

South Garland HS
Sapphires JV Drill Team



2024-2025
Tryout Packet

Dear Sapphire “Hopefuls” & Parents,

I am excited to know that you have expressed an interest in being a part of the South Garland HS Sapphires! The JV drill team is open to any incoming 9-12th graders attending SGHS for the upcoming school year. You need NO experience to be on the Junior Varsity Drill Team, however we do hold auditions. We will teach you ALL you need to know!

Drill team is great for all high school students because it provides them with friends before school even begins. Students with zero dance experience are taught the fundamentals of dance which prepares them to be on their way to the high kicking varsity drill team, the Royal Legacies. Drill team builds self-esteem, provides a positive atmosphere, creates lifelong friendships, and encourages the development of self-discipline.

Those who decide to join the team will get to participate in halftime performances at JV football games, pep rallies, parades and community events during and after school. As a member of the Sapphires, you will also have the opportunity to perform at basketball games and the Royal Legacy Spring Show, attend the GISD dance festival, learn dance skills for Varsity Drill Team tryouts and other added events for South Garland.

We would love for you to be a part of the Sapphires JV Drill Team for the 2024-2025 school year!

If you would like to join our team next year, carefully read this packet, complete all forms and turn them in as instructed.

Please be sure to join our Canvas page to stay up to date on the latest information!

Link: <https://garlandisd.instructure.com/enroll/BT3E3N>

Sincerely,

Terah Williams

Sapphires Director

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2024-2025 Sapphires Application

South Garland High School

Student Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

2024-2025 Grade Level: 9th Grade 10th Grade 11th Grade 12th Grade T-shirt Size: _____

Student Cell Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____ ID # _____

Student Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____
(Zip Code)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Alternate Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Alternate Contact Cell Phone: _____

School Presently Attending: _____

What other clubs or organizations are you planning to be involved in at South Garland or outside of school?

I have fully read and understand the tryout packet. I understand that I am required to attend summer camp, all practices and performances as scheduled, pass all classes each six weeks in order to remain eligible, make all team payments on time, and be picked up from all events on time. I understand that there are tryouts for each performance. I will abide by the GISD Fine Arts Drill Team Handbook.

Student Signature

Date

As a parent/guardian of a student who wishes to audition for the JV Drill Team, I have fully read and understand the tryout packet and what is expected of my student. I realize my student will be required to attend summer camp, all practices and performances as scheduled, pass all classes each six weeks in order to remain eligible, make all team payments on time, and be picked up from all events on time. I understand that there are tryouts for each performance. I understand that my child will be expected to abide by the GISD Fine Arts Drill Team Handbook.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Sapphires Junior Varsity Drill Team

My daughter/son, _____, and I have discussed the responsibilities of
(Student's Printed Name)

being a member of the Sapphires Junior Varsity Drill Team, such as the financial responsibility, time commitment, physical involvement, performance tryouts and yearly tryouts. I understand my child's obligations and responsibilities as a member of the Sapphires, and I will assist my child with his/her individual assignments and responsibilities for the entire year. I have read and understand the GISD regulations; my child and I will abide by all expectations. I am aware of the extra expenses and time involved with being on the drill team, and I will help my child with these obligations. My child and I are aware of the GISD Fine Arts Drill Team Handbook and I will ensure that my child follows all guidelines. In addition, I will make all required payments on time.

Lastly, I give my permission for my child to participate in the tryouts clinics and audition process, and I understand that the judges' decisions will be final.

Have you signed a choice of school form stating South Garland High School as your choice of school for the 2024-2025 School Year? _____ (yes or no)

Parent/Guardian (Printed Name)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Thank you,

Terah Williams

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In case of an emergency, please contact _____
(Person's Name) (Relationship to student)

at _____
(Cell Phone Number)

HEALTH FORM

Sapphires Junior Varsity Drill Team

TO THE PARENT:

AS A MEMBER OF THE SAPPHIRES, YOUR CHILD WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT FOOTBALL SEASON, BASKETBALL SEASON, AND SPRING SHOW:

1. Approximately two (2-3) hours of daily physical activity
2. Participation in half time performances at select JV football and basketball games
3. Participation in community parades and events as community service
4. Participation in performances selected by the director
5. Extra time spent at parent meetings and other activities related to Sapphires

BECAUSE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS, SAPPHIRES MUST BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND PRACTICE GOOD HEALTH HABITS.

