

Georgetown Independent School District Dance Team Handbook and Code of Ethics



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Inspiring and empowering every learner to lead, grow, and serve.

This document is designed for use as a guide to help students and parents become successful members of a GISD Dance Team. Good judgment and common sense will be used concerning issues that are not specifically addressed in the Constitution. A student's and parent's experiences in a Georgetown ISD Dance Team organization should be rewarding and long lasting. Personal qualities that are developed will be of benefit for a lifetime.

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1:

The official name of the East View High School Varsity Dance Team shall be the East View High School Sparklers Dance Team.

The official name of the East View High School Junior Varsity Dance Team shall be the East View High School Starlets Dance Team.

The official name of the Georgetown High School Varsity Dance Team shall be the Georgetown High School Georgettes Dance Team.

The official name of the Georgetown High School Junior Varsity Dance Team shall be the Georgetown High School Sapphires Dance Team.

The official name of the Benold Middle School Dance Team shall be the Benold Middle School Blue Belles Dance Team.

The official name of the Forbes Middle School Dance Team shall be the Forbes Middle School Falconettes Dance Team.

The official name of the Tippit Middle School Dance Team shall be the Tippit Middle School Synergy Dance Team.

The official name of the Wagner Middle School Dance Team shall be the Wagner Middle School Dazzlers Dance Team.

Section 2:

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote school spirit, strive for excellence in dance, and to set an academic and behavioral example for fellow students. Dance team members will represent the middle/ high school at appropriate athletic events and school functions, as well as competitive dance events. Good sportsmanship and conduct will be stressed at all times. Further purpose includes developing character, leadership, and individual responsibility in each member while maintaining high standards. Each team member agrees to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth in this constitution.

Section 3:

The GISD Dance Teams have the option to create a Junior Varsity (JV) team after auditions using the scores from the judges. (HS)

Section 4:

The Directors have the right to move a member on the JV team to the Varsity team after the first semester. (HS)

Article II: Auditions/Requirements/Procedures

Section 1:

Auditions will be held at a date, time, and site selected by the director.

Section 2:

At the time of auditions, candidates must be a resident of the attendance zone in which the school for which the student is auditioning is located, or have an approved transfer to attend that school for the next school year.

Section 3:

All dance team candidates must have and maintain a scholastic average of 80. Grade criterion for selection of members is based on the average of all nine week grading periods of the current school year, prior to auditions. (HS) All dance team candidates must have and maintain scholastic average of 70. (MS)

Section 4:

Dance team candidates must have and maintain a conduct rating of Satisfactory or Excellent. A candidate for a line position may not have received more than one disciplinary referral, or three (3) teacher referrals/negative classroom management notes during the current school year prior to auditions. Students who have been assigned to ISS/OSS/GAP or have been suspended will not be allowed to audition for the dance team. Exceptions can be made for offenses that director and campus level administrator determine to be of a minor nature.

Section 5:

Parental consent form, physical, and expense sheet with all appropriate parent signatures must be filled out and submitted by the appropriate deadline. All documents must be submitted by an assigned date. Directors will be responsible for accessing grades and discipline reports for district students. Candidates outside of GISD must provide a copy of grades.

Section 6:

Any student transferring from another middle/ high school dance team may be accepted onto the team at the discretion of the director and campus level administration. Transfer students must have previous team membership verified by past directors and administration. The student must meet the same standard of grades and verify grades upon completion of all school enrollment procedures.

Section 7:

Returning members are not guaranteed a position on the line in any subsequent year. At the discretion of the director, varsity members may earn the opportunity to bypass the judges' panel audition by meeting the following criteria throughout their year of membership:

- a. Maintaining an average of 85 during every nine week grading period
- b. Having zero disciplinary referrals
- c. Having no negative classroom management notes
- d. Having no demerits
- e. Earning a placement in every contest routine
- f. Having no unexcused absences from practice
- g. Having perfect attendance at all dance team performances & events

Section 8:

Candidates for dance team auditions must register in advance for audition clinic session(s) with the director by a designated day. On a date designated by the director, candidates must provide a copy of grades, parental consent form, physical waiver, and expense sheet. All forms must be completed with a parent signature.

