



Varsity and JV Royals Dance Team Tryout Information

All information will be found in the [Royals and JV Royals Tryout Google Folder](#).

Complete the [Candidate Registration Form](#) by Mon, March 28, 2022.

Text @royalcand to 81010 to sign up for our Remind group!

Welcome!

Tryouts for the varsity Ridge Point Royals and JV Royals Dance Team will be held the week of April 4-6 with the actual audition being Thurs, April 7.

Candidates trying out for Royals and JV Royals must understand the following guidelines.

1. For Royals (varsity) - Candidates must currently be in grades 8, 9, 10, 11. *FBISD states that students in grades 9-12 can be on the varsity dance team.*
 2. For JV Royals, candidates must currently be in 8th, 9th and 10th grade. *No seniors can be on JV.*
3. The Royals and JV Royals Dance Team is a competitive dance group and school spirit organization. Participation is a FULL YEAR commitment (August—May).
4. Members will be selected through an audition process that includes performance of a dance routine and a technique combination for a panel of dance judges. Report card grades and conduct marks are also used as part of the selection process. All grades from the first, second, and third term year are used for this evaluation. (Progress grades, semester exam, and semester averages will not be used.)

If you are selected, you will adhere to the following rules:

1. Maintain academic eligibility.
2. Attend ALL practices and functions – these include but are not limited to summer camp, daily after school rehearsals, some Saturday practices, football games, dance contests, spring performances, parades, trips, social events, and other activities elected by the director.

JV Royals has lesser after school and weekend commitments.

3. Purchase practice clothing and costuming items. Please note that arrangements can be made for special financial situations. These arrangements are handled on an individual basis and are confidential. Financial limitations will not interfere with membership. However, full payment will need to be settled by the end of the school year. *If you have an outstanding balance with Royals or JV Royals you will not be allowed to audition for the 2022-2023 year.*

****Cost of Practice Clothing/Uniforms**

The first year on the dance team you will be required to purchase several practice uniforms. The average initial cost for a new member is \$400-\$500. After the first, the cost for practice clothing, etc. is usually less than \$150. *Next year is an in state trip year for the VARSITY TEAM ONLY. Trips are optional and cost is approximately \$500. JV will have a separate trip experience. More info to come.*

4. Be a positive role model for the other students at Ridge Point High School and follow the FBISD Student Code of Conduct and Extracurricular Handbook.
5. Be enrolled in the appropriate dance class for next year. If you are selected for the team you will automatically be placed in the Royals or JV Royals Dance Team period. You must make room in your schedule. *Royals and JV Royals receive a PE credit, but you must be enrolled in the course.*

Tryout Process

Tryouts for both teams will be a hybrid process. You will have access to the tryout videos prior to the clinic dates but the actual tryout will be **LIVE** in front of judges on **Thurs, April 7**.

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1. Fill out the [Candidate Registration form](#).
2. Attend the **new candidate/new parent interest Zoom meeting on Tues, March 29 @ 6:30 pm**. *Only new Royal/JV Royal candidates need to attend. *Upon completion of the candidate interest form, you will be emailed a Zoom meeting link. *After the meeting, discuss the decision as a family and decide which team is best for you.*
3. Beginning Wed, March 30 you will have access to the tryout videos in the Royals and JV Royals Tryout Google folder.
4. Attend all required clinic dates. If you must miss one or more sessions, please contact Mrs. Richter or Ms. Wendt in ADVANCE of your absence for her to determine if it is excused. You are responsible for learning all information that was missed.

Tryout Week Schedule:

Required Clinic times : Mon, April 4, Tues, April 5, and Wed, April 6—4:30-5:30 PM

Required Tryout : Thurs, April 7 — 3:00 –6:30 PM

5. The live audition is Thurs, April 7. Auditions will be in front of the panel of judges and candidates will audition in groups of four or five. The order of tryouts will be:
 - 3:00-3:45 Social Officer Interviews (returning varsity members only)
 - 4:00-5:30 Varsity Auditions (8th graders trying out for Varsity will be placed in the later audition groups and will audition after MS is released.)
 - 5:30-6:00 JV Auditions
 - 6:00-6:15 Callbacks, 6:15-6:30 Dismissed

Results will be posted Friday, April 8 by 5 PM on social media.

Tryout Requirements

For the live tryouts, all candidates need to wear the following:

- Solid black, form fitting leggings and tank top or leotard. *No crop tops. Shoe of your choice—tan jazz shoes, Twylas or barefoot. Please no socks.*
- Hair pulled back into a slick ponytail or low bun.
- Performance makeup—as Royals and JV Royals we wear red lipstick, blush and smoky eye shadow.
- No jewelry.
- Perform with energy and emotion that matches the style of the dance.

If you want the job, you need to look the part of the job.

Scores

- Tryout scores will be based on your performance in front of the judges (max 100 pts/judge) and grades (max of 25 pts). Highest score is 325.
 - The judges will score you on R/L splits, an across the floor combo (consisting of turns, kicks, leaps) and a tryout dance where you will be scored on memory, projection, precision, timing and overall dance technique.
- **Grade evaluations:** Everyone's grade evaluation starts with a perfect 25. T1, T2, T3 grades are used in the evaluation process. *Previous progress report grades, exam grades and semester averages are not used in this evaluation.* The deductions are as follows:
 - For every grade below 70 → 3 points will be deducted
 - For every grade between 70 and 72 → 1 point will be deducted
 - For conduct marks of "N" → 1 point will be deducted
 - For absence totals greater than 9 per class period → 5 points will be deducted with an additional point per absence following.
 - *Should your grade evaluation reach the point where it would actually be a negative number, that score will just be entered as a 0.*

If you tryout for varsity and are not selected, your scores may qualify you for JV. If you tryout for JV, you are only eligible to make the JV team.

JV Scores:

- Candidates will be judged on coordination, memory and timing, technique, precision, upper body execution, flexibility, projection/showmanship, energy/style.
 - Grades and growth throughout the process will also be considered in the final decision.
 - Scores are yes/no/maybe.
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- For all candidates, a follow up email will be sent to the students who made Royals, JV Royals, or the opportunity to take our Advanced Dance Class or Dance 1. The email will outline information on moving forward. We will communicate all information to school counselors to schedule students accordingly.
 - For those not selected for Royals or JV Royals, students may request a private conference with the directors for audition feedback.

Thank you for your consideration in our tryout process. Please contact us via email for questions or clarification. We look forward to a great tryout with you all!

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