(A) (B) (B) Prospective Debs, We are very excited that you are considering becoming a part of our organization. We truly believe that you will benefit in many ways by becoming a member of the team. Drill team will make your years at Garland High School very special. You will create friendships that will last a lifetime. Even if you are unsure of this, please attend the practices, ask your questions, and see what Varsity Drill Team is all about. General Information We will attend a summer camp for three days. Summer camp is when we learn most of our football routines, new dances, traditions and bond as a team. Summer camp will tentatively be at the end of July. We perform at all varsity football games - home and away - as well as playoff games. We also perform at basketball games and regional dance competitions. In the spring, we have a spring show and every other year we go on a trip. The Debs have traveled to many great places including Hawaii, Disney World, Disney Land, New Orleans, Colorado, Branson, Padre Island, and Santa Fe. We have performed in commercials, in the Dallas Children's Parade, at the Cotton Bowl, and at several Dallas Cowboy football game half times. As you can see, being a Dashing Deb is very rewarding and exciting, but it also includes a great deal of dedication, hard work and determination. During the year, we practice Tuesdays after school. We also practice before school each day. You <u>do not</u> have to have been a Gold Jacket or have taken dance lessons to try out to be a Deb. You just need to have a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. We look forward to seeing you!!



Important Dates

Tuesday, April 11th - Optional virtual parent question and answer 6:00 pm

meet.google.com/gzh-ruyx-yhi

Monday, April 24th -Application paperwork due at 3:15

-Meet in Girls' Gym for workout 3:15 - 4:30

Tuesday, April 25th -Workout in Girls' Gym 3:15 – 4:30

Wednesday, April 26th -Workout in Girls' Gym 3:15 – 4:30

Thursday, April 27th -Workout in Girls' Gym 3:15 – 4:30

Friday, April 28th -Mock tryouts in Girls' Gym 3:15 – 4:30

Saturday, April 29th -Tryouts at Naaman Forest High School

Monday, May 8th - 3:15 – 4:30 practice (Boys' Gym)

Tuesday, May 9th - Mandatory parent meeting at 7:00 pm (cafeteria)

Thursday, May 11th - 3:15 – 4:30 practice (Boys' Gym)

Thursday, May 18th - 3:15 – 4:30 (Boys' Gym) Former Debs will sell used items at a

reduced rate from 3:15 – 3:45. (This will be a great way to

save money.)

-3:45 - 4:30 new items will be purchased.

-Please inform your parents that workouts and tryouts are closed. They cannot stay and watch you practice. If they arrive early, they need to wait outside.

-Attire for workouts on Monday through Thursday is your choice. Attire on Friday, the day of mock tryouts and Saturday, the day of tryouts, is a black tank top, black leggings and white tennis shoes or jazz shoes or paws or pirouettes. Hair needs to be back in a low ponytail. Make sure to wear make-up so you look awake and professional.

What does it cost to be a Dashing Deb?

Please do not let the costs on this page be your sole determining factor. Your child will be provided with fundraising opportunities to help supplement the cost. Also, they already have many of the needed items from Gold Jackets or they may be purchased at a reduced price from graduating Debs. Although the first year is by far the most expensive, we have outlined a payment schedule below to help spread out the required expenditures. Also, almost all of the items on the list will be used for all three years on Debs and are only purchased once. The cost after the first year will be CONSIDERABLY less because they will already have most required items. Also, your child may sell many of her items her senior year to recover some of the cost.

Payment schedule:

Thursday, May 18th - Former Debs will be in the Boys' gym from 3:15 to 3:45 to sell their practice wear, boots, hat, etc. at a reduced rate.
4:00 – 4:30, vendors will be here to size the girls for new items
\$100 cash or credit card deposit due to Team Leader for dancewear
\$162 cash or credit card total payment for letter jacket due to All Star LJS

Thursday, June8 th - Summer camp payment due

- \$150 cash or check made out to Dashing Debs

Thursday, July 27th - Balance due to TeamLeader for dancewear (cash or credit card) (this will be between \$50 and \$100 depending if you were a Gold Jacket or bought used items.

Thursday, August 24th - Payment due:

- hat (\$105.00)

boots (\$71.00)

- sweatshirt (\$30)

Friday t-shirt (\$20)

- (If you bought these used, there is no payment due.)

Tuesday, October 10th - \$50 contest fee due

Tuesday, February 6th - \$50 spring show fee due

IF YOU BUY EVERYTHING THAT YOU CAN USED, YOUR PRICE OVER FOUR MONTHS IS \$594. IF YOU BUY EVERYTHING NEW, YOUR PRICE OVER FOUR MONTHS IS \$823.50.





A few other notes

- **Once you make the team, you will receive a full calendar of events.
- **We will have fundraisers to help purchase items for the Debs and we encourage you to help when possible, but fundraisers are always optional.
- **We wear our hair in a French braid for football games, half up for basketball season and in a bun for contest and spring show. We will wear skin colored tights and shoes for contest and spring show season. Each member is allowed to wear her own make-up during football season, but for contest and spring show, we wear matching make-up. Nails should be a natural color and sports length during performances. Hair must be a natural color at all times. Body piercings must be covered during practice and removed during all performances. Tattoos must be covered with a bandage at practice and with make up for performances. **Debs is a double blocked class so you will need to be able to be in the class both A days & B days. Single blocking may be an option after your first year on Debs.
- **Once you have made the team, there will be additional tryouts for all dances.
- **We practice before school at 6:45 am most of the year. Do not let this be a deterrent we can help you find rides to school.
- **We are so excited about the upcoming year. We know it will be a fun, memorable, exciting time for all of us. Let me know if you have questions! pjtomlin@garlandisd.net





What to expect during the week of tryouts

You will learn a jazz routine and a kick routine during the week of workouts. There will be Debs that will stay after practice to help you on any needed areas/steps if you let them know you need help. On the day of tryouts, the routines will be performed before a panel of five judges.

The Olympic scoring system is used wherein the highest and lowest scores are not counted. If your score from the 3 remaining judges averages out to a 70, you will be selected as a member of the team.

No one other than the directors and principals will be in the gym. You will try out in groups. You do not have to try out by yourself!!

Scoring breakdown

Jazz dance – 60 points

Kick routine – 30 points

Right leg splits or jump splits – 5 points

Left splits – 5 points

