lady at all times.
- Must maintain and stay above all scholastic requirements.
- Must be physically and emotionally stable.
- Must be an exceptional dancer and teacher.

- Promote and enforce discipline and respect.
- Should be able to issue constructive criticism to peers in an effective manner.
- Must be able to use discretion in giving commands and show respect for others.
- Must maintain a good relationship with the Director and the other Squad Leaders and show support of all decisions.
- Have a working knowledge of music and choreography.
- Assist the Director in planning yearly activities.
- As a drill team member and leader, one may have their position reviewed if there are any serious issues that results in ISS placement. The review committee will consist of: drill team member, Director, and Principal or Assistant Principal.

Squad Leader Application
*****Returning Eagle Darling 8th Graders Only*****

Please type your answer to each question. Your answers don't have to be long or in any special format, just type as much as you need to answer what each question asks. You may use colored paper/stationary. BE CREATIVE! You only need to print out the questions and answers (not the previous pages).

1. What are some goals that you think are important for Squad Leaders to strive toward? Please give at least five goals.

2. What are a few ways that we could help the new girls get to know the returning team members before and during summer camp? This can include "get to know you" games, team building, etc.

3. How do you think we can keep people motivated ALL year?

4. What personal traits should the ideal Squad Leader candidate exemplify?

5. One guideline of being a Squad Leader is "Must always be the ideal example of a lady at all times" . Describe what you think is an ideal example of a lady.

6. What makes you a good candidate for a Squad Leader? Use the list of guidelines we provided and give examples of how you embody some of these things.

7. Why do you want to be a Squad Leader?