

Dear Parents of Prospective Markettes,

We are very excited that your child has shown an interest in auditioning for the Markettes. There are many aspects of being a member that you and your child should consider before auditioning. Commitment and dedication are required to be a member, as well as understanding our rules, regulations and audition procedures.

Being a member of the Markettes has been the highlight of many students' high school experience. The dance team prides themselves on their tradition of excellence and continuing to push their members to new heights. Through hard work and dedication dance team members will gain character, scholarship, dance training, leadership and individual responsibility.

There is a **MANDATORY** parent meeting on Wednesday February 20th at 6:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Memorial High School. Failure to have a parent/guardian in attendance will make the student ineligible to try out. Please bring this packet with you to the meeting.

Good Luck!

Heather Boerke & Cecilia Caldwell

Markette Directors

Markette Try-Out Eligibility

1. Fill out the tryout application Google Form, print out a tryout and constitution agreement, sign it and return it to Ms. Boerke along with your most recent report card and a photograph of yourself no later than **3:15 on Wednesday March 6th**. Failure to have these items turned in on time will result in being ineligible for try outs.
2. All candidates must have an overall average of 70 or higher AND no more than 2 recorded F's in the current school year, according to UIL eligibility standards.
3. Candidates may not have more than one N or any U's on their record for the current school year.
4. A student may not have more than 10 recorded absences during the current school year. Extenuating circumstances will be looked at on a case by case basis.
5. Be ready to go at 3:15 on Tuesday March 19th.

What to wear to try-out clinic:

- Any type of fitted top, dance pants (either pants or capris), jazz shoes, dance paws, barefoot. Hair worn in a ponytail.

What to wear to try-outs:

- Black leotard or fitted black workout/dance top. Black dance pants or capris. NO SHORTS. Must be wearing all black. Jazz shoes, dance paws or barefoot.
- Full stage make up, including red lipstick.
- Hair in a slicked back high ponytail. No wispies.
- No jewelry or gum allowed at any time.

Clinic Schedule

Tuesday 3/19: 3:15-4:45

Wednesday 3/20: 3:15-4:45

Thursday 3/21: 3:15-4:45

Friday 3/22: TRY-OUT 3:30-5:30

All clinic practices and the try out are closed, NO OBSERVERS

****Everyone must be picked up by 5:00 every afternoon****

*****You may not leave try-outs without being formally dismissed, 5:30 is a tentative dismissal time*****

Try-Out Guidelines and Information

1. The try-out begins at 3:30 Friday afternoon. The try out will take place in the dance room.
2. A panel of judges consisting of dance professionals will be scoring the candidates and the tabulation of scores will be completed with an administrator. The directors do not score candidates nor do they have any kind of vote in the team selection.
3. The try outs are closed to everyone except those assisting in the try out process and administrators. **NO parents or friends will be allowed inside the school.** The girls will audition 4 or 5 at time, depending on numbers. All candidates must stay the entire time. Candidates will find out the results that evening after the try outs have finished. The try-out numbers of the new 2019-2020 Markettes will be posted on the Markette website at www.memorialmarkettes.com.
4. There will be **NO** videotaping during the try-out clinic, unless otherwise specified. Dance music will be posted on the Markette website. Dancers will not receive any help from the director/s.
5. The Markette directors and dance officers will instruct the clinic and go over stretching technique, technical skills, kick technique and teach a jazz combination.
6. Summer practice/camps for the line are **MANDATORY** and are as follows (camp dates are dependent on the 19-20 SBISD academic calendar):
 - Line camp at MHS – July 30 - August 4 (9:00-4:30)
 - Line Camp and Crowd Pleasers Team camp at MHS – August 6-10 (9:00-4:30); CP days will be 8:00-4:00)
 - Line Camp August 13-15, times TBD
 - Senior Pep Rally Practice at MHS – August 13-15, time TBD
7. All members are required to attend summer camps. If they miss any part of camp for any reason they will not perform in the first 2 football games. Any choreography they have missed will need to be learned on their OWN time.
8. Ms. Boerke and Mrs. Caldwell will offer technique classes at the school over the summer for free, the schedule will be released at a later date. If you take 30 hours of dance or more over the summer you will get to be in special pep rally. Other summer dance opportunities can be found on the Markette website.
9. Discipline will be handled according to the Markette Constitution. Markettes will be issued demerits for infractions of the rules. If a member earns 10 demerits they will be placed on probation (must attend all practices but performance rights have been taken away.) They must still fully participate during the school day and during practice time but will not be allowed to perform. If a member reaches 15 demerits they will be expelled from the team.
10. Markettes is a **YEAR ROUND COMMITMENT**. We are ALWAYS in season. We perform at many different functions throughout the course of the year. Football games and pep rallies in the fall, basketball games and competitions during the winter, and spring show in the spring. Be prepared to practice Monday-Friday every week before school. Most days practice will begin at 6:30 am, we will occasionally come later. Work is not a legitimate excuse for missing band or ensemble practice (occasional after school practices) and may not interfere with the practice schedule. Doctor appointments (check-ups) are also not a legitimate excuse for missing practice. An unexcused absence will receive 4 demerits. Morning tutorials will only be granted if the student has emailed Ms. Boerke by 9:00 pm the evening prior to the tutorials and the student has checked with the teacher and the teacher is not offering afternoon tutorials. The only accepted excuses for missing practice include school related functions (after being discussed with the director), death of a family member or illness with a documented doctors note. Other situations will be left up to the discretion of the

director. Any instance a Markette will not be at practice the director or an officer must be notified before 6:30 am, failure to make contact will result in a demerit. In order to have a successful practice we need everyone present.

