

*North Garland High School Mam'selles
Line Tryouts 2022-2023*

Dear Mam'selle Hopeful and Parents,

We are excited that you are considering becoming a member of our organization! Drill team has many wonderful benefits including great high school memories, lasting friendships, and a sense of pride that comes from being a part of a team. Even if you are unsure of your decision, please attend the practices, ask questions, and see what Varsity Drill Team is all about!

General Information

In the upcoming year we will be working hard to grow as a team and experience new things. In the summer, we will be attending camp July 25-27, where we will learn most of our football, some contest and pep rally routines. We perform at all home and away Varsity football games, and some home basketball games, march in the Labor Day Parade, and the MLK Parade, and perform at various community events throughout the year. In the spring, we compete and host our annual spring show. Some years we even have the opportunity to take a trip to perform somewhere fun!

There are no prerequisites for becoming a Mam'selle, such as being a part of the JV drill team or having dance experience. You just need a positive attitude and a willingness to learn and work hard. There is no set number that can be chosen to be on the team. Practices begin in the morning either at 6:45 am or 7:00 am, and we have some after school practices on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday as needed. If you do not have a ride, do not worry as many of the girls carpool to and from practices and are always willing to help each other.

I'm sure you are wondering about the cost of being a part of this organization. We are not able to make payment plans due to a change in district policy. All practice and performance wear must be paid for at our team fitting on Tuesday, May 10th. Other payments, such as letter jackets, spring show fee, etc. will be due at a later date. Please remember that the first year is the most expensive and the cost goes down considerably after that.

Fundraising is an intricate part of being a Mam'selles and all members should be participating throughout the year but it is not required.

Mam'selles...

- are a role model for North Garland.
- uphold a high standard of behavior that is necessary for the integrity and reputation of the organization.
- develop respect for teammates, students, and teachers.
- tryout again every year to remain on the team (unless you are a varsity officer).
- **commit to a full year of drill team double blocked both A1 & B1.** (PE or Fine Arts credit)
- **are required to attend class and practice in person**
- maintain passing grades each grading period. UIL Requirement
- attend all morning (6:45 am) and after school practices (3:15-5:15) pm in person.
- are expected to meet high standards for practice and performance. Auditions are held for most performances.
- are knowledgeable of the GISD Varsity Drill Team and North Garland Guidelines.

Mam'selles Booster Club

All parents are encouraged to become involved and attend our booster club meetings. We meet to discuss fundraisers, upcoming events, parent participation, etc. It is free to join, and we need lots of help!

Please contact me with any additional questions you may have about tryouts or drill team. We look forward to seeing you!

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Tryout Checklist

1. Attend the Tryout Meeting Wednesday, March 23rd at 7 pm via google meets
2. Read the GISD Fine Arts Handbook <https://garlandisd.net/media/15517/download?inline>
3. Sign up for Canvas Classroom: <https://garlandisd.instructure.com/enroll/KXP4AA>
4. Turn in the following signed & completed items in Canvas no later than Friday, April 22nd at 3:15 pm
 - ☐ Online Tryout Application : <https://forms.gle/jCpREKXq23ZULJ168>
 - ☐ Tryout Signature Page
 - ☐ GISD Media Release Signature Page
 - ☐ GISD VAPA Handbook Signature page
 - ☐ UIL Concussion Acknowledgement Form
 - ☐ GISD Pre Physical Evaluation Form - Page 1 ONLY
 - ☐ Page 2 - Physicals will be due before the first team practice on Tuesday, May 3rd
 - ☐ Hopefuls with missing or incomplete forms will **not** be able to participate in tryouts or the tryout practices.
5. Attend tryout practices Friday, April 22nd, Monday, April 25th, Tuesday, April 26th in Competition Gym
6. Attend Mock tryouts Wednesday, April 27st in the Competition Gym from 3:15-6:15 pm
 - ☐ Wear your exact tryout attire.
 - ☐ We will have additional practice time that evening after mock tryouts for those that want to stay.
7. Attend Tryouts – Thursday, April 28^h at Naaman Forest High School 5 pm.
 - ☐ We will meet at 4:30 pm to check in and warm up.
8. All Veterans must have met the 2021-2022 financial obligations and not have any outstanding payments due.

Tryout Calendar of Events

Wed, March 23rd Tryout Meeting 7 pm
Fri, April 22nd Learn Jazz in 3:15-5:30 pm
Mon, April 25th Learn Kick in 3:15-5:30 pm
Tues, April 26th Open Gym 3:15-6:15 pm
Wed, April 27th Mock Tryouts in Gym 3:15-6:15 pm
Thurs, April 22nd TRYOUTS @ Naaman 5 pm

Tryout Scoring:

Tryout Dance (60pts)
Kick/Field Entrance (30pts)
Right Split or Right Jump Split/Left Split (10pts)

100 points possible
You must score an average of
70 points to make the team.

