



Dear Prospective Rouse Royal Dance Team Members, Rhythm Dance Company Members, and Parents,

Attached are the necessary instructions and forms to be completed in order to tryout for the Royal Dance Team and Rhythm Dance Company.

As a parent of a prospective Royal or RDC member, you should be fully informed about the requirements in becoming a dance team member. You and your child must also realize the year-long commitment and dedication required of all students once they have decided to participate in a dance program at Rouse High School. Being a dance member is not only an outstanding achievement and great honor; it is also a tremendous commitment and responsibility that must be taken seriously. Royals and RDC are a year-round commitment for your child to be involved. The Royals and RDC will be participating in many events throughout the entire school year such as football half times, pep rallies, basketball games, spring sports games, competitions, Spring Revue and various community events. Because of the year-long commitment, the decision to participate on the dance team should be well thought out and discussed between you and your child.

If your child is selected for the Rouse Royal Team or the Rhythm Dance Company, he/she must abide by strict rules and regulations. The handbook is devised for the protection of the entire organization; therefore, each candidate and parent is asked to read and discuss it carefully and to keep it in a safe place for future reference. This will be the document upon which decisions are made, so please become familiar with the expectations of each member. Please go to the following link to view, read and print the handbook.

<https://sites.google.com/leanderisd.org/rouse-dance-department/rouse-dance-teams>

Thank you for your cooperation,

Amy McKee
Director,
Rouse Royals and Rhythm Dance Company

Important Candidate Dates

MANDATORY PARENT AND CANDIDATE MEETING: Wednesday, November 1st in the Cafeteria at 6 p.m. (Returning members may turn in paperwork during the school day on November 1st **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**)

Items to be turned in at meeting. Please staple in this order and DO NOT put these items in a folder:

1. Audition Application with recent picture
2. Paragraph describing why you wish to become a member of the dance team.
3. Audition Sign-Up Sheet
4. Parental Audition Consent Form
5. Copy of first and second six weeks grades

Go to the following website and download the LISD Dance Team Handbook. If you need a hard copy please let Mrs. McKee know:

<https://sites.google.com/leanderisd.org/rouse-dance-department/rouse-dance-teams>

AUDITION CLINIC: Monday, November 27th and Tuesday, November 28th from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

- Candidates will learn tryout routine.
- Candidates will also review tryout process.
- Candidates may not film audition routine, but music will be uploaded to website to practice.
- **Audition clinic is closed to the public.**

AUDITIONS: Wednesday, November 29th from 4:30-late

- Candidates need to wear all black dance clothes (i.e. black camisole, black jazz pants/hot shorts and dance shoes). Girls will tryout in groups of four.
- **Tryouts are closed to the public.**
- Do not leave until you are dismissed. The judges may call girls back.
- Results will be posted on the RHS Dance Website at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 1st
<https://sites.google.com/leanderisd.org/rouse-dance-department/home>

PAYMENTS:

- Total estimated cost for new Royal line members is \$1,200.00. Estimated cost for returning members is \$400.00. There will be five scheduled payments.
- Total estimated cost of Rhythm Dance Company is \$500.00 for spring fees and \$400 for fall band fees. Returning Members estimated fees will be \$100 for spring and \$350 for Fall band fees.

Failure to adhere to financial responsibilities may result in not receiving required Dance Team items and possible suspension from performance until financial obligations have been met.

LISD Dance Team Audition Application

Please Print

Student's Information

Student's Name: _____ Student ID# _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year): _____ Age: _____

Classification for the 2017-2018 year: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Student's Doctor: _____ Doctor's Phone: (____) _____

Are you allergic to any medications? _____ If so, please list: _____

Do you have any prior dance experience? _____ If yes, How many years have you been dancing and where?

If you don't make it, would you be interested in a Manager position? _____

Mother's Information

Mother's Name: _____

Street Address (if different): _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Work Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Father's Information

Father's Name: _____

Street Address (if different): _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Work Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Please attach a typed or neatly handwritten paragraph describing why you wish to become a member of the Dance Team.

Place **recent** photo of yourself

HERE

Picture needs to be this size and professional looking.



Rouse Dance Team Audition Sign Up
Please Print

Student's Name: _____ Student ID# _____

Mark the one that applies to you.

_____ I only want to audition for the Royal Dance Team.

_____ I only want to audition for the Rhythm Dance Company.

_____ If I don't make Royals, I would like to be considered for a position on the Rhythm Dance Company.

_____ I am an 8th grader and can only audition for Rhythm Dance Company.

**You will not be considered for Royals or Rhythm if you do not choose those teams. For example, if you only choose RDC but the judges score you to be on Royals, you will not be placed on Royals or vice versa if you only choose Royals and the judges score you to be on RDC, you will not be placed on RDC. Think about this decision carefully!!*

Parental Audition Consent Form

_____ and I have read the LISD Dance Team Handbook and discussed the responsibilities of being a member of the Rouse Royal dance team and Rhythm Dance Company, such as cost, time involved, physical requirements, and performance requirements. I understand his/her obligations and responsibilities as a member and I will help him/her in his/her assignment for the entire year.