11. Throughout the year auditions will be held for football, pep rally and contest performances. If not chosen for a football or contest dance the Markette will be considered an alternate and still must attend practices. Alternates must attend and participate in all rehearsals and will replace a member in the dance who is not present at rehearsal.
12. Payment for camp and attire will be broken up into installment payments; payment deadlines are listed later in this packet. **Your full balance must be paid off before camp at the end of July.** Your child will not receive their items until they are paid for. If you are late with payments your child will receive demerits. Demerits from late payments could lead to her probation, suspension or expulsion. (If you find your family in need, please reach out to the director privately to see if financial aid is available) Other financial needs are likely to arise throughout the course of the year. You need to be able and willing to meet these obligations as well. A list of other financial obligations is listed later in this packet.
13. Parental involvement is a necessity in the Markette organization. Each Markette and her parent/s must help the team fundraise throughout the course of the year. We participate in a few fundraisers that raise a lot of funds; Underwriting Campaign, Junior Drill Clinics (2), Mum and Garter assembly and distribution and Spring Show ticket sales. We need the help of every Markette family to ensure these fundraisers are successful. **Each Markette family (mom and/or dad) is expected to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours during the year. Each Markette is required to work a minimum of 2 mum hours.**
14. If your daughter makes the Markettes as a new member for the 2019-2020 school year we ask that you volunteer to work at the 2019 spring show. As your daughter matures in the organization you will be asked to work less and less for spring show. We want our senior parents to get to enjoy and watch their daughter's last performance.

Fundraisers

The quality of the Markettes dance team program cannot be maintained without fundraising. The participation of each and every Markette family is needed!

Below are the current fundraising activities the Markettes and Markettes Booster Club participate in. New fundraising ideas are always welcome!

- Underwriters Campaign
- Design, assembly, sale and distribution of Homecoming Mums and Garters
- Fall and Spring Junior Drill Clinics
- Car Wash
- Spring Show: sales of tickets, program business ads and personal tributes, and refreshments
- Sale of Kroger grocery cards and villager gift certificates

Markette Activities

Summer dance classes (3 HOURS OF SUMMER DANCE ARE REQUIRED), summer camps, Pot Luck Dinner, before school practices, band practices after school, football performances, pep rally performances, dance clinics, basketball performances, parade appearances, homecoming carnival, competitions, spring show, mandatory social activities, end of the year banquet, Fine Arts Banquet, potential spring trip (not mandatory) and other special performances.

Financial Obligations

Below you will find a breakdown of the costs incurred for the 2018-2019 Markettes. Next year's payments will be similar.

1. **Markette Team Dues:** \$175 per member. Dues provide funding for professional photography, pictures are used for the Markettes Directory, SBISD football program, MHS PTA Directory and any publicity poster, (the student receives prints of their individual headshot photo), August Line Camp refreshments and team building events, Social officer led projects, holiday parties, competition t-shirts, awards dinner ticket, professional choreography and team supplies.

Can be paid in installments and will be due in August, September and October.

2. **Summer Technique Training and Choreography:** The Markettes Booster Club sponsors a jazz camp and Crowd Pleasers camp in early August. Technicians and professional choreographers work with students on football routines, pep rally dances and competition routines. Each dancer will pay a \$100 fee for this, this fee does not cover the cost in its entirety, the Markette Booster Club underwrites the remaining costs.

3. **Practice Clothing and Performance Accessories:** Approximately \$600-\$700 per rookie Markette, depending on number of items purchased. In subsequent years the cost is approximately \$100. Costs include practice uniforms, undergarments, shoes, tights, backpack, warm up suit, field hat and boots. Costs for new managers are approximately \$150-\$250. A few of these items can be purchased locally or online (tights and shoes) but the Markette attire is custom and not found in local dance stores.

We will collect a deposit in March/April and the balance will be paid in May

4. **Big/Lil Sister Gifts:** During football season, girls are asked to bring themed gifts approximately 3 times. Students are asked to keep the cost per gift at \$10 or less.
5. **Competition Solo and Small Group Entry Fees (Optional):** Dancers choosing to perform in a solo, duet, trio or small ensemble entries at competition are responsible for those entry fees, which are typically \$85-\$100 for solos and somewhat less per dancer for duets and larger groups.

Payable December-February

6. **MHS Fine Arts Banquet (Optional):** Markettes and Managers may purchase tickets to the MHS Fine Arts Banquet held each spring. Only students in the fine arts groups may buy tickets. Each fine arts student may buy 2 tickets. This is a very popular school-wide event. Ticket cost is approximately \$50.

Payable in May 2019

Parent Fees

7. **Markette Parent Dues:** Parents of Markettes and Managers are strongly encouraged to join the Markettes Booster Club. The goal is 100% participation. Parent involvement through the Booster Club is essential to maintaining the excellent dance program at Memorial High School. Full year (June-May) dues are \$50. Each membership will receive a pictorial Markettes Directory and photo button of their daughter (2 photo buttons for family membership), and an 8x10 professional photo headshot of their daughter from spring show. Additional directories and photo buttons may be purchased at a nominal cost. Directories, photo buttons and spring show photography are available for sale to parents who are not MBCI members.

- 8. Awards Dinner Tickets:** The Markettes have an Awards Dinner each May at a local restaurant, hotel or club. The cost of the meal for the girls is covered by their required team dues. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Parent tickets may be purchased for \$45-\$50 each, depending on the venue. Minikettes are not yet eligible to attend.
- 9. MHS Booster Club:** Parents are encouraged to join the Memorial High School booster club. The Markettes receive funding from the MHS booster club to help defray costume expenses.