Section 9:

Candidates who have previously been team members must be in good standing as determined by the director before being allowed to register for the new audition. Fees, forms, uniforms, and other team properties must be cleared before the audition date.

Section 10:

Candidates must attend an informational meeting with a parent or guardian prior to the audition process on the date(s) specified by the director. Candidates must have parental consent and physical on file to audition. Candidates must fill out all the necessary online paperwork. Completing all paperwork indicates commitment to the audition process and the GISD Dance Team program.

Section 11:

A candidate must be present and on time for all audition clinic sessions and tryouts.

Section 12:

Candidates will perform a dance routine(s) representative of the styles performed by the team during the year. The audition routine may be taught during the clinic or may be taught via video prior to the clinic at the discretion of the director.

Section 13:

Selection for membership will be based on initial screening by directors for grades and discipline and performance at the audition clinic during Phase 1, as well as performance and technical ability as judged during the tryout process of Phase 2.

Section 14:

Candidates will be evaluated by the judging panel on the basis of dance ability and other related areas such as poise, projection, and knowledge of routine. Directors will determine the score sheet to be used each year. This may be actual numerical scores or may be a placement determination by the judges (Varsity, JV, No Placement or a Yes/No). Judges' comments/feedback will be provided to candidates who are not placed on a team.

Section 15:

The number of dance team members may vary from year to year. The judges' scores and the recommendation of the dance team director and administrators will determine the exact number of members that earn a position on the squad in relation to the total number of candidates that audition. At the discretion of the judges, director, and administrator, seniors may be on the JV Dance Teams.

Section 16:

All incoming freshmen can be considered for either Junior Varsity or Varsity placement at the discretion of the director based on the needs of each team and school.

Section 17:

The total number of student members is subject to change on a yearly basis. The decision of the judging panel is final.

Article III: Commitment

Section 1:

Dance team members must be full time students at the respective high school and be enrolled in the school's dance team class. (HS)

Section 2:

Dance team is a year round activity. Student and family schedules will sometimes need to be adjusted to accommodate a commitment to the organization. A performance and activity calendar will be provided to each student in a timely fashion.

Section 2:

Dance team members practice every regular school day from August through May unless otherwise noted. (HS)

Section 3:

Dance team includes many summer commitments such as camp, rehearsals/practices and fundraisers that each member is required to attend. These summer commitments usually begin in July for team members. Officers may also have June commitments.

Section 4:

Members are expected to participate in all dance team activities including all summer camps and practices. Members are expected to attend camp from beginning to end and neither arrive late nor leave early.

Section 5:

Students must notify a director of any conflict with other activities two weeks prior to the day of the dance team event/practice. Failure to do so may result in loss of performance status. It is the responsibility of the student to understand the importance of always being a team player.

Section 6:

Attendance is required at all dance team activities. Should a conflict arise that is school related, every effort will be made to work through the conflict. Excessive absenteeism (more than 5 per semester) may result in loss of performance opportunities

Section 7:

Upon selection, all new members are considered trainees until the new semester. Trainees will participate in fundraisers, performances, and all dance team activities assigned by the director. (HS)

Section 8:

A dance team position cannot be relinquished without the permission of the director and campus level administration. Any outstanding fees must be paid in full before leaving the team. All school-owned equipment, costumes, etc. must be returned to the director cleaned and in a timely manner. Students are responsible for the cost of repair to or replacement of any lost or damaged school-owned property.

Article IV: Character Qualifications

Members must conduct themselves with pride and discipline at all times. Members are held to a higher standard than the rest of the student body. Failure to meet this standard will result in disciplinary action at the director's discretion to include demerits and/or probation.

Section 1:

Attitude must be enthusiastic and positive: "Team First."

Section 2:

The member must be willing to accept constructive feedback in a gracious manner. "Yes ma'am/sir. Thank you" is the expected response. The member must have dance excellence as a goal.

Section 3:

The member must be reliable and dependable. The member must understand that the schedule and discipline of the dance team demands a high level of determination, hard work, strength, dedication, self-discipline, and loyalty - again "Team First."