I give permission for his/her participation in auditions and understand as well as agree that the decision of the judges will be final. Also, attached is his/her most recent copy of his/her report card.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Candidates Audition Signature Form

I have read the LISD Dance Handbook and understand the requirements for participation in the Rouse Royal dance team and Rhythm Dance Company. I also understand the dedication and time it takes to be involved in such an organization. I intend to devote the time needed to make the Dance Team a success if I am selected. I am aware that the decision of the judges is final.

Candidate Signature

RHS Dance Department



Dance I-IV

The Rouse High School dance department is open to all students, regardless of previous training. We offer 4 years of dance training: Dance I-IV. Students earn both fine art credit and P.E. credit with the completion of Dance I and can earn fine art or elective credit in Dance II-IV. Dance classes cover a variety of dance styles including ballet, jazz, modern, lyrical, contemporary and hip hop along with a variety of health, wellness, and fitness concepts. All dance students have the opportunity to perform during halftime at a varsity football game, halftime of a basketball game, and the Rouse Royal Spring Show.

Dance Team Prep

Dance Team Prep is a semester long course offered to those students who wish to audition for the Rouse Royals or the Rhythm Dance Company in December. Dance Team Prep offers a more rigorous dance technique course to help prepare the student for auditions. No experience is necessary, but it is strongly encouraged. Students in dance team prep earn both fine art credit and P.E. credit with the completion of dance team prep. Dance Team prep students have an opportunity to perform during halftime at a varsity football game. Dance team prep becomes the Royal Rookie class in the spring.

Rhythm Dance Company

Rhythm Dance Company is an extracurricular dance and spirit organization at Rouse High School that focuses on integrating a variety of dance styles with technical guard skills during the fall semester and focuses on dance team style choreography during the spring semester. Rhythm Dance Company is an extension of the Raider Marching Band program and performs alongside the band during the halftime show during the fall season. RDC members will focus on precision and unison movement while gaining a more well-rounded dance education as they incorporate the arts into their everyday lives. RDC will focus on competition style routines during the spring semester along with performing in the annual Spring Show. Auditions for RDC are held in December. 8th graders attending RHS are eligible to audition for RDC but will not officially start team activities until May. Students in RDC receive a fine art credit and a P.E. credit.

Rouse Royal Dance Team

The Rouse Royal Dance Team is the varsity dance team that supports athletic and school organizations, participates in community service projects and performs for the greater Austin Community. Auditions for Royals are held in December. Current 9th-11th grade students are eligible to audition for Royals. Royals is a yearlong commitment and perform at football games, iDance, pep rallies, basketball games, contests, community events, and the Royals Spring Show. Royals focuses on advance dance technique and incorporates all genres of dance throughout the year. Students in Royals receive a fine art credit and P.E. credit.

Questions??

Amy McKee 512-570-2140 amy.mckee@leanderisd.org – Royals and Rhythm Dance Company



2018 Rhythm Dance Company



Who's eligible to audition?

-Current 8th-11th students who will be attending Rouse HS in the fall of 2017.

Where does Rhythm Dance Company perform?

Fall:

-RDC performs in the band halftime show in the fall. They are the visual ensemble of the band. Equipment and props could be used during the show as well, but the majority of their performance will be dance technical skills. RDC performs at all varsity football games and band competitions in the fall.

-RDC also performs at events like Meet the Raiders, pep rallies, and iDance.

Spring:

-RDC is a competition dance team in the spring. They perform at basketball games, dance competition, and Royal Revue.

-Only current Rouse students that make RDC will compete in the spring. 8th graders that audition will officially begin team activities at May band rehearsals. 8th graders will not be required to attend spring rehearsals and performances.

Time commitment?

Fall:

-RDC is expected to attend summer dance and band camp in July and August. They also attend all band rehearsals in the fall. At this time band rehearsals are:

- Monday 4:00-6:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 7:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m.

-A calendar will be given in August with all football game dates and competition dates for the fall semester.

Spring:

-The majority of RDC rehearsal is done during class time. A few after school rehearsals will be scheduled depending on contest routine needs.

Benefits of joining RDC:

- Extra Prep for Royals-RDC helps with technique and performance qualities
- Team work during the fall semester
- Rhythm has the unique opportunity to be a part of the band program and the dance program.

QUESTIONS:

Jason Robb, Band Director jason.rob@leanderisd.org 512-570-2057



2018 Rouse Royals



Who's eligible to audition?

-Current 9th-11th Rouse students.

Where do Royals perform?

Fall:

- Varsity Football Games
- Pep rallies, Meet the Raiders
- iDance
- Holiday Show
- Community Events

Spring:

- Basketball Games
- Dance Competitions
- Mr. Maroon
- Royal Revue
- Community Events

Time commitment?

- Royals is a yearlong commitment.
- Royals are expected to attend summer dance camp in July and August.
- Royals rehearse every day at 7:30 a.m.
- Royals perform at many school events throughout the year

Benefits of joining Royals:

- Teamwork and Sisterhood
- Help promote school spirit
- Advanced dance technique that can help prepare for future dance opportunities
- Fun performances throughout the year.

QUESTIONS:

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