Memorial High School Markettes

DANCE TEAM AUDITION SCORESHEET

2019-2020

1= Above Average 2 = Average 3 = Below Average

Contestant Number										
Splits										
Memory										
Technique										
Rhythm and Coordination										
Execution of Movement										
High Kick Technique/Height										
Projection and Showmanship										
Overall Presentation										
Total Points										

Judge's Signature

8 – 14 =Accepted
 15 – 19 =Call Back
 20 + = Unaccepted

Markette Tryout Required Skills

Overall Dance Technique/Style

- You need to be familiar with all ballet positions of the feet and arms
- You need to be familiar with transition steps (chassé, pas de bourrée, ball change, etc.)
- You need to work on being a precise, sharp and energetic dancer.
- Must be familiar with all styles of dance
- Primarily: Jazz - Fundamentals: Ballet, Contemporary, Modern, Hip Hop, Kick, Tap, etc.
- Must have a clear sense of control and awareness of body placement

Turns

- clean double (or more) pirouette
 - chainés in relevé and plié (fast or slow)
 - piqué turns
 - Illusion
- *Must have all turns on R and L with correct technique!

Leaps

- Chainé Calypso
 - Saut de chat (développé leap)
 - Press leap
 - Russian (leap in full 2nd)
 - Ring leap
- *Must have all leaps on R and L with correct technique!

Kicks

We expect kicks and fans to be well above shoulder height, with straight knees and pointed ankles and toes. Work on your stamina, strength, technique, and endurance.

Splits

- Flat/close to flat on R and L

Must be able to do all of the above with strength, confidence and projection.

We are looking for dancers who have the potential to adapt to the Markette's style easily.

In addition to the above skills, we will also allow dancers to showcase the following advanced skills in the tryout process:

- A la second turns
- Double pique turn
- Turning center leap
- Triple pirouette
- Switch Leap/Tilt R/L

Markette Candidate Personal Information

Please fill out the following personal information on the Google Form below. You may access the Google Form by using the URL provided or scanning the QR code. This form must be completed and submitted by Wednesday March 6th.

<https://goo.gl/forms/D9MGaGe1bhGpRIle2>



The Markettes is a wonderful organization filled with hard work, many laughs, plenty of awards and wonderful memories. If you ever have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time! Good Luck!!!!

(The last page of this packet must be signed and returned by March 6th)

DANCE TEAM CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE

FORWARD

The dance team is a vital student organization that participates in a wide range of activities during the regular academic year.

Those who are a part of the dance team treasure their membership very highly and consider their association with the students in it as one of their most pleasant and valuable school experiences. The fellowship, healthful recreation, and the personal gratification that comes from giving an outstanding performance before an appreciative audience are but a few of the positive outcomes of dance team membership.

While dance team membership is demanding in terms of time and commitment, the primary focus of any student and the director(s) must be on academics. Fostering success in the classroom will direct members and director(s) in establishing priorities.

One of the goals of a high school education is to produce "well rounded" students. While demanding in terms of time, the director(s) will work with members who also desire to participate in other school activities when conflicts arise. While priorities will have to be established and choices will need to be made, dance team membership does not exclude students from participating in other school activities.

I understand that while fulfilling this primary purpose I will practice working graciously with others, developing well-mannered conduct, and maintaining high scholastic achievements. In doing so, I will have the opportunity to build character, practice loyalty to the school and to our fellow students, develop a sense of duty, and help build and uphold traditions of the school.

PREAMBLE

Activities

1. I will participate in daily practices, performances, school activities, dance team social activities, and other required functions.
2. I know that all dance team activities are mandatory for everyone and that the only excuses for absence are those listed in the Constitution.

Moral Code

1. I will conduct myself in a respectful and honorable manner, remembering that I am representing my district, school, family and self at all times.
2. I will carry out all instructions with a conscientious and enthusiastic attitude.

Uniforms

1. I know that my uniforms are objects of pride, they deserve the best I can give them, and because they bear school colors, they should be worn with respect and dignity. I will keep them in perfect condition or I will be responsible for replacing the imperfect pieces.
2. I know the uniforms consist of the following:
 1. Formal performance uniform.
 2. Friday school dress uniform.
 3. Practice uniform.
 4. All costumes issued throughout the year.
 5. All props, poms, t-shirts and accessories
3. I know it is my duty to know when each uniform is required and to wear it properly. I alone am responsible for my uniform.

Equipment

1. I realize that I am entrusted with school property when I handle dance team equipment. It will be issued to me in pristine condition and I will return it in the same way.
2. I am responsible for all dance team equipment issued to me at any time during my membership years.

Attitude

1. I understand the duty of the dance and social officers is to assist the director(s) in leading and organizing all team activities.
2. I will not hold any personal prejudices and/or grudges and will practice the rules of good sportsmanship at all times.
3. I will try at all times to make the dance team an outstanding organization with loyalty, dignity, and honor.

DANCE/DRILL TEAM CONSTITUTION

The following Articles (I-X) must be adhered to by all Spring Branch Independent School District dance/drill teams.

ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

The names of dance team organizations of Spring Branch Independent School District shall be the Memorial Markettes, the Northbrook Bandoleras, the Spring Woods Tigerettes, and the Stratford Spartanaires. The organizations shall wear the traditional school colors of red and white, maroon and gray, black and gold, and green, gold and white respectively.

Those students wishing to be members of a dance team must meet standards set forth in the Constitution.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

The objectives of our dance teams shall be as follows:

1. To develop dance skills as they relate to physical/health fitness and fine arts.
2. To increase and develop character, scholarship, leadership, and individual responsibility, and to maintain high moral character.
3. To promote school spirit and good sportsmanship.
4. To represent Spring Branch Independent School District at major athletic junctions, school functions, competitions, and summer camps.
5. To encourage and support interest in all sports, fine arts, and other activities at our schools.
6. To create and maintain satisfactory relations between our dance teams and any other persons with whom we come in contact.
7. To develop and maintain a very high standard of precision dance to be performed at various functions which the director(s) and administration have approved.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Basic Tryout Requirements

- A. The term of a team member begins on the day that that member's name is officially posted and continues until that membership is officially terminated, or upon graduation, or transfer from high school. Throughout the member's official membership, each member is responsible for adhering to all rules and regulations specified in this constitution.
- B. In order to gain membership each girl must fulfill all of the following requirements:
 1. Each prospective member must tryout. Any student who is currently ineligible as per the "no pass-no play" rule will be considered eligible to tryout if qualifications are met.
 2. A new member who is ineligible twice after tryouts before the end of the current school year will be removed from the team.
 3. Student conduct will be considered in determining team membership for the student trying out. A student may not have any U conduct marks or more than 1 N conduct mark for the current school year.
 4. Prospective members must realize that grades or conduct marks may not be changed to make a student eligible to tryout. Requesting changes in academic or conduct grades is unfair to teachers and other students trying out.

