

Tiger Belles Dance/Drill Team Audition Information:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Klein Collins High School Tiger Belles Dance/Drill Team. For the past 23 years, Tiger Belles have exemplified leadership, poise, success, teamwork, **discipline**, and dedication and we are very proud of our many accomplishments and awards earned across the United States. Tiger Belles are young ladies/men who strive for perfection in dance, academic achievement, and possess good moral values as an ambassador of Klein Collins High School. This organization not only provides entertainment at various sporting events, but also competes in a variety of dance competitions, participates in community events and fundraisers, and performs a Spring Show to conclude the school year. Please read this packet carefully and consider each area before beginning the audition process.

Mandatory Parent Meeting Klein Collins Commons - February 27th | 6:30-8:30pm

Audition Packet Due Online - March 10 | 3:00 pm (can be turned in sooner)

Choreography sent out via email - March 24th | Afternoon

Mandatory Tryout Rehearsal, Klein Collins Small Gym - March 28-29th | 5:00-6:30pm

Tryout Day , Klein Collins Big Gym - March 30st | High School 4-9 Middle School 5-9

Team Announcement - March 31st on the Tiger Belles' Website at 5pm

First Required Team Meeting on campus - April 19th at 6:30pm (Parents)

New Team Practice - May 10th 5-6:30pm (Belles)

New Team Practice - May 17th 5-6:30pm (Belles)

If you are planning to audition, please complete the following Google Form by MARCH 10th at 3:00 PM in order to receive a spot at tryouts. You will not be able to audition if this application is not received by 3:00 pm on March 10th. You can also access the tryout application by visiting kctigerbelles.com and clicking on the "tryouts" tab!.

<https://bit.ly/TigerBelles23>

Please, only fill out this Google form if your decision to audition for Tiger Belles will not change and you have already received parent permission. You will be given an audition number either the first or second day of try-outs.

Important Notes

- ★ The Parent meeting on February 27th is MANDATORY for every student planning to try out for the Tiger Belles. If there is not a representative present for each candidate, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TRY-OUT. It is very important for parents to understand what the obligations are to be a Tiger Belle.
- ★ Your tryout application must be submitted via Google Form by March 10th at 3:00 pm. If you do not turn in these forms, including the medical waiver, by March 10th you will not be able to audition for Tiger Belles.
- ★ All days of the audition clinic are mandatory in order to be eligible for the audition on March 30th. Any exceptions must be cleared with the Director prior to the first day of the clinic.
- ★ Tryout dances will be sent out via the candidates email listed on the google form on March 24th. You will need to learn these routines on your own. At our tryout rehearsal on March 28th, we will review these dances but we will not reteach them.
- ★ All clinics and audition days are not open to the public.
- ★ If any disruption or disrespect occurs, then you will be asked to leave the clinic and will no longer be eligible to audition for the Tiger Belles.
- ★ Please visit our website www.kctigerbelles.com or contact the Director of the Tiger Belles, with any questions you may have. Thank you for your interest in our team and we look forward to meeting you at our auditions.
- ★ Tryouts are meant to be an enjoyable experience. There is always stress when trying out for a team, but our goal is to make you feel welcome and enjoy your experience. You will make memories and friends that will last a lifetime!

Sincerely,

Olivia Thompson

Tiger Belles Director

Audition Information

Audition Clinic Attire:

- ★ Black leggings (girls), black pants (boys)
- ★ Black form fitting tank top or leotard (no midriiffs showing)
 - If you are in a revealing outfit you will be asked to leave.
- ★ Jazz shoes, pirouettes, other dance shoes, bare feet
- ★ NO socks
- ★ Hair pulled back and neat in a high ponytail
- ★ No gum or jewelry allowed

Audition Day Attire:

- ★ High waisted black leggings that are form fitting and will not fall while you are dancing.
Black leggings (girls), black pants (boys)
- ★ Black form fitting tank top or leotard (no midriiffs showing)
 - If you are in a revealing outfit you will be asked to leave.
- ★ Jazz shoes, pirouettes, other dance shoes, bare feet
- ★ NO socks
- ★ Hair pulled back and neat in a high ponytail
- ★ Full performance makeup
 - foundation, brown or dark purple eyeshadow in the crease with lighter color on the lid, blush, red lipstick
- ★ No gum or jewelry allowed

Candidates will be scored on the following elements:

1. Dance Technique
2. Dance Style
3. Memory
4. Showmanship/Execution
5. Overall impression

Junior Varsity Requirements: Single Pirouette, Right Leap, Right Kick, 2 Chaine Turns, Stationary Leap. Must score a 70-84

Varsity Requirements: Double Pirouette, Right Leap, Right Kick, Calypso, Stationary Leap, Toe Touch. Must score an 85-100

Team Tryout Material: This year on March 24th, there will be a video sent out of all 3 of the tryout dances that will be done. The 3 dances will be a jazz/pom style, a contemporary, and our school fight song. Fight song is new this year. There is already a video breakdown of our fight song on youtube if you would like to learn it early.