PLEASE CHECK AND SIGN BELOW:

1. Any health weakness such as a bad back, weak knees, weak ankles, and so on that would prohibit your child from giving her best possible performance?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please explain: _____

2. Does your child take any medication that would cause harm if your child exercised too much?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please explain: _____

3. I believe that my child is in good health and practices good health habits.

Yes _____ No _____ If no, please explain: _____

4. My child may participate in dance/drill team training, performances, and events.

Yes _____ No _____ If no, please explain: _____

Candidate Printed Name

Candidate Signature **Date**

Parent Printed Name

Parent Signature **Date**

STANDARDS OF UNIFORMITY

Sapphires Junior Varsity Drill Team

Hair

Football/Basketball Season: Low ponytail with middle part (extremely secured, no flyaways)

Spring Show: Low ponytail with middle part (extremely secured, no flyaways)

Special Appearances/Events: Half up/half down curly (extremely secured, no flyaways), and low ponytail with middle part (extremely secured, no flyaways)

**No eccentric, bright hair colors (ex: pink, blue, red, etc.) or extremely long hair (for safety). Hair length must be at a danceable length without causing a distraction or harm to self/others.

Make-up

Natural eyeshadow

Mascara (black)

Blush that matches your skin tone

Red lipstick that matches your skin tone

Nails

Short/medium length only per handbook (for safety)

Light shade of solid pinks or nudes, french manicure with white tip is allowed

*No eccentric, bright shades, rhinestones, decal or prints

Jewelry

Drill team earrings will be worn for performances and events

No personal jewelry (including face piercings) may be worn during practices or any drill team events

EYELASHES, TATTOOS & FACIAL PIERCINGS:

Eyelashes must be natural hair color (no colored eyelashes)

Tattoos must be covered up for all practices and drill team events without damaging district uniforms (with the proper tattoo cover-up make-up)

Facial piercings must be removed during practices/drill team events, but may be worn during the school day

**Sapphires are required to wear their performance hair and make-up to school on pep-rally days.*

**Everyone must meet the nail, jewelry, eyelashes, tattoos, and facial piercing requirements at all times to avoid demerits.*

We have read and understand the Standards of Uniformity for Sapphires, and will abide by all expectations listed above. As the parent/legal guardian, I will support the expectations.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Tentative Financial Expectations

2024-2025 Sapphires JV Drill Team

Estimated expenses for a Dance Member \$560, or New Manager \$50

****This is an estimate, items & pricing are subject to change.****

Practice/Performance items:

_____ Black practice tank top	\$24.00
_____ Red practice tank top	\$26.00
_____ Black High-waist leggings	\$35.00
_____ Red Mini Shorts (under field uniform)	\$16.00
_____ Dance slippers	\$22.00
_____ Tights (must order 2 pair)	\$9.00 each
_____ Warm-ups (Sapphires)	\$86.00
_____ Sapphires Team T-Shirt	\$15.00
_____ Mesh Fan Spirit Jersey	\$39.00
_____ Earrings	\$8.00
_____ Royal Blue Tote Bag	\$15.00
_____ White Field Boots	\$76.00
_____ Hip-Hop Tennis Shoes (black)	\$40.00 <i>Purchase On Your Own (Amazon)</i>
_____ Black Sports Bra	<i>Purchase On Your Own</i>
_____ Summer Private Team Camp Fee	\$115-\$130 (TBD-amount will adjust based on total team #'s)
_____ Summer Private Officer Camp Fee	TBD
_____ Shipping & Taxes	Approximately \$30.00

Sapphires Payment Plan -- All payments (Cash, Checks or Money Orders only)

1st payment	May 7th	Must pay full deposit to be part of the team & place order
2nd payment	June 3rd	All payments must be up to date to attend camp
3rd payment	July 15th	All payments must be up to date to receive camp items
4th payment	August 13th	All payments must be up to date in order to perform
Final payment	September 13th	Must be paid off to be eligible for performances/events

*****All payments must be paid on time and in full. Payments are non-refundable!*****

2024-2025 Sapphires Payment Plan Contract

*****Payments: Cash, Checks or Money Orders only*****
(Checks made payable to: Royal Legacy Booster Club)

New Members Payment Plan:

1st payment	May 7th	\$150	Must pay a full deposit to be part of the team and place order
2nd payment	June 3rd	\$150	All payments must be up to date to attend camp
3rd payment	July 15th	\$150	All payments must be up to date to receive camp items
4th payment	August 13th	\$110	All payments must be up to date in order to perform
Final payment	Sept. 13th		Must be paid off to be eligible for performances/events

Officers/Socials Payment Plan:

1st payment	May 7th	\$150	Must pay a full deposit to be part of the team and place order
2nd payment	June 3rd	\$150	All payments must be up to date to attend camp
3rd payment	July 15th	\$150	All payments must be up to date to receive camp items
4th payment	August 13th	\$110	All payments must be up to date in order to perform
Final payment	Sept. 13th		Must be paid off to be eligible for performances/events

Managers Payment Plan:

1st payment	May 7th	\$50	Must pay a full deposit to be part of the team and place order
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Please sign below acknowledging that you and your daughter/son understand the 2024-2025 Sapphires "Payment Plan Contract". By signing below, you also agree to make all payments on time in order for your child to be eligible for camp and performances, as well as to place his/her order. Lastly, you understand that all payments are non-refundable!