5. Three outside judges selected by the director(s) with dance team knowledge will judge tryouts. The score sheets used by the judges will be confidential. Discussion of the tryout with the director(s) and possible administrator can only occur by an appointment made in advance.
6. A student transferring from another school who is a member of another dance team on a varsity level and is in good standing with the previous school and dance team, may be allowed to tryout before the director(s).
7. Each performance may have its own tryouts once a member is selected for the dance team.
8. Prospective members will make application for membership during the time announced by the director(s). Making application may consist of the following:
 - a. An application and permission slip is to be filled out and signed by the applicant and their parent/guardian then returned to the director(s).
 - b. The most recent copy of the student's' report card.
 - c. A copy of the Spring Branch Independent School District Dance Team Constitution and a general information sheet to be distributed to and read by the prospective member and parent(s) after they make the team.
9. Prospective members and their parent(s) must be fully aware of the expense of dance team as explained in the initial information form. They must be willing to meet all financial obligations. It should also be noted that expenses will be held to a minimum so that as many students as possible will have an opportunity to belong to the organization. If a student is not able to meet financial obligations, the student should consult with the director(s) about assistance and alternative obligations.
10. Members who make the team will be required to obtain a physical filled out by a licensed physician and turn it into the director(s) at the beginning of the school year. Physicals must be dated after April 1st of the current school year.

Section II: Maintaining Membership

Each member must adhere to and abide by all rules and regulations as set-forth in the Constitution and by the dance team director(s).

A. Grade Restrictions

Grade eligibility and restrictions begin on the first day of line camp and concludes on the last day of school for the current school year.

1. Basic Requirements

- a. Each member must meet "no pass-no play" requirements to participate. Ineligible students will be placed on grade probation.
- b. All grade averages will be checked immediately after the close of each grading period.

2. Disciplinary Actions for Failure to Meet Grade Requirements

Students are ineligible to perform in any extracurricular drill team performances until they regain eligibility.

3. Loss of Membership

- a. A member who is ineligible for one grading period will be put on probation.
- b. A member who is ineligible for two grading periods will be dismissed.

- c. If a member is dismissed because of grades, that member is to remain off the team for the remainder of the year.

B. Conduct Restrictions/Probation

1. Basic Conduct Requirements

Conduct requirements and expectations begin the day the member's name is officially posted and continues until that membership is officially terminated, or upon graduation, or transfers from high school.

- a. It is expected that a dance team member's conduct in all classes will be satisfactory.
- b. Any member who receives two N's in one school year will not be allowed to letter that year.

2. Loss of Membership

- a. Any member who receives a "U" in conduct will be dismissed from the team.
- b. Once a member is dismissed from the team for conduct the member may only return if they meet the tryout conduct requirements and audition for the next school year.
- c. Report card conduct eligibility begins the first day of line camp and ends the last day of the current school year.

3. Miscellaneous Conduct Requirements

- a. Dance members are expected to abide by the rules and regulations as stipulated in the Spring Branch Independent School District Handbook. Infraction of these rules resulting in discipline will automatically result in demerits or dismissal from the dance team.
- b. If a member exhibits behavior contrary to the guidelines established for the team, she will receive a demerit(s), be placed on probation, and/or be removed from the team. Demerits, probation or removal from the team will be determined by administration and the director(s) if a member...

- A. Fails to meet the appropriate grade requirements;
- B. Fails to maintain the standards of conduct and character required of team members;
- C. Receives excessive demerits during the school year;
- D. Fails to commit to any of the four seasons during the calendar year.
- E. Receives ISS (results in an automatic 3 week probation). A second time in ISS will result in an automatic dismissal from the team
- F. Receiving DAEP will result in an automatic dismissal from the team
- G. Fails to comply with the Spring Branch ISD Handbook.

***In the event that a member fails to meet the standards stated above, the directors and administration will work together to implement demerits/probation/removal as outlined in this constitution.*

The following infractions will result in AUTOMATIC DISMISSAL from the team:

1. Possession/use of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol on campus or at any dance team function.
2. Any infraction that results in placement at the District Alternative Education Center and/or OR participates in district mandated counseling
3. Bullying or Hazing
 1. This includes any member who organizes or participates in a hazing incident.
 2. Any assumption of authority by a student whereby another student suffers or is exposed to any cruelty, intimidation, humiliation, embarrassment, hardship, oppression, or is required to perform exercises to excess, to become sleep deprived, to commit dangerous activities, to curry favor from those in power, to submit to physical assaults, to consume offensive foods or alcohol, or

the threat of bodily harm or death, or the deprivation or abridgement of any right. (Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 [51 U.S.C. 20 U.S.C. 1091])

ALCOHOL/DRUGS (Off Campus Incidents)

1. First Offense: Alcohol/drug use at events or activities where drug/alcohol use is occurring, including, but not limited to: M.I.P, P.I., D.U.I, removal of outside school, non-dance team related functions, etc. will result in a six week probation (20% of the year). During probation, the member is not allowed to participate in any dance events/performances, but attendance for performances and practices is mandatory.
2. Second Offense: Dismissal from the team.
3. Dance and Social officers who are placed on probation for alcohol/drug related incidents will automatically be removed of their office.
 - c. In addition, a dance team member may be dismissed from the team, as determined by administration and the director(s), if found guilty of any of the following:
 4. Using undesirable language or unacceptable behavior (as judged by the director(s))
 5. Defacing of property
 6. Fighting
 7. Being suspended, being expelled, or being assigned homebound instruction.
 - d. A dance team member will be subject to dismissal from the team on the member's second assignment to in-school suspension.
 - e. A dance team member will be immediately dismissed from the team if assigned to DAEP.
4. Probation- to be completed by each individual school.

