

To Students Participating in Covington High School Auxiliary Group Tryouts:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of our Covington High School auxiliary teams (Cheer, Dance, Flag). **It is important that you are aware of the high level of commitment required and standard of behavior expected to remain on a team.**

Before trying out for an auxiliary group, please consider the following:

- Participation in cheer, dance, or flag requires after school time commitments **nearly every day of the week and all year long**. There may be times when school is closed and fulfillment of a commitment is necessary.
- Obligations extend to playoff schedules which are not originally announced when schedules are set; you must be able to accommodate these events. A calendar of events will be given, but the coach has the right to communicate changes in a reasonable time frame.
- Practices are very important and formations require the availability of all members. If you have habitual absences, please do not try out for a team because absentee problems interfere with the progress of the team. Practices and events are mandatory.
- Auxiliary team obligations begin at tryouts, go through the summer, and extend well into the spring, making participation in other extracurricular events/sports impractical if not totally impossible.
- A CHS auxiliary team member is held to high standards. Exemplary character, honesty, and integrity is essential as you represent Covington High. Discipline matters will not be tolerated, and infractions in uniform may merit immediate dismissal from the team. Posting social media comments in any part of the uniform is not recommended.
- Participation in cheer, dance, and flag involves a significant financial obligation. Costs can be as much as \$1500.00 for new members. All team members are required to participate in any fundraising events to offset the costs acquired throughout the entire year.
- All cheerleaders and dance team members are required to attend a 4-day / 3- night summer training camp.
- Cheerleaders and dance members are required to participate in the five-day CHS Summer Kiddie Camp, which includes required practices.
- Golden Silks (Flag) may be required to attend a 3-day / 2-night camp.

If there are any conflicts with the above requirements, please DO NOT try out for a team. In fairness to all team members, strict adherence to the teams' bylaws is followed.

I am participating in tryouts for (check only 1) _____ Cheer _____ Dance _____ Flag

If I do not make the team I try out for and want to try out for another team, I will email the sponsors of both teams to ask them to pass my tryout paperwork from one team to the next.

Student Name Printed _____

Your signature indicates that you have read the above statements and understand that members of CHS auxiliary squads are expected to adhere to all requirements of the group.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN WITH THE OTHER TRYOUT DOCUMENTS

Cheer/Dance/Flag Team Tryout Permission Form

Your child has shown interest in participating in cheer, dance, flag team tryouts for Covington High School. This tryout will take place under the guidance and supervision of employees and the administration of Covington High School. Student participation in tryouts does not guarantee placement on the team.

If you would like your child to participate in this tryout, please read, complete, sign and return the following statement of understanding.

- Parent/guardian must attend pre-tryout meeting on February 5th, 2026.
- Your child must meet all attached eligibility requirements prior to try outs.
- Your child must have a current physical on file prior to try outs.
- All tryout events are closed to the public. Parents/guardians will not be allowed to wait in or near the tryout event space.
- All tryout performances and/or other requirements will be judged and scored by independent judges not affiliated with the school, local competitive teams, dance schools, students or parents.
- Parents are responsible for the timely transportation of the child to and from all tryout events.
- The parent/guardian must attend the parent meeting scheduled prior to tryouts.

All students trying out must be presently enrolled or zoned to attend Covington High School, based on your residence for the upcoming school year. Residency will be verified and investigated if there is any reason to believe a student does not reside in the CHS school district. If at any time, it is discovered that false information was submitted regarding residency, the student will be immediately removed from the team with no refund of any payments made. Any student attending Covington High School who is zoned on an out-of-district waiver must go through Child Welfare and Attendance to apply and be approved for an out-of-district waiver for the 26-27 school year before being eligible to try out. No exceptions will be made to this policy.

If your child is on a current out-of-district waiver, it is not guaranteed that an out-of-district waiver will be approved for the next school year. If your child is on a current out-of-district waiver and wishes to try out for cheer, dance, or flag team, you must contact the Child Welfare and Attendance office at least 7 days prior to tryouts.