Section 4:

The member must accept responsibility for loaned uniforms, props, costume pieces, fundraising items, and all other articles belonging to the school.

Section 5:

The member must be courteous and respectful of fellow team members, faculty members, and other adults involved in the organization. The member must always converse respectfully with all adults involved with the organization.

Section 6:

The member's behavior must project leadership and uphold the expectations outlined in this document. All members must accept responsibility for their actions. Team members must abide by all rules and regulations as outlined in the Georgetown ISD Student Handbook and those pertaining to their respective school.

Section 7:

The member must understand that decisions made by the director(s) are in the best interest of the team. The director also has a "team first" mentality.

Article VI: Eligibility for Leadership Auditions (HS ONLY)

Section 1:

Officer and Social Candidates must have been a member of the team during the entire school year prior to officer auditions. Candidates for Varsity Dance Team Dance Officer must be classified as a junior or senior for the upcoming year. Candidates for Varsity Social Officer or Junior Varsity Officer may be classified as a sophomore, junior, or senior. Candidates must sign the acknowledgment page in the leadership audition packet. ** Eligibility for Officer Candidate is subject to change depending on the number of candidates auditioning, and/or the number of team members.

Section 2:

A leadership candidate may not have received more than one disciplinary referral for the current school year prior to auditions. This includes any dance team disciplinary actions as well.

Section 3:

A candidate must have and maintain a scholastic average of 85 or above for all grading periods of the current school year prior to auditions.

Section 4:

Any officer placed on grade probation may be placed back into line position. This officer will not be eligible to audition for an officer position until the next officer audition.

Section 5:

In the event an officer vacates the position during the school year, the director and campus administration may fill the vacancy with an eligible student from the line.

Section 6:

A minimum of two and a maximum of eight positions will be set for officers. Ranks and titles of officers shall be at the discretion of the director and administration.

Section 7:

All officer and social candidates must be willing and able to give extra time and effort for all team activities and events.

Section 8:

All officer and social candidates must have and maintain a positive attitude towards team members and the director(s) and demonstrate appropriate leadership skills for all members of the organization.

Section 9:

All leadership candidates must be willing to rearrange class schedules in order to be enrolled in the leadership class. There are no exceptions. All officers and socials are to remain a team member and an officer for a full academic year and participate in all dance team member activities. Any officer or social unable or unwilling to meet this standard may be removed from the team.

Section 10:

Leadership candidates will be evaluated by qualified and impartial judges on a variety of material as decided upon by the director prior to auditions.

Section 11:

Scoring for officer and social auditions will be based on the following terms:

- a. Judges scores
- b. Team Vote
- c. Director Score & Teaching Evaluation
- d. Grade Point Average
- e. Teacher Recommendations

The total breakdown of points will be determined by the needs of the individual program. It will be at the discretion of each if they determine a need for Socials.

Section 12:

Officers and Socials will attend leadership camp and are required to pay a portion of the camp and/or hotel costs.

Article VII: Parent Permission and Responsibilities

Section 1:

Parents must sign appropriate permission forms after reviewing all guidelines. Parents are expected to attend an audition meeting in order to register their child for potential dance team membership.

Section 2:

Parents must be willing to meet all financial obligations involved as a parent of a dance team member. Payment deadlines will be set by the director and communicated at the new team meeting. All members must meet these deadlines. All members are expected to participate in fundraisers for the team and booster club/parent association.

Section 3:

All appropriate medical information forms and physical forms must be completed and returned to the Athletic Trainer by the appropriate date. Failure to do so makes the student ineligible to participate in any team activity. All injuries and illnesses over three days must be documented with a physician's note stating limitations and recovery time. Members will not resume participation without physicians' note granting permission.

Section 4:

Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from all activities, performances, and practices, except when transportation is provided by the school. Members should be picked up at the respective meeting area in a timely manner (no later than 10 minutes after the designated pick-up time) at the end of a rehearsal, performance, or bus arrival from an event. Failure to do so may result in removal from the next performance and/or the issuance of demerits at the discretion of the director.