Section III- Attitude Requirements

- A. A member is expected to exhibit a positive attitude at all times. A member should never take part in or encourage complaining, griping, or speaking poorly about the dance team, the school, and/or the director(s).
- B. A member is expected to fully support any project undertaken by the dance team.
- C. Expulsion by the director(s) for poor attitude will occur only after consultation with the principal and any teacher involved.
- D. A member must not participate with or administer any type of internet websites, or electronic communications i.e. Twitter, Instagram, Facebook etc, that complain about or negatively speak about the dance team, the school, and/or the director(s).

ARTICLE IV General Policies

Section I Excused Absences

- A. Absence from any dance team activity is unexcused except for the circumstances listed below:
 1. Personal illness or accident
 2. Death in the family
 3. Prearranged special activities with approval by director(s)
- B. It is the responsibility of the student to meet with the director(s) and obtain approval no less than **twenty-four hours** before the time of the requested absence. The absence will otherwise be unexcused and demerits will be issued.
- C. The director(s) need to be informed by email of a member's pre-planned absence 2 weeks in advance. Once the email is received, the director(s) will respond and approve or deny the absence. If an email is

not sent to the director(s) or the request is denied, the absent member will receive an unexcused absence and demerits will be issued.

Section II General Requirements

- A. All dance team members are expected to attend and participate in all activities, classes, practices, performances, and dance team functions.
- B. It is expected that each dance member realize that to attain championship performance standards, the following conditions must be met:
 - 1. Tryouts will be held for all team performances.
 - 2. Once a member passes a dance tryout, the member may not be allowed to perform if the member misses a scheduled practice.
- 3. A true-effort must be made to schedule doctor's appointments for non-practice days and/or times.
- 4. If a dance team member misses any class or practice, the member is responsible for any instruction missed. She will also be held responsible for any announcements made or routines taught in her absence. Officers can be called for assistance.

Section III Dance Team Summer Requirement

- A. During the summer all members are to attend a dance team camp.
- B. Summer workouts during July and August are mandatory in order to prepare all members for football season. The **ONLY** excused absences accepted during this time are:
 - 1. Personal illness or accident
 - 2. Death in the family
 - 3. Extenuating circumstances approved by the director(s) and administration before the summer begins.
- C. Any member with an unexcused absence during summer workouts may be automatically benched for one game for each day she is absent. The director's) decision is final.

Section IV School Practices

- A. All members whether they are performing or not are required to attend **ALL** practices.

ARTICLE V ORGANIZATION EXPENSES

- A. Projects for financing this organization will be sponsored throughout the school year and ALL members **MUST** participate in the designated activities instructed by the director(s)
- B. Each member will be given an estimated cost sheet during tryouts.
- C. If a payment of a check is returned due to "insufficient funds" once, the remainder of all payments and all returned **fees must be made in cash or money order.**
- D. If a member is dismissed or is no longer going to be part of the dance team; the member is still responsible for all monies owed. The member may not be able to have a schedule change and/or records will be held until the member's account is paid in full.
- E. All monies paid toward the dance team are non-refundable the moment money is spent for the members.
- F. Either upon graduation or termination of membership, all monies pertaining to fundraising are non-refundable. This money will be redistributed to the general drill team fund.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section I Dance Officer Selection

The prospective dance officers shall be members in good standing, which is defined by the director(s), at the time of officer tryouts. Prospective dance officers will be tested and selected by group of individuals who have the knowledge of the fundamentals of dance and dance teamwork.

- A. Academic, financial, and discipline requirements must be in good standing, as defined by the director(s).
- B. Tryouts may consist of original dances, interview, teacher and peer evaluation, instructing dance routines, special choreography, notebooks and special assignments as determined by the director(s).
- C. Each candidate will attend any workouts or meetings scheduled for officer tryouts and will prepare all material requested in advance by the director(s).
- D. All candidates trying out for dance officer must have at least one year of dance team experience.

Section II Social Officer Selection

- A. Academic and discipline requirements must be in good standing, as defined by the director(s).
- B. Tryouts may consist of an interview, teacher and peer evaluation, special projects, notebooks and special assignments as determined by the director(s).
- C. Each candidate will attend any workouts or meetings scheduled for officer tryouts and will prepare all material requested in advance by the director(s).
- D. All candidates trying out for social officer must have at least one year of dance experience.

Section III Duties of Officers

- A. General Requirements
 - 1. All officers are explicitly required to follow all standards set forth in the constitution.
 - 2. All dance officers may be required to attend an officer camp in the summer as determined by the director. Any officer who does not attend camp may be relieved of that office and the duties of that office.
 - 3. All officers are required to be present at all practices, meetings, and functions. Any officer may be relieved of that office and duties because of excessive absences or for not doing her duties to the fullest. This can be done after consultations with the parents, director(s) and principal.
- B. Specific Duties of Officers- See Appendix C

ARTICLE VII DANCE TEAM LETTERING REQUIREMENTS

A member will receive a letter jacket after fulfilling all of the following requirements in only a one-year period.

- A. A member must have been a member of the dance team at the time of banquet/formal.
- B. A member must have been a current and active member of the dance team at the time of the Jacket Fitting**
- C. A member must not have been on demerit probation during the year.
- D. A member must not have been on grade probation during the year.
- E. A member must have earned 15 points by the time of the banquet/formal. (According to point system below)

1. Football/basketball game performance	½ point per dance
2. Spring Show performances	½ point per dance
3. Competition performances	½ point per dance
4. Pep rally performance	½ point per dance
5. Dance clinics (approved by the director(s))	1 point
6. Approved dance performances/activities	1 point
7. Three service hours	1 point
8. Team competition Division I	1 point
9. Completion of Officer Tryout Process	1 point
10. Solo/Ensemble Contest Division I	2 points
11. Completion of yearly membership	5 points

** It is the responsibility of the member to be present on the designated day of the jacket fitting in order to receive the jacket. If not present, the member must wait for the next designated day for the jacket fitting and be a current and active member of the dance team at that time of jacket fitting.

