

## **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 26 years, Tiger Belles have exemplified leadership, poise, success, teamwork, discipline, and dedication. We are proud of the many accomplishments and awards our team has earned across the United States. Tiger Belles are students who strive for perfection in dance, excel academically, and uphold good moral values as ambassadors of Klein Collins High School.

The Tiger Belles not only provide entertainment at various sporting events but also compete in dance competitions, participate in community events and fundraisers, and host an annual Spring Show to conclude the school year. Please read this packet carefully before beginning the audition process.

### **Digital Tryout Packet Review (Required – Replaces In-Person Parent Meeting)**

All candidates and parents are required to watch the Tiger Belles Tryout Information Video on the Tiger Belles YouTube channel and complete the accompanying acknowledgement form.

Must be completed by February 18 | 3:00 PM

**Audition Packet Due Online - February 20th | 3:00 pm <https://bit.ly/tbapplication26>**

**Choreography sent out via email - February 27th | Afternoon**

**Mandatory Tryout Rehearsal, Tiger Belle Room - March 3-4 | 5:00-7:00pm**

**Tryout Day, Tiger Belle Room - March 5th | High School 4-9 Middle School 5-9**

**Team Announcement - March 6th on the Tiger Belles' Website at 5pm**

**First Required Team Meeting on campus - March 25th at 6:30pm (Parents)**

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

**New Team Practice - May 13th 5-6:30pm (Belles)**

## **Changes for This Year (Please Read Carefully)**

This year, the Tiger Belles program has implemented the following updates to the audition process:

- The traditional in-person tryout parent meeting has been replaced with a required digital tryout packet review. Please view this on the KCtigerbelles youtube.
- Candidates must select either Junior Varsity or Varsity prior to auditions and prepare the corresponding choreography.
- Varsity and Junior Varsity will learn different choreography reflecting different performance levels.
- The total points will be out of 50 not 100
- Daily Practice Times

## **Audition Registration and Materials**

All candidates must complete the official audition Google Form by February 20 at 3:00 PM to secure a tryout spot. The application includes parent permission, a medical waiver, and all required forms. Late or incomplete submissions will result in ineligibility to audition.

As part of the audition process, all candidates and parents must complete the Digital Tryout Packet Review, which includes watching the Tiger Belles Tryout Information Video and submitting the required acknowledgement form.

If this requirement is not completed by February 20 at 3:00 PM, the candidate will not be eligible to audition.

In addition to the online submission, candidates must complete the teacher grade verification form included in this packet. This form must be signed by all current teachers and include each class average. The completed form must be brought to the first day of tryout rehearsals on March 2nd.

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## **Audition Procedures and Expectations**

Audition choreography will be emailed on February 27. Candidates are responsible for learning all material prior to rehearsals. Attendance at all tryout rehearsals on March 3-4 is mandatory to audition. Auditions are closed to the public.

Auditions are judged by a panel of four judges. Three judges are outside professionals, and the Tiger Belle Directors serve collectively as the fourth judge, with their scores averaged together. Candidates are evaluated on technique, style, memory, showmanship and execution, and overall impression. Audition material includes various styles of dance and the Klein Collins fight song.

## **Junior Varsity vs. Varsity Audition Selection**

Candidates must select one team level—Junior Varsity or Varsity—prior to auditions.

- Junior Varsity and Varsity candidates will learn different choreography appropriate to each team's performance expectations.
- The choreography will be completely different for each team.
- Candidates who audition for Varsity may be considered for placement on Junior Varsity if appropriate. Candidates who audition for Junior Varsity will not be eligible for placement on Varsity.

Once a team level is selected, candidates are expected to fully prepare the corresponding audition material.

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## **Attire Requirements**

During tryout rehearsals, candidates should wear black leggings (or black pants for boys), a black form-fitting tank top or leotard with NO midriff showing, jazz shoes, pirouettes, or bare feet, hair secured in a neat high ponytail, and no gum or jewelry.

On audition day, attire remains the same with the addition of full performance makeup, including foundation, blush, neutral or dark eyeshadow, and red lipstick.

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## **Scoring and Skill Expectations**

Junior Varsity suggested skills: double pirouette, right leap, right kick, two chainé turns, and a stationary leap, with scores ranging from 30-39

Varsity suggested skills: triple pirouette, right leap, right kick, right tilt jump, calypso, stationary leap, toe touch, head spring, and four turns in center, with scores ranging from 40-50

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## **Program Expectations and Commitment**

Tiger Belles are governed by the Klein ISD Drill Team Constitution, which is available on the Tiger Belles website. All expectations, rules, regulations, and disciplinary procedures are outlined in the constitution and demerit system and should be reviewed prior to auditions.

Membership officially begins once the team is announced on March 6 and continues through the termination date selected by the directors. Demerits and expectations begin immediately upon

team announcement. All members audition for every dance; however, placement in each routine is not guaranteed and is determined by ability, memory, and performance quality.