Full Name of Student: _____

Parent's First and Last Name: _____

Student's Complete Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Parent's Phone Number: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Check the appropriate space:

_____ I live in the CHS attendance zone.

_____ I do not live in the CHS attendance zone; a copy of my approved waiver for 26-27 is attached.

_____ I do not live in the CHS attendance zone; I am still waiting for the approved waiver for 26-27.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Date

THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN WITH ALL OTHER TRYOUT DOCUMENTS

Paperwork is due to Covington High School No Later than:

- February 23 – to try out for the cheer team on 3/7/26
- February 24 - to try out for the dance team on 3/12/26
- February 25 - to try out for the flag team on 3/19/26

Covington High School Auxiliary Tryout Application

2026 - 2027

Information must be PRINTED legibly.

Applicant Name: _____

School Presently Attending: _____

Graduation Year (circle one): 2027 2028 2029 2030

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Current extracurricular activities in which the applicant is involved: _____

Hard copies of all required tryout paperwork must be submitted. Emailed documents will not be accepted.

Completed tryout application form, a copy of first semester report card, a COPY of current LHSAA physical form, and a copy of a current health insurance card are required items for all applicants.

Students must have at least a 1.5 GPA on their most current report card in order to try out for an auxiliary team.

I have read the information provided in the CHS Auxiliary (Cheer, Dance, Flag) application for 2026-2027, and I give my child permission to try out for an auxiliary group. I understand the guidelines, expectations, and obligations presented thus far. I understand it is the applicant's and parent/guardian's responsibility to turn in hard copies of all required paperwork by the deadlines given. I understand that failure to turn in the appropriate paperwork and adhere to the policies set forth will result in the applicant's forfeiture from tryouts. Furthermore, I understand all policies, required dates, and financial aspects presented. I agree to uphold and abide by the rules and bylaws as well as the responsibilities and expectations of a CHS Auxiliary member.

I have included all required documents:

____ Tryout packet documents

____ Copy of most recent report card

____ **COPY** of up-to-date LHSAA physical form

____ Copy of current health insurance card

____ Copy of approved waiver (if student lives outside of Covington High School attendance zone)

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN WITH THE OTHER TRYOUT DOCUMENTS

Keep this sheet for your records

TEAM specific information

***PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE,
THEN REVIEW APPROPRIATE TEAM INFORMATION***

Because Cheer, Dance, and Flag essentially run the same and include the same tryout requirements/paperwork, we have created one tryout application packet to limit confusion. Please note, this **DOES NOT** mean you are trying out for all three teams. All forms and paperwork should be submitted to the appropriate sponsor. Be sure you check the specific information that pertains to the particular auxiliary group you're trying out for. If you have questions, please contact the sponsor.

Should a candidate not make a team (cheer, dance, flag), he/she is welcome *and encouraged* to try out for another team and make the best of the coming year. If this pertains to you, please notify sponsors of BOTH auxiliary groups by email BEFORE the next set of tryouts, and we will transfer paperwork. There is no need to fill out a second set of paperwork.

Out of fairness and consideration for the judges, the scores will not be made available to any of the candidates. Score sheets become the property of the principal, and all judges' decisions are final.

Any student wishing to try out for cheer, dance, or flag must have a good discipline record. Any student who has been suspended within the previous calendar year will not be allowed to try out for an auxiliary team for the 2026-2027 school year. Students interested in becoming a member of cheer, dance, or flag should also maintain good school attendance.

Please review the included information pertaining to the specific team(s) that interest you and keep this packet for your records.

Sponsor Contacts

Cheer: Kenyatta.Barney@stpsb.org

Dance: Lexie.Dawsey@stpsb.org

Flag: Shannon.Smith@stpsb.org

Keep this sheet for your records

CHEER Specific Information

The information on this page and the next applies to the CHS Cheerleading Team ONLY

JV / Varsity squad:

Candidates can be male or female.

Squads are based on grade level.

- Any student who will be a 9th grader in the fall of 2026 is eligible to try out for the JV squad.
- Any student who will be a 10th grader in the fall of 2026 is eligible to try out for the JV or the Varsity squad.
- Any student entering the 11th or 12th grade in fall of 2026 is eligible to try out for the Varsity squad.