ARTICLE VIII TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

In officially terminating membership, the following conditions must be met:

- A. Typed or neatly written formal statement of membership termination which specifies the general reason for leaving must be signed by the member and forwarded to the member's parent(s).
- B. The member will receive a class schedule change and be cleared from team records only after the member turns in all uniforms, equipment, accessories, etc.

ARTICLE IX TRIP GUIDELINES

- A. The director(s) has complete control in selecting the trip.
- B. All trips require administrative approval.

ARTICLE X CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROCEDURE

Any additions/and or amendments may be made during the year if approved by the administration and dance team director(s). The dance team will be notified as to any changes made within the constitution.

Appendix A: General Requirements Specific to Each High School
TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL

Appendix B: Demerits and Merits Guidelines
TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL

Appendix C: Duties of Officers
(Dance and Social)

APPENDIX C: OFFICER DUTIES

Section I: Dance Officers

The ranks shall be Major, Assistant Major, and Lieutenants. At the discretion of the director(s) and principal, and any other officer positions may be deleted or added at the time of officer tryouts. If the Major and Assistant Major positions are not filled those duties will be distributed amongst the lieutenants.

All dance officers duties shall include the following:

- 1. Should always arrive early for any activity

2. Should plan to stay later than when the team is released
3. Should be able to provide constructive and positive criticism to teammates.
4. Must maintain and uphold scholastic requirements and academic eligibility
5. Must have a good relationship with the directors and teammates
6. Must be a leader both in and out of Markettes
7. Assist the directors in planning yearly activities
8. Accept additional duties the director(s) deemed necessary
9. Any dance officer who fails a grading period will be placed on probation
10. Any dance officer placed on conduct probation will be demoted to a line member

A. Major

1. The major is the superior officer of Markettes and is in charge at all times under the direction of the director(s)
2. The major reports directly to the director(s)
3. Major schedules any necessary officer meetings or practices approved by the director(s)
4. Major must keep a notebook containing a constitution, school organizer/calendar and log of their companies' demerits and merits.
5. Major is responsible for teaching under the direction of the director(s)
6. Major is in charge of taking and giving demerits to officers and all members in her/his company.
7. Major is to report to the director when a member has earned 2 or more demerits in a week during football season or 4 or more demerits in a week during the remainder of the year.
8. Major is responsible for informing the director(s) of each day's absences.
9. Major is to set a good example in all aspects at all times.

B. Assistant Major

1. Assistant Major is in charge in conjunction with/the absence of the Major and reports directly to the director(s)
2. Assistant Major must keep a notebook containing a constitution, her/his organizer/calendar and a log of their companies' demerits and merits.
3. Assistant Major is in charge of taking and giving demerits to all members in her/his company.
4. Assistant Major is in charge of the daily work outs for demerits earned.
5. Assistant Major is to report to the director when a member has earned 2 or more demerits in a week during football season or 4 or more demerits in a week during the remainder of the year.

C. Lieutenant

1. Lieutenant is responsible for seeing that her/his company is in order, maintaining discipline within the company at all times, instructing dance routines, and maintaining updated demerit and merit posters
2. Lieutenant is in charge of reporting all company members' absences to the major and the director.
3. Lieutenant must keep a notebook containing a constitution, school organizer/calendar and a log of their companies' merits and demerits.
4. Lieutenant is to maintain a record of all the demerit and/or merits given to her/his company.
5. Lieutenant reports directly to the Assistant Major, Major and Director(s).
6. Lieutenant is responsible for the company's attitude and moral.

Section II: Social Officers

The ranks shall be President, Secretary, Social Chair and Spirit Chair. At the discretion of the director and principal any other officers may be deleted or added at the time of officer tryouts.

Social Officer's Duties: Social officers shall be responsible for the following duties. The President shall be the officer in charge. All other social officers are on the same level. Social officers function on a social level only.

All social officers' duties shall include the following:

1. Should always arrive early for any activity.
2. Should plan to stay later than when the team is released.
3. Should be able to provide constructive and positive criticism to teammates.
4. Must maintain and uphold all scholastic requirements and academic eligibility
5. Must have good relationship with the director(s) and teammates
6. Must be a leader both in and out of Markettes
7. Assist the Director(s) in planning yearly activities.
8. Accept additional duties the director(s) deemed necessary.
9. Any social officer who fails a grading period will be placed
10. Any social officer placed on conduct probation will be demoted to the line.

A. President

1. President is responsible for the running and organization of all social officer meetings.
2. President is responsible for taking notes at each social meeting and making a Social Officer Work Binder.
3. President is responsible for setting the dates for the bi-monthly (or more frequent if deemed fit) social officer meetings, set by either the directors or the president and confirming all social officers will be present.
4. President must administer at least 1 not more than 4 community service functions throughout the year.
5. President is responsible for overseeing that all company letters are made and ready by the first day of camp in August.
6. President is responsible for overseeing the Line Camp decorations (room decorations and bulletin boards); bulletin boards need to be changed at least once a semester with an approved theme.
7. President is responsible for organizing and handing out Company items that each company must turn in at the beginning of the year i.e. Band Aids and Kleenex, etc.
8. President is responsible for organizing the Awards Banquet with the Directors/Booster Club and providing any responsibilities or help that can be provided by the social officers.
9. President is responsible for the inventory and cleanliness of the dance room, social closet and costume closet.
10. President is responsible for overseeing all other social officer duties.
11. President is responsible for each weeks sign up of cookies and ice during football season. As well as informing each dance officer of the members who receive merits for those items brought or demerits for those items forgotten.

