

Slidell Jr. High Dance Team

Tryout Packet



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Your daughter is interested in becoming a member of the Slidell Junior High dance team. If selected, there are specific responsibilities and obligations which she must assume in order to qualify and remain part of the squad. This information packet includes information regarding tryouts and the tryout process. Please read all information so you and your child are aware of the expectations and requirements.

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Please be aware of due dates and paper work that must be turned in. If the information is late or if the candidate fails to turn in any required paperwork, the candidate will be disqualified from dance team tryouts. Being a dancer is a full year commitment and requires an extreme amount of dedication from not only the dancer, but the family as well. If you and your child both feel the obligations and responsibilities can be met, please allow your child to participate in tryouts.

If you have any questions, please email me at Danielle.clayton@stpsb.org.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation,

Danielle Clayton
Slidell Junior High
Dance Coach

Dance Team tryout qualifications and requirements

- 1) In order to try out for dance team, the candidate must have earned a 1.5 grade-point average in the quarter preceding tryouts. Any 6th grader who is promoted to the 7th grade is automatically eligible for the first 9 weeks of their 7th grade school year. **(copy of report card must be turned in with application)**
- 2) In order to try out for dance team, the candidate must have school spirit and set an example of good behavior at all times. **TWO teacher recommendation forms are needed (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CANDIDATES – recommendation forms sealed in an envelope with teacher’s signature across seal with application as evidence – SJH CANDIDATES – teacher recommendation forms must be turned in by teacher to Mrs. Clayton)**
- 3) Parent/Guardian must agree to projected financial and time obligations. **(signed application must be turned in)**
- 4) In order to try out for dance team, the candidate must submit a complete physical and permission form (Tiger Head) preceding tryouts. If you already have an up-to-date physical on file at SJH, please indicate on the application.

Dance Team Tryout process

Tuesday, March 7th

Parent/Guardian meeting takes place 6 P.M. in the cafeteria. MANDATORY

Thursday, March 16th

Applications are due to SJH NO LATER than 3:00 pm. Bring to front office or student services at SJH.

Monday-Tuesday, March 27th-28th

Mandatory dance clinic to learn material

4:15-6:00, Slidell Junior High Gym

Wear comfortable shorts and a t-shirt

Wednesday, March 29th

Tryouts in Slidell Junior High Cafeteria

4:15 – sign-in; 4:30 – judging begins

What to expect on the day of tryouts – March 29th

- 1) Required uniform for tryouts- **Wear a white t-shirt – The shirt must have sleeves and no writing on it. No polos or button down shirts, - Plain black shorts**-These can be purchased at any athletic store –
- 2) Each candidate will tryout in a group of 2 or 3, in front of the judges. If the judge(s) deem necessary, any part of the tryout material may be performed twice.
- 3) Each candidate’s dancing ability and technique will be judged by highly qualified judges.
- 4) Tryouts are closed to all spectators. SJH dance sponsor and judges will be the ONLY people allowed in the tryout area with the candidates.
- 5) The 2017-2018 Dancers list (numbers) will be posted on my website (link below) on Thursday afternoon.
<http://sjhclayton.pbworks.com/w/page/83386813/FrontPage>