Tryout Guidelines and Information:

1. APPLICATION: Students interested in trying out for CHS Cheerleading must submit the tryout paperwork no later than **Monday, February 23, 2026**. Tryout packet may be delivered to the Covington High School front office or mailed to Covington High School, 73030 Lion Drive, Covington LA 70433, ATTN: Mary Koepp
Original, paper applications must be turned in by the February 23rd deadline. Email applications will not be accepted. It is the student's responsibility to send the tryout paperwork early enough that it arrives no later than Monday, February 23.
2. TRYOUT WORKSHOP: – THURSDAY , MARCH 5TH: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Candidates will learn the band dance and one sideline chant that they will perform for their tryout. Wear comfortable shorts, t-shirt, and athletic shoes.
3. TRYOUT DAY – SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH All candidates must report to the gym by 8:45 a.m. to check in / receive their tryout numbers. New material will be taught at a clinic that will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., and tryouts will begin around 10:30. Attire: plain white t-shirt, dark (navy or black) shorts, athletic shoes. **No school or cheer logos / labels of any kind are allowed on clothing.**
4. SCORING: Candidates will be judged on the tryout band dance and the sideline cheers. A candidate's ability to perform cheerleading jumps and certain tumbling skills will also be factored into the tryout score.
5. RESULTS: will be posted on the CHS Cheer website: <https://marykoepp.wixsite.com/covingtonhighcheer>.
6. Covington High Cheerleader tryouts are designed to be as fair as possible. Questions or concerns regarding tryout results will only be discussed by appointment no sooner than Monday, March 9th with the sponsor(s) and an administrator.

Monetary Obligations/Summary of Costs: The total **approximate** cost for a new cheerleader is \$1400. (A specific budget breakdown and purchase list will be available at the first parent meeting.) This does not include the extra costs of competition, fundraising, etc.

1. The cost of cheerleading includes items for your child specifically. Cost includes uniforms, shoes, camp, camp clothing, bag, poms, megaphone, winter wear, etc.
2. **No refunds will be provided.**
3. **Fundraising** is necessary to purchase items for the team as a whole. Each cheerleader is required to participate in fundraisers to offset the cost of team items and lower individual expenses. Refusal to participate will result in additional out-of-pocket expenses.

Keep this sheet for your records

2026-2027 Cheer Dates

If you are selected to be a Covington High School Cheerleader, the following dates that are marked with an M are mandatory. If you cannot commit to any of the following dates, you should not try out for cheerleading. This is a team commitment, not an individual sport.

March 2026 – June 2026

- **Thursday February 5th: Mandatory meeting for all students and parents of students who are interested in trying out for cheer, dance, or flag teams. The meeting will begin @ 6pm in the auditorium.**
- February 23rd: Tryout paperwork due to Covington High School. No email copies will be accepted.
- March 5th: Tryout Workshop (4:00 – 6:00, CHS gym) – Band dance, general sideline, tryout tips
- **March 7th: Tryout Day (9:00 a.m. start, CHS gym) – Sideline material, tryouts following (M)**
- June 5th: Officer tryouts (Library)
- **MARCH 11: UNIFORM FITTING (LIBRARY); VARSITY SQUAD ONLY REPORT AFTER SCHOOL; JV SQUAD REPORT AT 3:45. (M)**
- **MARCH 11: MANDATORY PARENT MEETING 5:00, CHS CAFETERIA; FIRST PAYMENT DUE TO CHS (\$250.00) (M); PARENTS OF CURRENT STPPS STUDENTS CAN PAY ON MY PAYMENTS PLUS**
- **APRIL 4: PAYMENT DUE TO VARSITY PAYMENT PORTAL FOR INDIVIDUAL CHEERLEADER'S UNIFORM ITEMS (Amount will vary by cheerleader) (M)**
- March 24th: practice begins, every Tuesday and Thursday (3:00 – 5:00, CHS commons); incoming freshmen will not be penalized for late arrival. NO PRACTICE during the week of March 30th.
- April 7th: After school practice resumes Tues and Thurs, 3:00 – 5:00, CHS commons; last after school practice is May 14.
- **UCA Stunt clinic at Hannan High School (time TBA) (M)**
- **May 9: 2nd payment to CHS due at practice (\$250.00) (M)**
- May 25th – June 9th: Practice 8:00 – 11:00, CHS commons, every Mon – Thurs. **June 9th attendance is mandatory.**
- **JUNE 12– 15: UCA CAMP AT LSU (M)**
- **June 18th: Mandatory Pre-Kiddie Camp practice (8:00 – 11:00)**
- **JUNE 22- 26: CHS COMMUNITY "KIDDIE" CAMP, 7:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. FOR CHS CHEERLEADERS (M);** parent volunteers will be needed and appreciated!