B. Vice President

1. Vice President must administer at least 1 no more than 4 community service functions throughout the year.
2. Vice President is responsible for keeping track of the social officer budget given by directors. All purchases must be approved by the directors prior to purchase. If proper approval is not obtained the purchase will not be reimbursed.
3. Vice President is responsible for organizing and coordinating with the Junior Drill Team Clinic Chairman any responsibilities or help that can be provided by the social officers.
4. Vice President is responsible for making sure the banner is taken to the football games.

5. Vice President is responsible for organizing ideas the optional Markette fall t-shirt.
6. Vice President is responsible for approving and collecting any movies needed for the spring trip.
7. Vice President is responsible for "friending" each Markette on social media and checking each girl's site for appropriateness each week and reporting any problems to directors.
8. Vice President is responsible for the inventory and cleanliness of the dance room, social closet and costume closet.
9. Vice President is responsible for helping the social chair plan and budget all parties.
10. Vice President is responsible for going through the lost and found every Friday and throwing away things that are unclaimed.

C. Social Chair

1. Social Chair is responsible for all social parties with Markettes.
2. Social Chair must create and distribute invitations to all Markette social functions.
3. Social Chair must administer at least 1 no more than 4 community service functions throughout the year.
4. Social Chair is responsible for organizing and overseeing the Markette Team Party in August.
5. Social Chair is responsible for organizing and overseeing the Holiday Party in December.
6. Social Chair is responsible for organizing and overseeing the Tea Party in the spring.
7. Social Chair is responsible for the inventory and cleanliness of the dance room, social closet and costume closet.
8. Social Chair is responsible for obtaining the names from the directors and posting those names on the Honor roll posters for excellent grades each grading period.
9. Social Chair is responsible for recognizing Markettes each grading period that received zero demerits.

D. Spirit Chair

1. Spirit Chair is responsible for all the spirit and motivation with the team.
2. Spirit Chair is responsible for planning or organizing team games, team building or team happy times throughout the year.
3. Spirit Chair is responsible for organizing once a month company competitions or company points throughout the year.
4. Spirit Chair must administer at least 1 no more than 4 community service functions throughout the year.
5. Spirit Chair is responsible for gathering all officers and directors to vote for Dance, Spirit and Rookie of the week, and Markette Sweetheart during football season.
6. Spirit Chair is responsible for celebrating each member's birthday. If a member's birthday is in the summer, we will celebrate their half birthday.
7. Spirit Chair is responsible for designating a social officer for each day of the week to lead motivating the team. She is also in charge of reminding each person each day of the week.
8. Spirit Chair is responsible for organizing and overseeing and delivering the half time football gifts to the other team.
9. Spirit Chair is responsible for organizing and overseeing activities and/or gifts with other organizations: the band, principals, the other groups the directors wish to present that year.
10. Spirit Chair is responsible for coming up with more spirit ideas for contest season (awards ceremony).
11. Spirit Chair is responsible for the inventory and cleanliness of the dance room, social closet and costume closet.
12. Spirit Chair is responsible for maintaining and keeping track of Company Points throughout the year.

E. Historian

1. Historian is responsible for posting pictures and informing the Booster Club Communications Board members who receives dancer, spirit, and rookie officer of the week and must be available for the Booster Club Communications Board member.
2. Historian is responsible for taking a picture of spirit, dance and rookie of the week each week, printing the photo out and hanging in the dance room the following Monday.
3. Historian is responsible for taking pictures and video of all Markette functions, games practices, etc.
4. Historian is responsible for the team slide show at the awards banquet and spring show making sure everyone is represented.
5. Historian is in charge of publicity for all Markette functions – Junior Drill, Mums and Garters, Spring Show, Competition and Car Wash.
6. Historian is responsible for all Thank You letters and correspondence letters.

F. Line Mom

1. Line Mom is responsible for administering Big and Little sister activities.
2. Line Mom is responsible for pairing Big and Little Sisters together.
3. Line Mom is responsible for organizing and overseeing the Minikette Welcome Party in August.
4. Line Mom is responsible for administering and overseeing the Secret Santa or gift exchange done at the December Final.
5. Line Mom is responsible for bringing a motivational quote each week and hanging it in the Markette room.
6. Line Mom is responsible for the inventory and cleanliness of the dance room, social closet and costume closet.

Appendix B Demerit and Merit System

A. Demerit System

1. Demerits may be given to all given to all dance team members, regardless of company, by all dance officers and the directors at any Markette function
2. If a member receives a demerit, the member is to arrive at 6:15 am on the designated day to perform conditioning exercises for punishment.
3. A record of all demerits received by each member is to be kept by the Lieutenants. The Major will keep record of all demerits handed out and will report them to the director.
4. Demerits are accumulated from June to May.
5. A member may receive 9 demerits; 10-14 designates probation. While on probation students are expected to practice but will sit out of 6 performances, the performances missed will be determined by the director.
6. Upon receiving the 15th demerit, the member will be dismissed.
7. Any member who receives 5 or more demerits during summer practice will be benched from the first football game.
8. Any member who receives 2 or more demerits in one week, after the start of school will be benched in the following weeks of performance during football season.
9. For the remainder of the year, any member who receives 4 or more demerits in one week will be removed from a competition dance and/or spring show dance.