Section 5:

Parents are expected to participate in the Booster Club/Parent Association. (HS)

Section 6:

Parents must be willing to cooperate with the director and communicate with the director concerning important information about the student. Parents are expected to act professionally and in the best interest of the team at all times.

Article VIII: Physical Fitness

Section 1:

A uniform may not be issued and the member may not participate until a physical examination form has been completed and returned to the athletic trainer.

Section 2:

Members must be willing to maintain endurance and stamina requirements while striving for outstanding physical fitness. Each member must consistently work to improve and elevate technique through team, individual and private avenues.

Section 3:

Members must pay specific attention to personal grooming and dress at all times. There is no set height or weight requirement for membership; however, students are expected to have an outstanding physical appearance in dance team outfits and uniforms. Members will be notified by the director if physical appearance is limiting dance ability. Personal grooming also consists of no tattoos, body piercings, or any other situations deemed inappropriate by the Directors. This expectation carries throughout the entire time you are a member of the GISD Dance Team Organization. Inability to follow this standard and expectation will be grounds for dismissal at any time during the year.

Section 4:

All injuries and illnesses over three days must be documented with a physician's note stating limitations and recovery time. Participation will not resume without a physician's note granting permission.

Article IX: Summer Practices and Camps

Section 1:

Summer line camp is mandatory. Students will be notified of the specific, required dates and times in a timely manner. Members unable to attend summer camp will be dismissed from the team. Director has the authority to alter this requirement for emergency situations. Vacations, summer school, and work should be planned so as to not conflict with practice or summer camp.

Article X: Before/After School Practice Session Responsibilities

Section 1:

Practice will be required each day during a specified time period. Students must meet specific requirements for any performance – evaluated by the director.

Section 2:

Rehearsals should be quiet, focused and well-disciplined. The use of profanity is unacceptable.

Section 3:

Before school, after school, and summer practice sessions are required. Time specifications for these practices will be established as camp dates and school schedules become available to the director.

Section 4:

All officers and socials, when required, must attend all officer practices, planning meetings, and performances. Unexcused absences may result in loss of position.

Section 5:

Members must arrive on time to all practices and will be dismissed only by the director.

Section 6:

It is the responsibility of each member to notify the director of absences before dance team class/practice. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action or loss of performance status.

Section 7:

Any member missing a practice during the week of performance may be removed from the performance(s) that week and may be replaced by an alternate if one is available. School related excuses will only be accepted if communicated well in advance.

Section 8:

Competition practice schedule and Spring Show practice schedule are announced in advance. Routine doctor and dental appointments need to be scheduled so as to avoid conflicts. Special circumstances will be ruled by the director. Unexcused absences from any of these practices may result in removal from a routine.

Section 9:

Transportation to and from all practices and some performances is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian.

Article XI: Routine Evaluation

Section 1:

Routine evaluations will be held prior to each performance or whenever the director deems necessary. All members who are eligible to audition for a routine must do so. If a member misses the instruction of a routine, it is the student's responsibility to learn that routine and be prepared prior to the tryout.

Section 2:

Director will select the number of students to perform in any routine. Aspects of the dance will be judged by knowledge of routine, projection, overall impression, precision, and dance technique. The previous week's performance - during football season – will enter into the decision-making process as well.

Section 3:

Any member who misses evaluation day may be eliminated from that performance unless prior arrangements have been made.

Section 4:

Alternates

- a. Must attend all rehearsals and performances
- b. May be placed in or removed from a routine at the discretion of the director.
- c. Should be prepared for any part of the dance and learn all appropriate changes

Article XII: Performances

Section 1:

All members are expected to participate and attend all performances unless on academic or disciplinary probation.

Section 2:

Members must attend school for at least half the day on the day of a performance.

Section 3:

Students unable to perform due to illness, injury, or grade probation must continue to dress in workout wear and uphold all responsibilities as an "alternate."

Section 4:

Inspections - A complete uniform check will be held prior to the activity or performance. This includes:

- a. Uniforms and costumes clean
- b. Dance shoes boots and accessories
- c. No nail polish, no jewelry (unless otherwise designated)
- d. Hair must be in style designated by director
- e. Proper field or stage makeup
- f. Member must report to roll call at designated time

Failure to meet these expectations may result in suspension from performance or other disciplinary action as assigned by the director.

