

# The Tryout Process

## Important Blue Angel Audition Dates:

Friday, February 24 <sup>th</sup>	3:30 PM	Application Packet due to LEHS (or earlier!)
Monday, March 6th	5:30 – 7:30 PM	Workshop I in LEHS Gym
Tuesday, March 7th	5:30 – 7:30 PM	Workshop II in LEHS Gym
Wednesday, March 8th	5:30 – 7:30 PM	Optional Open Gym
Thursday, March 9th	5:30 – 7:30 PM	Workshop III in LEHS Gym
Friday, March 10th	5:30 - until done	Audition in LEHS Gym

\*\*Approx. 1 hour after auditions conclude, team results posted by number on Blue Angels website. For those auditioning for Elite, this will be denoted with an asterisk next to the number.

## Eligibility Requirements:

1. Students must be enrolled as a student at Little Elm HS, or 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Walker or Strike Middle School. If a student is not enrolled in LEISD at the time of tryouts, they are not eligible to audition. If the student is not currently enrolled in LEISD but provides documentation of intent to register (i.e. housing contract, lease, etc.) the student may tryout at that campus. Candidate must attend all mandatory meetings and/or practices.
2. All candidates are eligible to attend the three workshops and tryouts *regardless* of academic standing. ALL THREE WORKSHOPS ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO ATTEND!
3. All student athletes in grades 7th – 12th must complete all LEISD and UIL forms annually to participate in any tryout or practice and to be placed into any athletic period. Forms must be completed prior to each new school year for all athletes. This includes a physical.

## 3 Workshops: (March 6th-10th)

1. Only the students auditioning for Blue Angels will be admitted to the workshops. All practice sessions and auditions are closed to the public.
2. All workshops will begin promptly at 5:30pm – **PLEASE be on time.**
3. Wednesday is an optional open gym. Attendance will not be taken. This serves as an additional opportunity to have space to practice.
4. Candidates must wear a fitted top, dance pants/capris/leggings (any colors allowed) during workshops. Black jazz shoes must be worn at all times. NO SHORTS OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED!
5. Hair must be in a ponytail. (Pulled back and out of your face.)
6. No gum is allowed and **ALL** jewelry must be removed before the workshop begins.
7. Food and drink are not allowed in the gym. (However, a closed top *water* bottle is permitted)

## Auditions: (March 10th)

1. Only those students auditioning for Blue Angels will be allowed into the tryout area, along with any senior Blue Angel members who are assisting.
2. All candidates will have an individual number and a group number assigned to them. Each group will consist of 4-5 dancers. Judges know the candidates ONLY by number – no names are used.
3. Candidates should wear appropriate drill team make-up: neutral color eyeshadows, blush, *red* lipstick, black mascara/eyeliner.
4. No jewelry is allowed (including stud earrings/nose rings) and hair must be in a ponytail. No ribbons or scrunchies are allowed.
5. Candidates must wear the following items for auditions:
  - Solid black fitted T-back sleeveless top, solid tank top (no spaghetti straps) or solid leotard
  - Solid black Jazz pants or leggings (*no capris*)
  - Black Jazz shoes (any style)



## Judging Criteria:

1. All candidates will be judged on the following categories. The judging score sheet is listed within this packet.

a. Poise	5 pts
b. Splits (Rt- 5, Lf-5)	10 pts
c. Dance Technique	25 pts
d. Kick Technique	20 pts
e. Showmanship	10 pts
f. Memory	20 pts
g. Timing and Rhythm	10 pts
2. The judges only know each candidate by number – NO NAMES WILL BE USED.
3. At the bottom of the scoresheet, if the candidate wishes to be considered for the Blue Angels Elite team, the judges will make that determination. This aspect does not affect the overall tryout score.
4. Each candidate must remain at the audition site until the Director dismisses the candidates in the event that callbacks are necessary.
5. Results will be posted approximately 1 hour after tryouts are completed on the Blue Angels website. ONLY numbers will be posted and in numerical order. <https://www.littleelmisd.net/blueangels>
6. After tryouts occur – you may ask to see your scores. However, you must go through Mrs. Infante (LEHS House Principal over Drill Team). If you wish to see your scores contact Mrs. Infante at [minfante@littleelmisd.net](mailto:minfante@littleelmisd.net) to set up an appointment. The deadline to request scores from the 2023-2024 tryout will be Friday, March 24th.

# BLUE ANGELS DRILL TEAM TRYOUTS SCORE SHEET

JUDGE #

	Candidate #1	Candidate #2	Candidate #3	Candidate #4
<b>Poise (5)</b>				
<b>Right Split (5)</b> -Pointed toes -Straight legs -Hips squared -Flexibility -Upright posture				
<b>Left Split (5)</b> -Pointed toes -Straight legs -Hips squared -Flexibility -Upright posture				
<b>Dance Technique (25)</b> -Extension/alignment -Turn & Leap execution -Control & coordination -Smooth transitions -Flexibility -Completion of movements -Use of plié				
<b>Overall Kick Technique (20)</b> -Kicks to nose -Thumbs in -Pointed toes -Straight legs and arms -Prep with feet together -Body is aligned -Sharp head pops -Flexibility				
<b>Showmanship (10)</b> -Projection -Body carriage -Expression -Energy level -Confidence				
<b>Memory (20)</b> -No hesitations -Does not watch others				
<b>Timing/Rhythm (10)</b> -Correct tempo/Ability to count music				
<b>Elite (yes or no)</b>				
<b>Total (100)</b>				