Section I: Demerits

Tardies

1. Failure to turn in paperwork or supplies on time 1
2. Late for practice or performance (3 grace demerits) 1
3. Excessive Tardiness (more than 30 minutes (2 grace demerits)) 2

Uniforms

1. Incomplete performance uniform 1 per piece
2. Not wearing correct practice attire 1
3. Wearing colored nail polish for performances 1
4. Wearing undergarments with uniform 1
5. Not properly dressed on designated days (pep rally, trip, etc.) 1
6. Failure to put props, clothing, equipment, trash in Proper places or leaving anything out in dance room 1
7. Borrowing any items and not returning the next day 1

Grooming

1. Dirty uniform or costume 1
2. Rips in tights (must pay/replace) 1
3. Improper care/cleaning of performance uniforms 1 per piece
4. Hair not properly done as requested for practice/performance 1
5. Improper make- up and/or no make up 1

Conduct

1. Talking during practice (after order was given) 1
2. Talking on the field 1
3. Talking to anyone outside the dance team w/o Permission during the games, performances, etc. 1
4. Not obeying officer commands 1
5. Not standing as directed for a performance 1
6. Chewing gum at practice or performance 1
7. Failure to not turn cell phones off/silence 1
8. Talking on cell phones at non-designated times 1
9. Eating or drinking without permission in uniform 1
10. Improper attitude 1
11. Changing or removing clothes in public 1
12. Failure to inform directors of academic or discipline problems with progress reports or report cards 1
13. Bringing cell phones into practice spaces or performance areas 1
13. Inappropriate conduct or unbecoming acts of a lady (Use of profane language, kissing in the hallways, sitting in others laps, etc.) 1-5
14. Insubordination 1-5
15. Disciplinary offense not specifically mentioned 1-5
16. Assigned to AEP (dismissal) 15
17. Smoking at school or any school function (dismissal) 15
18. Use of alcohol or drugs (dismissal) 15

Absenteeism

1. Unexcused absence from summer practice (Benched an undisclosed number of games/performances) 3/day

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| 2. Unexcused absence from any practice | 3 |
| 3. Absent from school or practice without calling by 6:30 am | 1 |
| 4. Leaving practice and/or function early without prior permission | 2 |
| 5. Not attending a committed function- without director approval | 3 |
| 6. Missing a performance (w/o permission) | 3-5 |

Section II:

Demerits for Officers

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| 1. Absence from officer meeting | 1 |
| 2. Failure to perform any duties effectively | 1 |
| 3. Not giving demerits when necessary | 1 |
| 4. Arguing with the director(s) | 3 |
| 5. Failure to support the decision of the group/director | 1-3 |
| 6. Arguing with another officer or member in front of the team | 3 |
| 7. Abuse of authority (determined by directors and administration) | 1-5 |

B. Merit System

1. A record of merits received by each member is to be kept by the Lieutenants; Officers Merits are kept by the Major.
2. Merits are accumulated from June to May
3. Current Markettes must accumulate a certain number of merits, decided by the director, to be eligible to audition for Markettes again for the next school year and to audition for dance/social officer.

Section I: Merits (opportunities but not limited to)

1. Attending non-required games at Memorial, Tully, etc. with dated ticket
2. Attending non-required games/events held at other schools with dated ticket
3. Attending special approved functions (dance clinics etc...)
4. Attending dance classes outside of Markette time
5. Tasks designated by the directors (signs, posters, drinks, etc.)
6. 9 weeks averages:
 - All A's
 - All A's and B's
 - All E's (conduct)
 - All E's and S's (conduct)

Appendix A Markette Conduct Code

Section I

Certain standards are necessary for the integrity and reputation of any organization. Each dance team member should set a good example at all time. Members of the dance team are expected to have and maintain a character above all reproach. Personal appearance and habit of which there can be no criticism are expected since dance team members are constantly representing the school in an out of school hours.

1. Every member will at all times conduct themselves in a well-mannered way (social media as well)
2. The use of profanity will not be tolerated at any time
3. There will be no public displays of affection with significant others
While at school, at a school function or in uniform
4. Every member will be respectful to all adults, including school
Officials, chaperones and directors
5. Any members quitting the dance team or dismissed from the dance

team will remain off the dance team for the rest of the year.

Section II: Additional Penalties

1. When a member is to be absent it is their responsibility to contact the director before 6:30 am the day they are to be absent or they will receive demerits and the absence will be unexcused
2. If the director(s) are informed by email of a Markettes absence, please be able to provide documentation of the date and time of which the email was sent
3. All students who participate in school activities (pep rallies, games, etc.) must be in half-day attendance (3 periods, excluding lunch) the day the activities are scheduled.
4. If a member is absent on the day of a tryout, she may forfeit her ability to tryout for that dance.
5. A member may be cut from a performance if the member is absent from any practice.
6. A member who is cut from any performance is still expected to dress out and attend all practices and performances with the team.
7. Any unexcused absence from any performance will result in dismissal or demerits as designated by the directors and administration.
8. With accordance to the demerit/merit system, the director with administrative approval will determine the number and kind of demerit/merit given with regards to extenuating circumstances.

Section III: Markette Expenses

1. If a member and their parents(s) fail to pay expenses, the directors and administration will take other measures deemed appropriate.
2. Is a member is dismissed or is no longer part of the dance team, they are still responsible for all monies owed. They will not be able to have a schedule change and/or her records will be held until here account is paid in full.

Section IV: Managers

1. Selection of managers shall be held on a date designated by the directors. Managers shall be optional and the director will determine the number and the duties of the managers.

Spring Branch ISD and Memorial Markettes Constitutional Agreement and Tryout Agreement

I, _____, understand the time commitment and financial obligations of being a Markette. By signing this I am guaranteeing that I will be able to meet those obligations. I also understand that all discipline will be dealt with according to the Markette's constitution and that the director's discretion will be final.

I have read and understand the SBISD and Memorial Markette Constitution and will abide by its rules and regulations. I understand what is expected of my daughter while she is a member of the dance team.

Parent signature _____ date _____

I have read and understand the SBISD and Memorial Markette Constitution and will abide by its rules and regulations. I understand what is expected of me while I am a member of this dance team.

Markette signature _____ date _____

Heather Boerke _____ 12/5/2018 _____
Director signature _____ date _____