Candidates are scored by a panel of outside judges. If selected for call backs Ms. Thompson will be added to the judging panel. Students, and administrators do not have input on who is selected for the 2023-2024 Tiger Belles Dance/Drill Team. Number of team members varies from year to year. If you would like to see your score sheet, please schedule a meeting with Assistant Principal, Rachel Lambert. Please do not contact the Director about your scores.

Important Tiger Belle Information

1. The Tiger Belles Dance/Drill Team is governed by a Klein ISD constitution. The constitution is posted on the Tiger Belles website and provides all expectations, rules and regulations, and guidelines. Please review this constitution prior to auditions.
2. All disciplinary infractions are handled by the Director and Administration, if necessary. Please review the constitution and demerit system on our website: www.kctigerbelles.com
3. A member's drill team year begins on the day the member's name is officially posted and continues until that membership is officially terminated. This means demerits begin once the new team is announced on the website on March 31st, 2023.
4. All Tiger Belles will audition for every dance and may not perform in every dance if technical/memory/performance expectations are not met.
5. Prospective members and their parents must be fully aware of the expenses of the dance/drill team as explained in this packet's "Cost Estimate". The fees paid to be a Tiger Belle are NONREFUNDABLE. They must be willing to meet all financial obligations. If a student is not able to meet all financial obligations, the student must consult the director.
6. A physical is not required to audition however a physical is required before attending any summer camps.
7. All expenses must be paid on time or result in removal from performances. All payment plans should be discussed with the Director prior to the due date.
8. Communication is very important in Tiger Belles. We expect Tiger Belles to learn to communicate efficiently through a chain of communication. Their Military Officer will be their first point of contact. If the Military Officers, returning parents, or other Belles cannot answer your question, then the Director may be contacted. A chain of command is necessary and must be respected in order to continue the success of our well-organized team.
9. No pass, no play: Per UIL Guidelines, All Drill team members must be passing a report card in order to perform with the team. If a member does not have a 70 or above in ALL classes, they are still required to attend **all practices** but will not be allowed to attend the performance in uniform. All fees will still apply and/or non refundable regardless of eligibility.
10. All Tiger Belles must display appropriate behavior inside and outside of practice. All Belles are expected to maintain a positive reputation, communicate appropriately with other students and adults, and display exemplary social media etiquette. If a member displays inappropriate conduct of any nature in person or on social media, they will be subject to removal. See Constitution for more detailed information.

Summer Requirements:

- ★ Summer Camp (July 24-29)
 - This camp is required. Missing camp results in removal from the team without a refund.
 - We will be learning 1 contest routine per team at camp this year.
- ★ Summer Dance Hours
 - Members must complete 10 dance hours prior to Belle camp or they will receive 1 demerit for each hour missed.
 - Students will be responsible for getting their summer hours on their own and there may be additional costs associated with this.
 - 8 hours will be offered at KC for free during June and July.
 - We highly suggest you earn dance hours at various locations so you can learn from several different people.

Football Season Requirements (September-November/December):

Missing a football season practice results in removal from that week's performance, and they will be replaced with an alternate (if available). They may also receive demerits depending on the reason for their absence. Please, see the constitution for an explanation of an excused/unexcused absence. Football season practice will be from 6:00-7:00am on the Klein Collins football field Monday-Wednesday. Thursday practices will be from 3:15-5:15pm on the band lot. Thursday games result in band lot practices on Wednesday. Please, review the calendar for updates when the football schedule is received.

Varsity vs. Junior Varsity:

Varsity and Junior Varsity teams dance together as one team for football and separate during contest season. Placement on Varsity or Junior Varsity is given the day of team announcement. In order to be placed on Varsity, you must score between 85-100, in order to be placed on Junior Varsity, you must score 70-84. All Junior Varsity members have the opportunity to re-audition for Varsity in September. September contest placement is determined by the director.

All members must attend daily practices from 6:00-7:00am or 3:00-5:15pm depending on the season. All doctor's appointments, family gatherings/events, concerts, driver's education classes, etc. are not excused.

Varsity Contest Audition:

In mid-late September, Junior Varsity Tiger Belles have the opportunity to audition for Varsity contest routines. This audition will consist of various dances or skills set by the director. In the past, tryouts consisted of Varsity Pom and Contemporary. Interested Junior Varsity members will prepare by learning these dances alongside varsity in the summer/fall. Failure to attend those choreography days with Varsity, will leave them ineligible to try out. It is not mandatory for Junior Varsity members to audition. If you are placed on Varsity, you will officially compete as a Varsity member and not Junior Varsity in the Spring.

Due to the change in competition season we will be competing in the fall. Junior Varsity members will be able to try out for Varsity in October but WILL NOT compete with them in the fall due to time constraints and requirements set by UDA.

Contest Season Requirements (October-March):

If members miss more than 2 practices per routine they will be removed from the correlating routine or replaced with an alternate (if available). Friday and night practices will occur in order to prepare for the competition season. These practices are required and missing could result in removal from all dances practiced that day.

★ Varsity Category Team:

- Members will compete in 3-4 team routines. Members will practice Monday-Friday 6:00-8:00am or 3:00-5:00pm during contest season. Members will audition for each team routine and are not guaranteed a spot. There will be one after school practice from 5:15-7:30pm on Thursdays and 3:00-6:00 pm on Fridays.

