



**AUDITION
INFORMATION &
APPLICATION
2023-2024**

Coppell High School
LARIETTE DRILL TEAM
Audition Information & Application

Dear Lariette Candidate and Parent,

Thank you for your interest in the Coppell High School Drill Team, the Lariettes. Lariettes is a precision dance/drill team that exemplifies the pride and spirit of the Coppell Cowboys. They are involved in many activities in the school and community, serving as a performance team for entertainment and representing the school proudly at competitive events.

Please read the enclosed information in preparation for the Lariette audition. *Fill out the tryout Google Form Application that is linked at the end of this packet. It is due on Friday, March 10 by 11:59 pm.*

There is a mandatory parent meeting on Monday, March 6 at 7:00 pm in the CHS Lecture Hall. All candidates, including current Lariettes, must have a parent in attendance.

Tryouts will be live and in-person. The candidates will audition in front of three judges who are qualified in the field of dance and drill team. Judges will be from outside the Coppell ISD and will not know the candidates. There is no set number of girls on the team. Membership will be determined by a natural break of scores. This will depend on the score variations once all candidates have performed.

The tryout workshop will begin on Monday, March 20, and run through Wednesday, March 22, 4:30-6:00 pm in the CHS Arena. The audition will be Thursday, March 23 following the JV audition, in the CHS Dance Gym.

The members of the 2023-2024 Lariette Drill Team will be posted [Home | CHS Lariettes](#) at the conclusion of the tryout Thursday night.

Thank you again for your interest in the Lariettes. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Mitchell or Mrs. Stralow at hmitchell@coppellisd.com or jstralow@coppellisd.com

Best Wishes,
Hayley Mitchell & Julie Stralow
Lariette Directors

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

1. Membership in this organization shall be restricted to high school students, who will be in grades 10-12, and who attend Coppell High School or New Tech High @ Coppell.
2. All candidates must be a current CHS or New Tech student and participate in the team audition held during the spring semester that precedes the membership year.
3. To be eligible for membership, a student must have a commitment to dancing, supporting athletic teams, and the promotion of loyal school spirit among the student body of Coppell High School.
4. Each member must maintain a passing grade in all subject areas in order to participate in the drill team.
5. Each member/family is responsible for all required payments that directly impact the member (camp, uniforms, etc.) and surpass minimum expectation on fundraising goals.
6. Members must exhibit and maintain a satisfactory attitude toward school policies and regulations of the team as stated in the Lariette Constitution and the Guidelines/Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Management.
7. Each member is required to participate in all activities in which the organization is involved including performances, fundraising, and school and community events.
8. Before school, after school, and summer practice sessions are required by all members.

SPRING SHOW PERFORMANCE

If you become a member of the Lariettes, your rookie class will perform in the Lariette Spring Show! This is an exciting event for the Lariettes and we want to show off our rookie members. This will require a tech rehearsal day, one after school practice and a Friday and Saturday performance. *See dates below*

Wednesday, April 12th- Practice in CHS Dance Gym- 4:30-5:30 pm

Saturday, April 15th- Technical Rehearsal Day in CHS Auditorium- Time: 12-3pm

Friday, April 21st- Lariette Spring Show in CHS Auditorium- 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 22nd- Lariette Spring Show Matinee and Evening- 1:00 & 7:00 pm

SUMMER CAMP AND PRACTICES

All Lariettes are required to get a certain number of hours of technique class during the summer. Dancers may choose where and when, but it must be completed during the summer. More information will be available after the audition.

Mandatory summer practice will begin **July 24-28 & July 31, August 1-2**. Practice will take place at CHS in the Dance Gym from 8:00-4:30 pm 7/24-7/28 and 9:00-12:00 pm on 7/31-8/2.

Times may vary on the schedule due to the availability of the facilities and the academic calendar. These practices are required, and the penalty for absences will be losing performance status of two games per missed session. Excused absences will need to be cleared with the director in advance and will be limited to personal illness or death in the family.

PRACTICE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

Practice during the school year will be before school and during 1st and 5th periods. All Lariettes must be enrolled in the designated Lariettes class for both semesters. During football season there will be Thursday morning or afternoon band practices. Every Lariette attends these practices regardless of performance status. Saturday practice may be necessary during the year, depending on the availability of the gym and performance schedule. Dates will be determined by the end of summer practices.