Slidell Junior High Dance Team Expectations, Bylaws and Consequences 2016-2017

- I. **Tryout Qualifications**
 - a. In order to try out for dance team, the candidate must have earned a 1.5 grade-point average in the quarter preceding tryouts. A student may not have more than two grades of F in any one nine weeks.
 - b. Dancers who resign during a dancing year may not be eligible to tryout the following year.
- II. **Academic Expectations**
 - a. Dancers are students first and most importantly. Strong academic performance is expected.
 - b. All dancers must maintain a 1.5 GPA. Any 6th grader who is promoted to the 7th grade is automatically eligible for the first 9 weeks of their 7th grade school year. Grade eligibility will follow school board policy.
 - c. Dancers must show the coach their report card at the end of each grading period.
- III. **Attendance Expectations**
 - a. All games and practices are mandatory, unless specified by the sponsor.
 - b. Camp is mandatory.
 - c. When returning from a missed practice or game, a note/email from a parent/guardian must be presented to the sponsor.
 - d. If a dancer checks out of school on the day of a practice or event, she must notify the sponsor before checking out either in person or by parent email.
 - e. Slidell Jr. High dancing takes priority over all other activities, including sports practices, recreational dance/cheer, and any other competitions. **Dance team is considered a primary sport. Participation in other sports cannot interfere with any function of being a dancer.**
- IV. **Conduct Expectations**
 - a. Dancers understand that their actions are more prominent than other students; therefore, exemplary behavior is expected of cheerleaders at all times. A dancer's behavior not only reflects upon the individual, but also upon the entire squad and Slidell Jr. High. Dancers are expected to behave appropriately, whether in or out of uniform.
 - b. The Dancers will follow all of the rules of the St. Tammany Parish School Board and Slidell Jr. High School including the discipline policy explained in the student handbook.
 - c. Dancers must display proper behavior in class, including attendance and promptness, completing all assigned work, participation, and respect of teachers and classmates.
 - d. Dancers should be aware that online activities are public and therefore, must display appropriate behavior.
- V. **Conduct for practices/events:**
 - a. Proper attire (see uniform expectations) is required at all times, with clothing appropriate to the occasion. During practices and/or events, there should be no jewelry of painted/false fingernails.
 - b. Only water is allowed on the sidelines during games.
 - c. Dancers will smile and show enthusiasm at all performances.
 - d. During games, dancers will be ready to cheer/dance at all times.
 - e. Dancers are required to provide their own transportation for scheduled practices and events and must be picked up promptly following events.
 - f. At practices, Dancers must be dressed out in regulation practice clothes, including shoes.
 - g. Dancers will be completely dressed out when arriving to games and are expected to remain that way until after departure
- VI. **Uniform Expectations**
 - a. Uniforms are to be kept neat and clean.
 - b. Uniforms are not to be lent to anyone for any reason. A member may not allow any part of their uniform to be worn by non-members during or after the dancing year.
 - c. Uniform may not be accessorized with jewelry and/or clothing that are not officially part of the uniform.
 - d. Poms, bows, and dance shoes should always be kept in dance bags and bags should accompany dancers to all performances.
- VII. **Consequences** for failing to meet any of the above expectations - Consequences will be determined by the coach, including but not limited to sitting out a portion of a performance to removal from the squad.

2017-2018 ESTIMATED Slidell Jr. High Dance Team Cost

New Dance Team Members

Uniform (top, dress, pants, bow)	\$234
Practice/Camp Gear (2 pair shorts, 2 shirts, sports bra)	\$113
Jazz shoes, sneakers, and tights	\$105*(Can order on own for less)
Dance bag w/ name	\$47
Poms	\$36.5
Shipping costs	\$30
Camp	\$190
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	\$756.5 +tax

Returning members estimated cost **\$389+tax**

OPTIONAL PURCHASES:

*yard sign	\$20
*parent tshirt	\$ 25
*Dance jacket with name	\$52
*Black shoes with tights(order separate from Varsity)	\$40

****Accounts must be up-to-date in order to receive items. Accounts must be paid in full by the final payment date in order to attend practice and football/basketball games. Dancers will be subject to removal from the team if account is not current.

Slidell Jr. High Dance Team

2017-2018 Year-at-a Glance

March 7 th	Mandatory Parent's meeting for tryouts @ 6 in cafeteria at SJH
March 16 th	Packets due at SJH at 3 P.M.
March 27 th -28 th	Tryout Clinic 4:15pm - 6:00pm
March 29 th	Tryouts 4:15 pm (judging begins at 4:30 pm)
April 10 th @4:30	Dance team uniform fitting: Classroom 111. First payment due <u>\$190.00(exact amount will be given after tryouts)</u> ; PARENT MEETING after fitting
May/June	Payments for Varsity due by June 1 st
July 10 th -12 th	Home Camp
End of July	Tiger Walk practice
August	Tiger Walk performance – Practice schedule will be emailed. School starts, after school practices start Football season begins
November	Basketball season begins
March/April	End of year party/tryouts
May	Tiger Fest

**Slidell Junior High Dance Team
Teacher Recommendation Form**

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____ Subject: _____

Please complete this form and return it to your school's office in the sealed envelope provided. It is very important that the form is returned. Please rate the student according to how YOU feel the student does in YOUR class or classes. These evaluations will determine if the student is eligible to tryout.

Sincerely,

Danielle Clayton
Slidell Junior High

On a scale of 1 to 10, please rate the student in each of these areas listed below:
(10 = strongly agree and 1 = strongly disagree)

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other students and peers _____

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Student is motivated to be a hard worker _____

Student is supportive of her school _____

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Comments _____

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_____ copy of latest report card