Varsity members are expected to travel and participate in UDA Nationals the following year. The Varsity audition process reflects these expectations and is designed to identify dancers prepared for the rigor and opportunities associated with Varsity membership.

Families must be fully aware of the financial obligations associated with the team. All fees are nonrefundable and must be paid on time. Payment plans must be discussed with the Director prior to due dates.

A physical is not required to audition; however, a physical is required before attending any summer camps. Per UIL guidelines, all members must be passing all classes in order to perform. Members who are not eligible must still attend all practices but may not perform in uniform. Professional behavior is expected at all times, including on social media.

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## **Seasonal Requirements Overview**

Summer camp will be held July 27-31 and is mandatory. Members must also complete 15 dance hours prior to camp, with nine free hours offered at Klein Collins during June and July.

Football season runs from September through November or December and includes before- and after-school practices. Contest season runs from October through March and includes additional rehearsals, night practices, and extended Friday practices. All Tiger Belles are required to participate in the Spring Show, typically held in April or May.

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## **Booster Club and Parent Responsibilities**

All families are required to join the Tiger Belles Booster Club, serve on a committee, and pay the Booster Club fee as outlined in the Cost Estimate section of this packet. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from all practices, rehearsals, and events.

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We are excited about your interest in the Klein Collins Tiger Belles and look forward to meeting each candidate during auditions. Additional information can be found at [www.kctigerbelles.com](http://www.kctigerbelles.com).

Sincerely, The Klein Collins Tiger Belles Directors

<https://bit.ly/tbapplication26>

# Cost Estimate

\*\*This is only an estimate of the expenses for the current year. **THIS WILL CHANGE!!!** We are switching vendors for the year. These prices will be finalized in March.

Item	Due Date	New Member Cost Estimate	Returning Member Cost Estimate
<b>Line Camp Fee</b> <i>****If not paid then student will not be a Tiger Belle****</i>	March 25th	\$250	\$250
<b>Booster Club Assessment Fee</b> CHECKS PAYABLE TO TIGER BELLES BOOSTER CLUB  Technique teacher, holiday parties, team building, travel meals.	March 25th (1st \$150 payment)  December TBD (2nd \$200 payment)	\$350	\$350
<b>Boots</b>	May 6th	\$75	Optional
<b>Hat (\$110)</b> <b>Rain Cover (\$5)</b>	May 6th	\$115	Optional
<b>NEW Game Day Jersey</b>	May 6th	\$80	\$80
<b>Team Tennis Shoes</b>	May 6th	\$75	Optional
<b>NEW Backpack</b>	May 6th	\$80	\$80

Pink Practice Crop	May 6th	\$30	Optional
NEW Practice Crop	May 6th	\$30	\$30
New Practice Top	May 6th	\$20	\$20
Warm ups	May 6th	\$150	Optional
NEW Poms	May 6th	\$40	TBD
Pirouettes	Team Camp	\$TBD	Optional
Tights	Team Camp	\$TBD	Optional
Earrings	Team Camp	\$TBD	Optional
<b>Competition Fee (Estimate)</b> PAYABLE BY SCHOOLCASH	November	\$130-\$200 (TBD) Solo/Duet TBD	\$130-\$200 (TBD) Solo/Duet TBD
Composite Photo (Cash only)	Spring 2025	\$20	\$20
UDA (Varsity Only)	Payments starting JULY	\$1900	\$1900

<b>TOTAL with required items only</b>		<b>\$995 No Contest &amp; No Trip</b> <b>\$2895 With Trip</b>	<b>\$230 No Contest &amp; No Trip</b> <b>\$2280 With Trip</b>
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## **2026-2027 Klein Collins Tiger Belles Dance/Drill Team Important Dates:**

### **March 25th - 6:30-8:30pm**

Mandatory new team parent meeting for all 2025-2026 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
  - \$250 due to the Klein Collins (Cash or check only)
  - Checks made payable to Klein Collins High School
- ★ Sizing
  - Sizing for dancewear will be taken
  - You may purchase Dancewear but will not need to pay in full until May 6th
  - We will have an online store used to purchase some items.

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

### **May 6th and 13th | New Team Practice from 5:00-6:30 pm**

All 2026-2027 Tiger Belles are required to attend new team practice in the Tiger Belle Room. You must wear any black tank top and leggings/pants.

Physicals will be due to the Director on May 13th. If you do not turn in your physical this day, you will not attend camp and will not be a Tiger Belle.

### **July 27-31, 2026 | 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.

### **Team Lock in / Induction**

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

## Grade Check

Please bring this filled out and signed to the first day of the Tryout clinics March 3rd. You will not be able to tryout if you do not have this filled out and signed fully. Teachers, please put their current grade average and any comments you think may be necessary.