



2026-2027

Bengal Belles Drill Team
Tryout Packet

December 1, 2025

Dear Drill Team Tryout Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in trying out for the A&M Consolidated Bengal Belles! We are excited to welcome motivated, dedicated, and passionate candidates for the 2026-2027 school year. These tryouts are open to incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Are you committed, hardworking, and a team player? Do you have the desire to be part of an esteemed legacy? If you have dreamed of joining a competitive dance team, this is your opportunity.

The Bengal Belles participate in a variety of activities throughout the year, including summer camps, performances at football and basketball games, pep rallies, district events, competitions, and a Spring Spectacular. Please be aware that being a Bengal Belle is a year-long commitment that requires both time and financial investment. Attendance at all practices, performances, and competitions is mandatory for team members.

This packet contains essential information regarding the tryout process, schedule, and important dates. Please review all sections thoroughly.

To complete your registration, you must submit the Tryout Forms Agreement online by **March 1st, 2026, BY 11:59 PM**. Submission of the online forms is required in order to participate in the tryouts. You will find the link on the final page of this packet, as well as on the Bengal Belles website: www.amchsbengalbelles.com.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out via email at ebrenek@csisd.org.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Brenek
Bengal Belles Director



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Bengal Belle Expectations

As a member of the Bengal Belles, you will be expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

Spring Practices (MANDATORY for new team members):

- March 24th: 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
- March 31st: 4:30pm - 6:00 pm
- April 7th: 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
- April 14th: 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
- April 21st: 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
- April 28th: 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Spring Spectacular Practices/Performances (MANDATORY for all team members):

- April 15th: Tech rehearsal (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)
- April 16th: Dress rehearsal (TBD)
- April 17th: Show (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)
- April 18th: Show (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)

Summer Camp & Practices (MANDATORY for all team members):

- May 16th: Team Pictures, LOCATION AND TIME TBD.
- May 26th – 28th: Line Camp (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)
- Little Belle Camp (Tentative, July 20th-23rd)
- Back to School Practices (M-F, 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm) (Aug 5th-17th)

Year-Round Practices:

- Weekly practices during the school year will be scheduled, particularly around football season, competition season, and other team events. These are MANDATORY unless otherwise specified by the Director.

Performance & Meeting Requirements:

- All performances, including but not limited to football games, basketball games, pep rallies, and Spring Spectacular, are MANDATORY unless stated otherwise by the Director.
- Any meeting called by the Director is MANDATORY for all team members.

Team Expectations:

- You are expected to maintain academic eligibility and meet the behavioral expectations set by A&M Consolidated High School, CSISD, and UIL.
- You must follow the CSISD Dance/Drill Team Constitution, including merit/demerit policies.
- Uphold respect for your team, Directors, and yourself as a Bengal Belle.
- Be a supportive, encouraging, and hardworking teammate.
- Assist in team fundraisers and pay all Bengal Belle Fees..

Tryout Eligibility

To be eligible to try out, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Grade Level: Must be a current 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grader (by credits).
- Academic Requirements: A minimum overall grade average of 80 or higher for the 1st through 4th six-week grading periods (averaged across all classes).
 - Required: A scanned document, picture, or screenshot of your report card showing all grades from the 1st–4th six weeks must be emailed to Mrs. Brenek at [ebrenek@csisd.org] by **March 1st, 2026 BY 11:59 PM**.
- Physical: A completed physical form from a licensed medical professional is required.
 - You must either upload a screenshot of your approved physical on RankOne, or email a scanned copy or picture of the physical to Mrs. Brenek by **March 1st, 2026 BY 11:59 PM**.
- Disciplinary Eligibility: Candidates will be ineligible if they have been placed in ISS or the Venture Center for more than 3 days during the current school year, or if they have been suspended from school.
- Commitment to School Activities: Candidates who have voluntarily quit (without the approval of the Principal or Director) any school club, organization, or sport during the current year will not be eligible to try out.