★ Junior Varsity Category Team:

- Members will compete in 2-3 team routines and are guaranteed a spot unless deemed otherwise by director. Members will practice Tuesday-Friday 6:00-8:00am or 3:00-5:00pm unless stated otherwise by Director. There will be one after school practice from 5:15-7:30pm on Thursdays.

★ *NEW* UDA Nationals

- This year we are making big changes to dates for competition season. We are reaching to compete at the UDA Nationals Competition at Disney World the first week in February!
- We must qualify to compete at Nationals by attending UDA summer camp or competing and qualifying prior to the second semester. The camp is more expensive than in years past but it covers the price of one of our competition routines. We will be doing a UDA camp so we can plan payments for nationals accordingly.
- Because competition is going to be sooner, this will require us to practice contest dances in tandem with football routines.
- We will be competing a Game Day routine and will be performing that routine at the football game before we compete.

Spring Show Requirements:

All Tiger Belles are required to participate in the Tiger Belle Spring Show in April or May. Practices will continue Monday-Friday 6:00-8:00 am with additional Saturday rehearsals unless stated otherwise by Director. In the weeks leading up to show we may have after school practices to set lights and work in the auditorium.

Booster Club/Parent Obligation:

Each Belle parent is required to join the Booster Club and must sign up for a committee to support and raise money for the team. We rely on active parents to be successful.

Each Parent is required to pay a Booster Club Fee. This fee can be paid in 2 payments but must be paid in full by January. Information regarding Booster assessment fees will be provided in the fees section of this packet.

All Belle parents must provide transportation to and from any additional events on the weekend and any/all practices. Belles will not be excused from any event due to lack of transportation.

Cost Estimate

**This is only an estimate of the expenses for the current year. Prices may fluctuate depending on vendor or continued use of items. **

All checks payable to KCHS unless stated otherwise.

Item	Due Date	New Member Cost	Returning Member Cost
<p>Line Camp Fee</p> <p><i>****If not paid then daughter will not be a Tiger Belle****</i></p>	April 19th	\$250	\$250
<p>Booster Club Assessment Fee CHECKS PAYABLE TO TIGER BELLES BOOSTER CLUB</p> <p>Technique teacher, holiday parties, team building, travel meals.</p>	<p>April 19th (1st \$150 payment)</p> <p>December TBD (2nd \$200 payment)</p>	\$350	\$350
Boots	May 10th	\$75	Optional
<p>Hat (\$105)</p> <p>Rain Cover (\$5)</p>	May 10th	\$110	Optional
Game Day Jersey	May 10th	\$80	Optional
Backpack *NEW*	May 10th	\$80	\$80

Practice Tops	May 10th	\$20 Each	\$20 Each
Warm ups *NEW*	June 14th	\$90	\$90
Pirouettes	June 14th	\$20	Optional
Tights	June 14th	\$15	Optional
Earrings	June 14th	\$10	Optional
Poms	June 14th	\$40	Optional
Competition Fee (Estimate) PAYABLE BY SCHOOLCASH	November	\$130-\$200 (TBD) Solo/Duet TBD	\$130-\$200 (TBD) Solo/Duet TBD
Trip (Estimate and pending Fundraising)	December, 2024	\$1600	\$1600
Composite Photo (Cash only)	March, 2024	\$20	\$20
TOTAL with required items only		\$1,200 No Contest or Trip \$2800 Trip Included	\$830 No Contest or Trip \$2430 Trip Included

2023-2024 Klein Collins Tiger Belles Dance/Drill Team

Important Dates:

April 19th - 6:30-8:30pm

Mandatory new team parent meeting for all 2023-2024 Tiger Belles. All members are required to attend; there will be a lot of important information given at this time.

- ★ **Booster Assessment Fee #1**
 - \$150 due to Booster Club (Cash, check, and Zelle are accepted)
 - Checks made payable to Tiger Belles Booster Club
- ★ **Camp Fee**
 - \$20 due to the Tiger Belles (Cash or check accepted)
 - Checks made payable to KCHS
 - Returners will pay on Schoolcashonline
- ★ **Sizing**
 - Sizing for dancewear will be taken
 - You may purchase Dancewear but will not need to be paid in full until June
 - We will have an online store used to purchase some items.

****Booster Assessments and Camp fees must be paid on separate checks****

May 10th and 17th | New Team Practice from 5:00-6:30 pm

All 2023-2024 Tiger Belles are required to attend new team practice in the KC Commons. You must wear any black tank top and leggings/pants.

Physicals will be due to the Director on May 10th. If you do not turn in your physical this day, you will not attend camp and will not be a Tiger Belle.

July 24-29, 2023 | Team Camp from 8:00-5:00 pm

This year we will be hosting our own private camp at Klein Collins. The Belles will learn 3 of their football routines, Pep-rally, and a contest routine.

All camp dates are mandatory. If you miss a day, you will be removed from Tiger Belles per the KISD Constitution.

TBD | New Team Induction

All members are required to be there and dress in Sunday best clothing.

All clothing must be purchased by: *June 14th*