Tryout Clothing

Practice Attire Friday, Monday and Tuesday: your choice but wear the shoes you will try out in

Mock Tryout/Tryout Attire:

Clothing: Solid black fitted tank top or shirt
Solid black racerback sports bra
Black jazz pants or black ankle leggings
Black socks or no socks
Nude jazz shoes, or black/white tennis shoes
Hair: completely pulled back (no bangs), black ponytail holder, no ribbons, scrunchies or headbands!
Makeup: RED lipstick, blush, black mascara
No gum, jewelry, or nail polish!

Tryout Process

You will practice and try out in a group of 3-4. You will learn a jazz and high kick routine taught by the Mam'selle officers. After tryouts, results will be posted in Canvas.

What if I don't make Mam'selles? We highly encourage anyone who does not make the Varsity Drill Team to join our JV Drill Team to help prepare for tryouts again the following year. See Ms. Portillo about joining JV. We also have a World of Dance performance class you can audition for in May.

Calendar of Events/Payments

The prices below are not approximate and are subject to change.

Please do not let the cost on this page be your determining factor, all payments for the year are listed below and all payment due dates are announced with plenty of notice. Many required items may be purchased from graduating Mam'selles at Senior Sell Back Night at a reduced price. Most items will only be purchased once and used all three years of Mam'selles. If your child was a La Petite some items will carry over into Mam'selles. Remember that the first year is the most expensive and the cost will be **SIGNIFICANTLY LESS** in the following years.

Friday, April 29th

- 7 am New team introduction
- Handout candle fundraiser (optional)

Tuesday, May 3rd

- Team Practice 3:15-5:15 pm Cafeteria
- Senior Sellbacks 5:15-6 pm Cafeteria
 - o Can purchase used items at a discount
 - o Cash ONLY

Tuesday, May 10th

- Team Practice 3:15-5:15 pm
- Fitting 5:30-7 pm Cafeteria
- \$150 Practice Wear Deposit Due to TeamLeader
 - o cash, credit card, money order

Tuesday, May 17th

- Team Practice 3:15-5:15 pm GYM
- Candle Orders Due

Tuesday, May 24th

- Team Practice 3:15-5:15 pm GYM

Tuesday, May 31st

- Team Practice 3:15-5:15 pm GYM

Tuesday, June 7th

- \$100 Team Camp Payment Due
 - o cash, check
- Pick Up Candles

Friday, July 22th

- TeamLeader Balance Due
 - o cash, credit card, money order
- Team Practice 9 am - noon

Tuesday, August 23rd

- \$205 Due - (\$130 Hat & \$75 Boots)
 - o cash, check

Tuesday, September 27th

- \$155 Letter Jacket Payment (Rookies only)
 - o cash, check

Tuesday, October 25th

- \$50 Fall Football & Basketball Season Payment
 - o cash, check

Tuesday, January 24th

- \$50 Spring Contest, Spring Show, Banquet Payment
 - o cash, check

Cost Summary - \$805 (all new)

TeamLeader: \$230 - if everything is bought new or

If you were a La Petite - \$145 or veterans - \$47

Hat: \$130 (rookies only)

Boots: \$75 (rookies only)

Team Camp: \$100 (everyone)

Yearly fees: \$100 (everyone)

Letterman Jacket: \$155 (rookies only)

Earrings: \$10-\$15 (rookies only)

*prices are subject to change

Additional Costs

(if you do not already have these items)

Team Tennis Shoe - Black shoe with white soles

Black Jogger Sweatpants

Team Red Lipstick (more info to come)

Additional solid black leggings

Additional sold black fitted shirt for practice

Donut Bun/Hair net

Lashes

Nude jazz shoes

Candle Fundrasier - Optional

Total raised will be divide amongst all Mam'selles to diminish the cost of team camp

Summer Squad Practices

All Mam'selles will be required to attend five additional practices in the summer with their officer! Various squad practices times and locations will be given to students before school lets out for summer.

Summer Dance Classes

ALL Mam'selles are encouraged to take dance classes during the summer break to continue to improve their technique. I encourage all of you to take technique, jazz and ballet classes. Below are some locations but you may attend the studio of your choosing.