Section 5:

Bus Transportation

Members are expected to ride the bus to and from an event. Exceptions must be submitted at least two weeks in advance in writing and receive director approval. Bus transportation is provided for many performances. Buses leave from and return to campus. Buses leave promptly and will not wait for late arriving students. Roll call will be taken before the bus departs and again before it returns. For this reason students must ride the assigned bus. When riding a school bus, all members are expected to conduct themselves properly and abide by all school regulations governing the use of a school bus.

Section 6:

Stand Regulations

- a. Dance team members have an assigned area in which to sit during a football game. Visitors (family members, boyfriends, friends, etc.) are not allowed in the dance team seating area unless the

director has given permission. Nonperforming members must remain in an assigned area during the performance.

- b. Dance team members are there to support the football team and therefore expected to attend the entire game. Members must participate in all stand routines and cheers with enthusiasm and complete cooperation.
- c. Dance team members must stay in the assigned seat/area.
- d. No part of the uniform may be removed without director permission.
- e. Only the official equipment will be carried into the stands. Personal items must be carried in a team bag. Drinks will be provided. Food should not be eaten in the stands without director permission.
- f. Members will not communicate with parents, friends, or family while at a team event without director permission.
- g. Trips to the restroom will be made at designated times appropriate for the event. Best judgement will be used in the event of an emergency.

Article XIII: Absences and Tardies

Section 1:

Calendars are shared in advance so that all schedules can be arranged to avoid conflicts with dance team activities.

Section 2:

All members must be present and on time for practices, games, camps, pep rallies, and planned activities. Absence from any dance team activity is considered unexcused except in the following circumstances:

- a. Personal illness or accident official documentation (doctor, nurse, police)
- b. Severe illness, death, or funeral in the family
- c. Special GISD school related activities that are approved in advanced by the director
- d. Only excuses approved by the director in advance will be accepted and each one will be evaluated individually.
- e. Parental grounding, work, bad weather and/or principal/teacher detention will not be considered an excused absence.

Section 3: Types of Absences

Excused Absences: Excused absences from a Dance Team function will include participation in another approved school function or observance of a religious holiday. All other excuses will be evaluated on an individual basis. Per district policy, each dancer will be allowed two college visits without penalty with proper documentation. Only excused absences will not receive demerits. A phone call or email should be made to the director(s) immediately if the absence is due to illness or extreme emergency. Individual absences due to illness or injury may be limited to 5 per semester. An absence that is multiple days in length will be counted as one, provided that there is proper documentation for dental, medical or emergency leave.

Unexcused Absences: An unexcused absence is an absence that is not approved by the director two weeks prior to the event and is not an emergency situation that the director was made aware of. An unexcused absence will result in demerits. A student physically well-enough to attend school is considered well-enough to participate in dance team practice on that day.

Expected Absences: An expected absence is an absence for a doctor's appointment or an outside organization that was planned prior to an activity, including regular practice. For an expected absence, members must explain the absence in writing two weeks prior to the absence and have parent/guardian sign a note. These will be approved by the director on an individual basis. Students may have a maximum of two approved expected absences per nine weeks grading period. This must be done at least two weeks in advance in order not to receive demerits.

Contest Absences: Absences two weeks leading up to a competition date may result in removal in any and all performances at the discretion of the director.

Section 4:

Members missing any practice are missing valuable time learning, reviewing, and polishing a performance. Therefore, it is the responsibility of each member to catch up on anything missed during a practice at times other than required rehearsal time. This will be part of the daily/9-weeks grading system.

Section 5:

Members missing a required scheduled event such as performances, contests, appearances, community events, etc. will be expected to make up the absence by completing an alternative assignment at the director's discretion. Required events will be a part of the test/9-weeks grading system.

Section 6:

Members arriving tardy to practices may be moved to an alternate position at director discretion.