Tryout Requirements

Failure to complete all requirements will result in ineligibility to try out.

- Attend the mandatory candidate and parent/guardian interest meeting.
- Join the Band Tryout Group (QR code at the back of this packet).
- Turn in Items Due by **March 1st, 2026 BY 11:59 PM**.
 - 1st-4th six-week report card (scanned, picture, or screenshot).
 - Completed physical (scanned, picture, or screenshot).
- Completed Tryout Forms Agreement (submitted online).
- Attend each day of the Tryout Week Clinic.

Tryout Details

- Tryout Day (March 19th): Tryouts will be closed to the public; only authorized personnel will be permitted in the room during the entire process.
- Candidates will demonstrate combinations learned during the clinic, as well as perform a technique routine that includes right and left splits.
- A panel of three qualified judges, including the Director, Assistant Director, and an administrator, will evaluate candidates.
- Results will be posted on the Bengal Belles website after tryouts.
- Candidates will need to be present the entire school day on the day of tryouts.

Tryout Week Schedule

ALL TRYOUT CLINIC PRACTICES ARE MANDATORY.

Tryout Clinic: March 16th – 17th (4:30 pm – 6:30 pm)

- Learn tryout choreography and skills

Mock Tryouts: March 18th (4:30 pm – 6:30 pm)

- A run-through of the full tryout process with feedback

Official Tryout Day: March 19th (4:30 pm – TBD)

- Exact conclusion time will be communicated on the day of tryouts

Tryout Attire

March 16th – 17th (4:30 pm – 6:30 pm):

- Plain black exercise tank top or leotard (form-fitting, sleeveless)
- Plain black leggings or fitted dance pants
- Hair pulled back into a ponytail (slicked back)
- Jazz shoes (tan)
- Tennis shoes for kicking!
- No jewelry
- Bring your own water!

Mock & Official Tryout Days:

- Plain black exercise tank top or leotard (form-fitting, sleeveless)
- Plain black leggings or fitted dance pants (full-length)
- Jazz shoes (tan)
- Hair slicked back into a ponytail
- Performance makeup with red lipstick
- No jewelry
- Bring your own water!
- Tryout number (given on tryout day)

Dance Skill Requirements

- Right Split (Required)
- Kicks
- Leaps: Press Leap, Calypso, Turning Disc (Required)
- Either a Double or Triple Turn (Required)
- Ability to pick up choreography and footwork
- Performance ability/entertaining facial expressions and energy.

New Team Celebration

- Date: March 21st, 2026
- Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Location: Main gym

New Team Meeting

- Date: March 25th, 2026
- Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Location: AMCHS Lecture Hall

This meeting is **MANDATORY** for all newly selected Belles and returning team members. During the meeting, we will review the CSISD Dance and Drill Team Constitution, Demerit/Merit Agreements, and provide an estimated cost breakdown for the upcoming year. New team members will be required to sign the Constitution and Demerit/Merit Agreements at this meeting along with other documents for the 2026-2027 school year.

Tryout Forms Agreement Link

To complete the Tryout Forms Agreement, follow the link provided on the Bengal Belles website and in the Band app. All forms must be submitted by **March 1st, 2026, BY 11:59 PM**.



TRYOUT FORMS



BAND APP.

Team Practice Schedule:

- Monday: 7:15 am - 9:00 am
 - Tuesday: 7:15 am - 9:00 am
 - Wednesday: 7:15 am - 9:00 am
 - Thursday: 6:30 am - 9:00 am (FOOTBALL FIELD)
 - Friday: 7:15 - 9:00 am
- After school practices can vary during football season and contest season.
 - Contest Choreography sessions are MANDATORY for all team members, these sessions could fall on any day of the week, including weekends, depending on the choreographers' availability.

Team Pictures

- Date: May 16th
- Location: A&M Administration building
- Time: TBD

****TIMES COULD SHIFT BASED ON PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDS.****