Student Name (print)

Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (print)

Signature

Date

SAPPHIRES TRYOUT INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

The purpose of drill team is to:

- a. Promote school spirit, sportsmanship, pride, and loyalty.
- b. Promote interest in school activities and perform at games.
- c. Develop responsibility and character, teach self-discipline and self-respect, encourage honest effort, strive for excellence and develop a close bond with their teammates.
- d. Teach teamwork and pride through a quality performance by maintaining high standards.

Participation in the drill team, as well as any extra-curricular activity is a **privilege** and **not a right**, and the student must meet specific requirements to be selected and to participate.

FREE DANCE PREP CLASS (Before Tryouts—recommended, but not required)

*6 free dance classes will be taught by the Director to help prepare candidates for tryouts.

*Join in person (SGHS dance studio), dress out into dance clothes, and be ready to start at 4:30pm. The free dance clinic will be 1 hour long to assist you with stretching, kick and dance technique.

Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm

Thurs. Feb. 22nd Thurs. March 7th Tues. March 19th
Wed. March 27th Thurs. April 4th Thurs. April 11

HOPEFUL PAPERWORK DEADLINE & TRY-OUT CLINICS

*****Try-out Application/forms are due on or before Thursday, April 11th (6pm)*****

You cannot participate or dance during tryout clinics unless all forms are turned in before clinics begin!

Join our Canvas Page for Tryouts: <https://garlandisd.instructure.com/enroll/BT3E3N>

Application/Paperwork consists of:

1. 2024-2025 Sapphires Application
2. Parental Consent Form, Health Form, Standards of Uniformity, Payment Plan Contract
3. Fine Arts Handbook "Permission, Commitment, Signature Pages"
4. GISD Media Release Form
5. Concussion Acknowledgement Form
6. Cardiac Arrest Form
7. Copy of your 23-24 Physical, *UIL & GISD requires new medical forms and physicals every year*
**A new physical will be required after May 1, 2024 for the 24-25 school year.*
8. A copy of your most current report card (including Cycles 1-3)

Tryout Clinics

Tuesday, April 23	4:30-6:30pm	SGHS Cafeteria
Wednesday, April 24	4:30-6:30pm	SGHS Cafeteria
Thursday, April 25	4:30-6:30pm	SGHS Cafeteria
Friday, April 26	4:30-6:30pm	SGHS Cafeteria

Tryout Date

Saturday, April 27 Naaman Forest HS (Time TBD)

During the try-out clinics, you will learn the following:

- a. *presentation – posture, poise, and projection*
- b. *jazz routine (including dance technique)*
- c. *kick routine (emphasizing proper kick technique)*
- d. *right split, left split (focusing on technique and flexibility)*

TRYOUTS DAY & JUDGING CRITERIA

Sapphires Junior Varsity Drill Team

Tryouts will be held on **Saturday, April 27, 2024** at Naaman Forest High School inside the Main Gym. More details regarding tryouts will be provided at the mandatory parent/student meeting and during the week of tryouts (arrival time, where to enter for roll call, etc.). Parents are not allowed to stay for tryouts.

WHAT TO WEAR FOR TRYOUTS:

***Black** fitted tank top, fitted T-shirt, or fitted Long-sleeve. (No spaghetti straps, crop tops or low cuts showing your chest).

*Black long leggings for females, black fitted sweatpants for males. (Make sure your leggings are not see-through, wear appropriate undergarments underneath in case they are thin material).

*Lightweight tennis shoes, nude dance slippers, black/nude jazz shoes (if you already have a pair)

*Middle part, Low ponytail (slick back): ponytail hair can be straight or curly, make sure your hair is neat & presentable

*Make-up for females: silver/black eye shadow, mascara, blush/bronzer, RED lipstick

Auditions are closed. No one may be in the warm-up area with the candidates. Callbacks are a possibility. You may not leave until you are dismissed. Make sure the holding area is left clean.