Section 7:

Dance team members should attend tutorials at a time agreed to by the student and director. Members that miss practice for tutorials or make up work should present a signed note from the tutorial teacher upon leaving and returning to practice. Director should be informed before practice about the required tutorial.

Section 8:

Any member who misses a field practice or a band practice may not be allowed to perform at that game. Members must be present at school for at least half of the school day in order to participate in the performance.

Article XIV: Dues and Fees

Section 1:

Members must meet all financial obligations by the date designated by the director.

Section 2:

All team members are expected to actively participate in scheduled fundraisers and meet the quota set by the director. In the event a dancer is unable to take part in a fundraiser, an alternative assignment will be provided to ensure equitable contribution to the team's goals.

Section 3:

Checks should be made to the school + program (ex. EVHS Sparklers/GHS Georgettes/WMS Dazzlers, etc.) with student name in the memo. All money should be turned in to the director in an envelope with name, group, amount and what the payment goes towards. Receipts will be given to the dance team member upon request.

Section 4:

A member who is ineligible, dismissed, or relinquishes membership is still responsible for outstanding fees and will not be reimbursed for payments made.

Article XV: Uniforms

Section 1:

The field uniform and/or team costumes are the property of the school. (HS) Team members will return all uniform parts at the time designated by the director.

Section 2:

All members are required to complete a uniform inventory contract when issued a uniform and upon its return. All pieces must be returned with a dry cleaners tag attached. Failure to return uniform in a timely manner may result in disciplinary action. (HS)

Section 3:

Uniforms must be maintained in a clean, well-maintained condition, ready for inspection. Members are responsible for the cost of any lost or damaged uniform items. Any problems with uniforms should be addressed with the director well in advance of scheduled performances to allow time for correction. (HS)

Section 6:

Formal uniforms should not be worn in public without permission of the director.

Section 7:

No part of the uniform should be removed unless the director or officer in charge gives this instruction.

Section 8:

The uniform shall be respected at all times. While wearing a uniform the members shall conduct themselves in an appropriate and respectful manner. Members may not eat or drink in uniform with the exception of water or with director permission.

Section 9:

All uniforms/costumes must have the campus principal's approval before being worn.

Article XVI: Merit-Demerit System

Section 1: Background and General Regulations

- a. An individual member's dance/drill team year begins on the day the member's name is officially posted/announced and continues until that membership is officially terminated or the announcement of the new team is made.
- b. Students may be assigned demerits, strikes, and immediate dismissal.
- c. The director has the authority to adjust the number of demerits according to the infraction and any recurrence thereafter.
- d. Discipline may be assigned during school, at any school or dance/drill team function (on or off campus), while displaying membership in the drill/dance team, or based on the member's electronic communication.
- e. Each member will have an opportunity to erase demerits by earning merits.
- f. If an infraction occurs with a combination of discipline penalties for a single offense, the maximum discipline penalty assigned would be for the penalty required for the highest level of offense. For example, a student may be assigned ISS and OSS for the same infraction, so the penalty for OSS would be assigned as discipline for the infraction.

Section 2: Disciplinary Actions

- a. For minor infractions, demerits will be assigned. At the accumulation of 7 demerits, the member will receive a strike. Once demerits have been converted to a strike, they cannot be erased by earning merits.
- b. Discipline for receiving demerits is at the discretion of the director and will be enforced at an appropriate time.
- c. Probation periods will begin with the first dance/drill team sponsored event after discipline was issued.
- d. During any probation period, for demerits or strikes, the member will maintain membership.
- e. While on probation, the member must attend all practices but must sit out at all performances, will not be allowed to attend activities, and will not be allowed to travel with the team.
- f. Any officer who obtains two strikes of any level will be removed from their officer position.

Section 3: Demerit Policy

The list below includes, but is not limited to, behaviors which would require demerits. The number of demerits issued will be determined by the director.