XD2 Dance 1802 Pleasant Valley STE 330, Garland, TX 75040

Talent N More 1551 E Spring Valley Rd, Richardson, TX 75081

Dance FX 4125 Broadway Blvd #190, Garland, TX 75043

Standard of Uniformity

Nails: Nails must not exceed sports length and only nail color allowed during performances is french tip, natural color, nude, or no color.

Make up: *The following is expected for team performances or appearances:*

- ❖ Eye makeup must be a neutral color, examples are brown or gray on the crease and a shimmery color on the eyelid. Eyeshadow should stand out and mascara or false eyelashes should be applied.
- ❖ Blush that stands out, shimmery is acceptable but the color should be visible from a distance.
- ❖ Bright red lipsticks that will stay on for hours, Maybelline and Wet n Wild have affordable options.

Hair: *Hair has been decided by a committee of students representing the diversity on our team. Natural color is expected at all times when in performing seasons.*

- ❖ **Camp:** Hair should be secured and out of your face. During showoffs on the last day, hair needs to be neatly slicked back into a ponytail.
- ❖ **Football season:** Hair is in a slicked back low donut bun with a part on the left side and hair net over it.
- ❖ **Basketball season:** Hair is worn in a slicked back high curled ponytail.
- ❖ **Pep rally:** Hair is worn in a slicked back high curled ponytail.
- ❖ **Spring show:** Hair is worn in a slicked back low donut bun with a part on the left side and a hair net over it or a low ponytail.

Buns must be donut buns, donut bun makers can be found at dollar stores, hair supply stores or created with a long sock. Hair must be secured, slicked back, and have a hair net over the bun.

High ponytails must be from the crown of the head, slicked back and curled. Hair should be a natural color for performances or events.

Hair tutorials and videos will be available to follow along and practice before the season begins.

Uniform Cleaning

****All uniforms and costumes should be hand washed in cold water with mild detergent (NO BLEACH) then laid out to dry unless otherwise instructed by the director. All uniforms and costumes must be washed before returning.**

NGHS Drill Team Expectations

1. Being on time means, sitting in your squad in drill team position with your hair tied up, jazz shoes on, and water bottle next to you. If it's a day you need to bring your poms, prop, or an item to turn in, you must have it with you at the beginning of practice when we meet in squads.
2. Phones should be put away and not used during practice time unless instructed to do so. Phones should be silenced or turned off.
3. Students are expected to check the team band app daily for updates, information and any possible message from the director.
4. Our team has student leaders in place to help support the director and team. They will message their squad members from time to time. It is important that each member communicates with their officer when necessary.
5. All items and costumes borrowed must be returned clean and in good conditions. Specific instructions will be given on how to wash specific costumes or uniform pieces. General rule is to gently hand wash and air dry each piece. Please refer to cleaning instructions given by the director prior to cleaning any item.
6. If you need to sign the point book due to any demerit, you must have your merits with you at the beginning of practice to turn in.
7. Demerits will be recorded at the beginning of each practice. Merits should be presented at that time. Demerits received at a performance will be documented in the following practice.
8. All black practice day: Dancers must wear a fitted tank top or t-shirt with leggings or shorts. Tops and bottom must be solid black and fitted.
9. If a drill team member goes to tutorials after school when we have practice, they must return no later than 3:30 pm with a teacher note. If a Mam'selle goes before morning practice, they must be back no later than 7:30 am with a teacher's note. Students must inform the director if they are attending tutorials that conflict with any practice time.
10. If a drill team member is going to be absent or late, they must message the director through the Band app before the meeting time.
11. In case of an injury, students can visit the athletic trainer before or after practices. Appointments are made directly with the athletic trainer and directors must be notified if the appointment runs into practice time.

2022-2023 Mam'selles Tryout Application

Please fill out the online application: <https://forms.gle/jCpREKXq23ZULJ168> then sign and date this form and submit in canvas.



Candidate

I have read all the rules and regulations of the Mam'selles and will participate in all required activities. I understand that I am expected to meet high standards for practice and performance, and that auditions are held for each performance as well as the initial tryout to become a Mam'selle. I understand that in order to remain eligible, Mam'selles must pass all courses each six weeks.

Candidate Name (print)

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent

I give permission for my student to try out for the North Garland Mam'selles varsity drill team. My student and I have read the information packet and discussed the responsibilities of being a member of Mam'selles. I understand there are scheduling, financial, and time obligations that must be met. I also understand that my student is expected to meet high standards for practice and performance, and that auditions are held for each performance as well as the initial tryout to become a Mam'selle. I have read the GISD regulations and my child will abide by them, and I understand that the decisions of the judges will be final.

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date