

CHS Drill Team **Audition** Packet



Please take a moment to read in full the following information regarding the requirements, responsibilities, and expectations of each CHS Drill Team Member. Register to audition on the website at www.chsdrillteam.com/tryouts. The last page "Application and Permission Form" **must** be signed by you, and a parent/guardian. Bring this with you to the tryout on June 4.

Being a member of the CHS Drill Team is both demanding and hard work, however the rewards will last a lifetime. Our goal each season is to successfully teach dance skills, while learning the importance of school pride, teamwork, and unity. The CHS Drill Team prides itself in setting a high standard of excellence.

squad details

We perform at all home football games, pep assemblies, parades, and select home basketball games. When possible, we try our best to be a part of our community and perform at various events when given the opportunity. We are a competitive team and participate at the Iowa High School Drill Team *solo* competition is October 23 & 24 and *team* is December 4 & 5, 2025. These are mandatory and will not be optional for any member. Depending on funding and availability of dancers we typically compete with two routines.

{summer commitment}

We hold a lot of summer practices and will make every effort to avoid other sport activities and family vacations. Our summer conditioning and technique plan, which includes both individual and team workouts, is expected of all members and are generally 2x a week. You will have as much advance notice as possible for practices and events however work, babysitting, and swimming/lake time will have to go around drill team. More details at the parent meeting, calendar is updated dates and times.

Known dates at this time are the Chariton July 4th parade and performance with previous years squad AND the newest members. Camp is July 17-19 more details are below.

{morning practices}

Beginning on the second day of school our practices will be held 6:00-7:20 AM Monday - Friday. Academics is a priority but will not excuse members from practice. Being a member is a full time commitment which requires time management skills. Those who are involved in other school sports will be excused from our practice **HOWEVER WILL BE REQUIRED** to know all material taught prior to the next practice (this will be on their own time). Extracurricular meetings will be allowed only if 24 hours notice is given to the coach.

{fundraising}

Fundraising is a major component of our program. We exist because of the efforts of our members **AND** their parents. If a member fails to satisfy their fundraising commitment they will be removed from the team. No exceptions. This includes summer car washes, junior dance clinics during the school season, and individual sales of various items or raffle tickets. Money raised from these events go to the "team account" to be used towards costume inventory, competition fees, hotels, foods, gifts, banquet supplies, etc. At our parent meeting it will be required for each parent/guardian to sign up to co-host and help organize one event during the season. We are not 100% funded by the athletic department.

requirements

{parent meeting}

A parent meeting will be held on Wednesday June 11, 5:30-6:30 PM in the high school commons. We discuss in depth the team rules, costs for each member, camp, and parent volunteer options. Team member and one parent/ guardian must attend. First down payment is due at the meeting.

{costs for members}

There are costs involved being on any dance team. We do our best to make every effort for the CHS Drill Team to be as cost effective as possible. Therefore, we allow the total fee due (described below) to be paid in increments that fit your budget: first down payment at the parent meeting of \$350.00 is expected, then payments for remaining balance paid off by July 16, 2025 or you will not be able to attend camp. If there are costs concerns please contact the coach for prior approval and arrangements before auditions. The fees/payments we have as a team must be prepaid and unfortunately it's not feasible to allow payments throughout the season.

Individual items needed such as team warm ups, shoes, duffle bag, poms, tights, and camp attire will be required of each member. Depending on if you are a returning or new member the cost range is \$250-\$450. These are all personal items to keep. We will be potentially keeping the same jackets based on availability of item, otherwise all will be expected to buy new. If any of the individual items are lost it will be mandatory to replace as we use these items throughout the season and sometimes will carry over to the next year!

Summer camp is July 17-19 and cost \$350 per member. Each member must attend, the only exceptions are if you are playing in a school sponsored event: in which you will still be expected to have a parent drive you back and forth when possible to attend as much of dance camp as possible.

tryout process

{rehearsal}

June 4 @ 4-6 PM in the high school gym. You will be taught a short dance routine. Link to the music on our website will be given. You will be allowed to video on your own. If you need to arrive late or leave early due to a school sports practice contact Chelsey asap and you will be responsible to learn and know material missed on your own.

{auditions}

Judged auditions are on June 5 @ 4:00 PM in the high school gym. All auditions are closed to the public therefore friends and family are not allowed in the gym. Arrive early in the "commons" area to finalize any last minute hair/makeup touchups, stretch, and practice. You will be given an audition number to wear on your top for the judges evaluation. We will do two full run throughs as a group. You will be evaluated on your dance technique, enthusiasm, poise, showmanship, personal appearance, energy, and skills. A sample of the judges scoresheet is included below. Everyone auditions.

{what to wear}

Rehearsal and audition attire should be similar. A clean dancer/athletic appearance with form fitting clothing such as a hot short, dance pant/capri, sports bra, or tank. A jazz, lyrical, or dance shoe is suggested but not required - tennis shoes are acceptable. Hair should be off the face. For the audition process you should have "performance" hair and makeup. Earrings are allowed for auditions, but not required. Dress and look like you want the part!

{announcement of the new squad}

We will post results on our website at www.chsdrillteam.com/tryouts.html and on our facebook page by Thursday June 5 at 8 PM.

Judges **Score** Sheet

GENERAL EXECUTION (15) _____

Timing & Rhythm: 1 2 3 4 5

Strength of Movement: 1 2 3 4 5

Placement: 1 2 3 4 5

Technique (15) _____

Position of Arms, Legs, Head, Feet: 1 2 3 4 5

Extension: 1 2 3 4 5

Posture/Alignment: 1 2 3 4 5

General Effects/Showmanship (15) _____

Confidence/Energy Level: 1 2 3 4 5

Emotion/Attitude (facial expression): 1 2 3 4 5

Knowledge of Material: 1 2 3 4 5

Skills (30) _____

Corner Kick: 1 2 3 4 5

Single Pirouette: 1 2 3 4 5

Double Pirouette: 1 2 3 4 5

Pirouette in 2nd (3 rotations/double passé out): 1 2 3 4

Split Jump: 1 2 3 4 5

Russian Leap: 1 2 3 4 5

Judges comments: Yes _____ No _____

Total Score: _____ (75 Possible)

Application & Permission Form

bring to tryouts on **June 4, 2025**

{keep the above informational pages above for your reference}

Name: _____ **Next year's grade:** _____

Dancer cell: _____ **Dancer email:** _____

Parent/guardian name: _____ **Parent/guardian cell:** _____

Parent/guardian email: _____

**Please note: we send out LOTS of texts with reminders & updates to members and parents.

Tell us about yourself: use the back if more space is needed

1. List 3 characteristics you feel you most possess that will contribute to the CHS Drill Team squad:

2. Why do you wish to be a member of the CHS Drill Team squad:

3. List your top accomplishment(s) and/or honor(s) you are most proud of:

I have read the information sheet and recognize the responsibilities and requirements if my son/daughter is chosen to be a member of the CHS Drill Team. I further understand that this is an extracurricular activity and that attendance at practices, performances, fundraisers, special events, and summer camp is mandatory and an absence affects the entire group. If an injury of any kind were to occur during the tryout process or the season, Chariton Drill Team, Chelsey Wickett and/or Chariton School District will not be held liable.

(one parent/guardian signature required)

(date)

If I am chosen to be a member of the CHS Drill Team I shall fulfill all of the requirements to the best of my ability as set forth in the information sheet. I understand that if I fail to maintain these requirements that I not only affect my position on the squad, but also affect the other members of the team.

(dancer signature required)

(date)