- Failure to have required materials for practice including attire, shoes, hair, etc.
- Tardiness to practice, game, or non-school hour activity/event
- Failure to follow dismissal procedures
- Showing disrespect towards an officer
- Leaving a performance, game, practice, or activity/event early without director approval
- Inappropriate language or behavior
- Excessive talking during practice or events
- Improper body language
- Not abiding by bus policies when traveling
- Failure to turn in money, paperwork, or items on due date
- Socializing with individuals other than team members, directors, and chaperones at a performance or function
- Failure to adhere to grooming and uniform expectations for a game, practice, or activity/event
- Allowing a non-member to sit in the stands at a performance or function
- Leaving the stands at a performance without permission

Other demerits may be assigned at director discretion depending on the circumstance.

Section 4: Strike Policy

Strike One: Parent notification and probation period of two team sponsored activities.

Strike Two: Parent notification, conference with parent, and probation period of three team sponsored activities.

Strike Three: Parent notification, conference with parent, student and an assistant principal, and immediate removal from the team.

The list below includes, but is not limited to, behaviors which would require strikes:

- Disrespect towards the Director/Teacher/Administration
- Insubordination towards the Director/Teacher/Administration
- Documented inappropriate conduct while displaying membership (in consultation with campus administration)
- Any unexcused absence
- Refusing to work or pay attention at practice
- Unsportsmanlike conduct at a game or performance
- Display of affection in school or at a school-related activity
- Assignment to ISS

- Forging a document or signature
- Inappropriate conduct on social media while displaying membership that reflects poorly on the dance program, as determined by the director and campus administration.

Section 5: Dismissal

The list below includes, but is not limited to, behaviors which would warrant immediate dismissal:

- Assignment to OSS (in consultation with campus administration)
- Assignment to GAP
- Failing two 9-week grading periods within one school year
- Truancy for any class the member is enrolled in
- Destruction or vandalism of school property
- Stealing
- Alcohol, tobacco, vape, and/or any drug use
- Documented inappropriate conduct while displaying membership (in consultation with campus administration)
- Notice from law enforcement that a student has engaged in conduct defined as a felony offense either on or off campus.

Section 6: Officers and Demerits

Officers are expected to abide by the policies of the team and to be mature in handling their leadership positions. Improper behavior of any officer could result in 1-7 demerits. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Abuse of authority
- Unnecessary criticism of a member
- Failure to set a good example
- Failure to meet responsibilities
- Failure to fulfill duties

Section 7: Academic Probation

- a. Texas Education rules state that any student who fails any course for a nine weeks grading period with a grade below 70 will be ineligible to participate in any dance team performance.
- b. However the student must attend, dress out, and participate in all scheduled practices and mandatory booster club functions.
- c. Two 9-week academic probations in one school year may result in loss of membership in the organization. To regain membership, the student must be selected during the annual auditions.

Article XVIII: Social Media

Section 1:

Dance team members are expected to maintain respectful and appropriate behavior on all forms of social media when wearing team insignia, participating in team-related activities, or in any way representing their affiliation with the program.

This includes, but is not limited to public displays of affection while in uniform, posting or reposting inappropriate images, comments, or content, engaging in or promoting conduct that reflects poorly on the dance program. All content shared on social media is subject to review by the Director and campus administration. If a post is deemed inappropriate, the team member will be required to remove the content within 24 hours of notification based on the electronic time stamp. Failure to comply will result in further disciplinary action. Inappropriate postings will result in a formal strike issued to the team member, and repeated violations may lead to more serious consequences.

Article XIX: Letter Jackets (HS)

Section 1:

Dance team members may earn letter jackets for participation in dance team activities. The letter jacket policy is determined by the campus administration, the GISD Director of Fine Arts, and the Dance Team Directors.

Section 2:

This is a one year process with special circumstances for seniors with the following breakdown.

- One year varsity = letterman jacket at the end of first year
- Rookie Seniors with one semester on varsity = letterman jacket in January.

Article XX: Special Situations

Section 1:

The GISD Director of Fine Arts, after consulting with campus principals, may alter any part of this constitution at any time if it is determined to be in the best interest of the GISD Dance Team Program. Sponsors will be advised of changes and will communicate said changes to students and parents.

Section 2:

Any special situations which may arise and are not specifically addressed in this constitution will be dealt with on an individual basis by the sponsor, campus administration and/or the GISD Director of Fine Arts.