ELIGIBILITY

Lariettes will follow the same guidelines as all other UIL activities. You do not need to be passing to audition, but Lariettes must maintain a 70 or above in all classes, all year. Failure to do so results in ineligibility. A second failure in any class results in removal from the team and loss of all payments.

PERFORMANCES DURING THE YEAR

The Lariettes will perform at all varsity football games including playoffs, selected basketball games, competition, Spring Show, pep rallies, scheduled appearances and the homecoming and holiday parades.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

As with most high school athletics, when a student makes a team, the whole family makes the team. The Lariette Service Organization (LSO) is the booster club of the Lariette Drill Team. The group serves to raise money for necessary items such as competitions, costumes, choreography, and social events, as well as provide motivation, spirit, and moral support to the team. It is a well-oiled machine that succeeds year after year due to the support of each family. It is not a requirement to join, but at this important time in your child's life it should be a joy to support it. Parental participation begins right away in order to make the Annual Spaghetti Dinner a huge success in football season.

FINANCES

Below is an itemized list of expenses that will be incurred by new members (except items JV members already have). This is meant to give families an idea of what to expect in terms of financial obligations. All prices are subject to change, and totals are an ESTIMATE. Most items on the list are a one-time expense, and if items are taken care of they should not have to be purchased again. We will be spreading payments out through the fall as we know the pandemic may have put some families in a difficult place financially.

Please note that none of these purchases directly pay for a member's right to perform. Performing is a privilege that must be earned by the member's work ethic, discipline, and achievement in dance.

What members will purchase

****Field Uniform***
****Backpack***
****Tights***
****Camp Fees***
****Boots***

****Hat***
****Poms***
****Game Day Attire***
****Jazz shoes***
****Sports bras***

****Practice Tanks (5)***
****Dance Pants (3-4)***
****Rain Poncho***
****Line Camp Fee***

Estimated price for the above required items is around \$1500.00. There may be additional costs in contest season to pay for shoes or accessory items. Most contest costume costs are covered by the LSO.

TRAVEL

Another major investment to expect as a Lariette family is funding for the annual spring trip. Every year the team will travel out of town for competition, a performance, or workshops.

Funding of any out of state trip is the responsibility of the member and her family. More information will be available in the fall.

IMPORTANT AUDITION INFORMATION

March 6	7:00 pm	Parent Meeting	CHS Lecture Hall
March 10	11:59 pm	Applications Due	Google Form
March 20-22	4:30-6:00 pm	Required Workshops	CHS Arena
March 23	5:00 pm	Audition	CHS Dance Gym

REQUIRED DANCE SKILLS

Double Pirouette	Switch Arabesque	Battement
Fouettés à la Seconde	Chaîne Jeté, Back Attitude	Press Leap
Chassé Jeté	Chaîné Russian	

WHAT TO WEAR TO WORKSHOP

T-shirt, tank top, or leotard
Jazz pants, leggings, or athletic shorts
Tennis shoes or jazz shoes (it is best to practice in what you will wear in tryout)
Hair must be pulled up in a ponytail and loose hair pinned back.

WHAT TO WEAR TO AUDITION

Black top or leotard that covers stomach and hides bra (sports bra ok)
Full-length black jazz pants or leggings (no sheer or cut-outs)
Black or Tan jazz shoes
Hair pulled up in a ponytail, loose hair pinned back
No Jewelry
Make-up with red lipstick
No brightly colored nail polish
Bring safety pins to attach candidate number

AUDITION DAY PROCEDURES

- 1) Tryout groups will be given an arrival time at the CHS Arena for Thursday. No one will be admitted before their posted time. Candidates will receive a number to pin to their front with safety pins.
- 2) Groups will move to a warm-up area to stretch and practice your audition routines.
- 3) Group will move to the On-Deck area in the hallway by the CHS Dance Gym. You may continue to prepare for your audition in this space.
- 4) Group will enter the CHS Dance Gym to perform before the judges.
- 5) After the performance the group will exit the way they entered the gym. Collect any belongings and return your candidate number before leaving the school. No one will be allowed to stay after their audition.

YOU MUST COMPLETE APPLICATION HERE!

If you have read this document and understand all requirements and expectations, click the [Application Link](#) to complete the tryout application.

Applications due **March 10th by 11:59 pm.**