Fall 2026 Semester

- July 22-23: practice, 3:00 – 5:00, CHS commons
- July 27-28: practice, 3:00 – 5:00, CHS commons
- **Freshman Orientation (time TBA) (M)**
- August 10 – end of semester; practice every M, Tu, Th, after school – 5:00, CHS commons
- Football schedules will be distributed as information becomes available
- Extra practice can be added in the two weeks leading up to homecoming and for special events. Missing additional practice *could* lead to member not performing at event.
- Basketball season practice will begin once football is over.

January 2026 – March (Spring 2027 Semester)

- Practice 2 days per week in January to prepare for basketball season, days TBA
- Additional practices added as needed to prepare for special events.

Keep this sheet for your records

Dance Specific Information

The information on this page applies to the CHS Dancin' Darlin's ONLY

TRYOUT CLINIC: March 10-11, 3:45 – 5:30 (Tuesday, Wednesday);

TRYOUTS: March 12 from 3:45 – last callback (Thursday)

Results will be posted on the CHS Dancin' Darlin' web page.

Technical Requirements for Tryouts: All participants can expect to perform a toe touch, left and right splits, high kicks, turns, jumps, and leaps in no specific order. One dance composed of pom, jazz, hip-hop, and kick will be taught on the first day of tryouts.

Tryout Day Attire: Black or Navy Leotard, Tan tights, jazz shoes, white ribbon (optional)

Appearance, rhythm, precision, flexibility, energy, control, technique, and personality are all important factors in your score

Professional judges will be hired to evaluate the participants on preset requirements. **JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL!**

Returning members need to meet the following criteria by the date specified on the practice calendar:

- No demerits from the previous year
- All team uniforms returned or replaced
- All monetary balances current
- Meet all requirements of this application packet

Officer Positions:

All team members interviewing for an officer position will perform routines that they choreographed at the end of tryouts. Requirements and other information for the routine are outlined in the Officer Candidate packet.

Monetary Concerns: Amounts and dates listed below are tentative and have not been finalized. Amounts and dates may vary from what is listed. This is not a contract.

1. **Approximate** initial out-of-pocket cost will be **\$1400.00 per dancer**. This cost includes uniforms, shoes, camp, camp clothing, tights, team bag, winter wear, outside coaching, etc. This cost is tentative and may increase or decrease. Uniform items, except sequins, are paid directly to vendors. Camp, Sequins, and Rain jackets are paid to CHS through a My Payments Plus fee. Sponsor cannot accept cash or checks from parents.
2. The cost includes items for your child specifically. **Fundraising** is a necessity to purchase items for the team as a whole. Most of the fundraising will be for the team; however, opportunities will be available for individual fundraising for individual expenses. Examples of these items may include, but are not limited to, transportation to camp and competitions, shipping and handling, paint supplies, sign paper, homecoming flowers, team meals, national competition, judges for team tryouts, additional uniform expenses, etc.
3. Each dancer is required to participate in fundraisers to offset the cost of these items and lower individual cost. Refusal to participate in fundraising will result in additional out-of-pocket expenses.
4. **No refunds**. No checks will be paid to parents.
5. **Requests for payment arrangements depend on administrator and sponsor approval.**

FAILURE TO PAY ON TIME RESULTS IN SUSPENSION FROM THE TEAM UNTIL ALL PAYMENTS ARE CURRENT AND UP TO DATE.

2026 – 2027 Dance Team Dates

If you cannot commit to any of the following dates, you should not try out for dance team. This is a team commitment, not an individual sport.

March – May 2025 Dates

- **February 5: Parent Meeting (M) 6:00PM**
- February 24 Turn in completed tryout paperwork to Covington High School. No email copies accepted
- March 10-11: Tryout Clinic (3:45-5:30—CHS Gym)
- **March 12: Tryout Day (M) (3:45 PM til finished)**
- March 12: Officer candidate interviews and choreography judging (Following Tryouts)
- **March 16: Fitting for practice uniform items with Buzy Bodies. \$50 deposit required. (3:45 pm) (M)**
- **March 16:** Mandatory Informational Dancer & Parent Meeting (5:00PM), Summer Camp deposit due to CHS (**\$250**). Current STPSS students should pay through My Payments Plus.
- March 17: First practice (Tuesday)
 - Practice every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (3:45 – 5:00)
 - March-June Practice calendar will be provided on March 16 at Informational Meeting
 - No practice on March 25 and 26 (25-26 team will practice for Spring Pep Rally)

March 18: Varsity Fitting for uniform items 3:00 CHS students, New students: as soon as they can get here (Do not leave school early to get here) *parents welcome but not required*

- Order must be paid in full by the date set by Varsity before it will be shipped. The Varsity rep will provide more details. Uniform payments are made to your varsity account.
- Late shipments will result in increased shipping charges and may limit dancer participation.
- **March/April TBA: Fitting with Sequin rep paid to My Payments Plus in June**
- March 30: Final Payment due to Varsity via Varsity Portal (Amount will vary by dancer)
- April 15: Payment due to Buzy Bodies (Amount will vary by dancer)
- May 1: Remainder of Summer Camp Balance due on My Payments Plus
- **May 31: Practice 10:00AM-12:00PM (M): Sunday Rehearsal**

June 2025 Dates

- **June 1-4: UDA Camp at Southeastern University (M): Overnight Camp**
- **June 8-10: Practice for Kiddie Camp, 9:00AM-10:30AM**
- **June 15-19 Kiddie Camp (7:00 AM – 1:00 PM)**
- **June 14: Sequin Payments due to My Payments Plus**

July 2025 Approximate dates

- **Tentative: July 27-31: Practice for orientation (if needed)**
- **Freshman orientation dates TBA**

Keep this sheet for your records

Golden Silks (Flag Team) Specific Information

The information on this page applies to the CHS Golden Silks ONLY

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE, THEN REVIEW APPROPRIATE TEAM INFORMATION

Mandatory Clinic Days: March 17-18 (3:30 – 5:30)

Tryout Day (Mandatory): March 19

Tryouts begin at 3:30 and last until callbacks are complete.

1. Technical Requirements for Tryouts: PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS NOT REQUIRED.

- Flag Teams do not exist in Jr. High schools, and there are no private Flag studios to attend during or after school hours, therefore candidates will be taught EVERYTHING during the tryout clinic. Please understand that everyone that is/has been a member of the CHS Golden Silks had no prior knowledge/skill before the first day of tryouts. Everyone trying out for the flag team is required to tryout with the swing flags and big flags.
- The clinic instructor/coach will teach the very basic skills, which we build on throughout the year.

2. Tryout Day Attire

Plain white top, dark bottoms, and athletic shoes. No logos indicating that a candidate is a previous member of the team allowed on tryout attire.

3. Scoring

Beginning techniques are taught during tryout week, by the time the tryout date arrives each person should be able to perform each move that will be in the tryout routine.

4. Results

Results will be posted on gcbbi.org (Greater Covington Band Booster, Inc.) website within 24 hours.

5. Returning members: meet the following criteria by the date specified on the practice calendar:

1. No demerits from the previous year
2. All team items (poms, flags, etc.) returned or replaced
3. All monetary balances are current (flag and school)
4. Meet all requirements of this application packet

6. Officer Positions: Those interested in being an officer should acquire an Officer Tryout Packet from the sponsor.

7. Monetary Obligations

- **Approximate** initial out-of-pocket cost for a new member will be **\$1400.00**.
Cost includes, but not limited to: uniforms, shoes, tights, team bag, jacket, practice flag, practice clothing, misc. (including but not limited to: tryout expenses, transportation, meals, homecoming & senior flowers, shipping/handling, flag/equipment repairs, etc.), etc.
This cost is tentative and may **change**. (A specific budget breakdown and purchase list will be available at the first parent meeting).
No refunds will be provided.
- **Fundraising** will be necessary for team needs throughout the year.