JUDGES/SCORING

The judges are from a variety of major drill team companies. All judges will be certified and experienced in the field of drill team and adjudication. There will be 5 judges. The high and low total score will be dropped and the middle 3 will be added together for the final composite score. The director's score will be factored into the final tryout score.

TRY-OUT RESULTS & MAKING THE TEAM

The 2024-2025 Sapphires results will be posted in numerical order on our Canvas Page.
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New Team Members will have the following events/meetings after Making the Team:

★ **Mandatory New Team Parent/Sapphire Meeting** *May 6th 6:00pm*

All parents are required to attend this virtual meeting *Google code will be sent out closer to date*

★ **1st payment "Deposit" Due** *May 7th 4:30pm*

★ **New Team "Uniform Fitting Day"** *May 7th 4:30-6pm, SGHS Choir Room*

“TRYOUT TIPS”

1. Have a clean black tank top (2-3 inch straps), fitted black T-shirt or long-sleeve top, one pair of fitted black long leggings “solid black” (Walmart, Target, etc.) and nude dance slippers, black/nude jazz shoes, or lightweight tennis shoes. (They do not have to be brand new, just without holes or tears.)
2. Style your hair with a middle part, low ponytail slicked back (straight). Please wear enough hair bands and bobby pins so that your hair will stay secure as you dance.
3. Don’t overdo your make-up! This is always one of the first mistakes that a drill team candidate makes. Be sure to wear make-up but do not let it be an overpowering part of your appearance. Loose glitter is not allowed!
4. Each hopeful will need to wear RED lipstick for try-outs. Any lipstick brand will be fine for auditions. Just make sure it is RED, not maroon, brown or pink.
5. Stay focused and have a positive attitude.

Do your very best and convince the judges through your smile and performance how much you really want to be a Sapphire. WE are looking for potential, so do your best to shine!!!

GOOD LUCK TO EACH OF THE CANDIDATES!!!!!!

WHAT TO WEAR FOR AUDITIONS

1. Black Fitted Tank Top (2-3 inch strap), Black Fitted T-shirt, Black Fitted Long-sleeve
2. Black Long Leggings (females), Black Fitted Sweatpants (Males)
3. Middle Part, low ponytail (slicked back, straight hair)
4. Black socks only
5. Nude Dance Slippers, Black or Nude Jazz Shoes (if you already a pair), Lightweight tennis shoes
6. RED lipstick, natural makeup

If you have further questions, please email Ms. Williams at twilliams2@garlandisd.net

EXPECTATIONS for all SAPPHIRES

- * Always say, "Yes Ma'am/Yes Sir" when corrected or given directions by anyone! We all practice **mutual respect** and **good manners** inside and outside of practice!
- * ***Make payments on time, and/or communicate with the director ahead of time to request an extension. Anyone who does not make their payment on time, will not receive their ordered items, and will not be allowed to perform.***
- * Turn in paperwork/forms, costumes, props, etc., in on time. (Strive to be early and never late.)
- * Be on time for all rehearsals and performances.
- * Wear the correct attire for all rehearsal and performances.
- * Always look presentable inside and outside of school. (Following school policy for dress code)
- * Put your name on everything that is yours!!!! It is imperative that you label your items!
- * Show respect towards the director's decisions, instructions, practice goals, etc. (Do not speak negatively about decisions made, etc.), instead go speak with your director after practice.
- * Chewing gum, and wearing jewelry during practice is **inappropriate and unacceptable**.
- * Wear **RED** lipstick for every performance unless told that you don't have to.
- * ***Keep the dressing room neat and clean at all times!!!***
- * No eating allowed inside the locker room or dance studio! (Unless given permission by director)
- * Keep all valuables locked up in your locker. (This includes money, jewelry, etc.)
- * **School attendance is very important. You may not miss school, unless it's a medical emergency, death in the family, or absolutely unavoidable!**
- * **NEVER talk back or respond inappropriately.** Be kind and respectful to all, at all times!
- * Only talk positively about our organization and your fellow team-mates.
- * ***Be a role model...set a good example for the Sapphires and yourself at all times. Always behave/speak like a lady/gentleman (inside and outside of school). You represent the Sapphires!***
- * Follow the rules and regulations at all times! Garland ISD policies, South Garland HS policies, and Sapphires expectations.
- * If any problem occurs, go to the Directors or a dance officer for help and advice immediately.
- * Avoid receiving demerits for anything (inappropriate behavior, forgetting items, arriving late, etc.)
- * ***You must have appropriate and clean "social media" accounts at all times, otherwise consequences will be assigned!***

Sapphires Seasons: **“A Year in Review”**

Team Fitting:

The Director will set a date for “Team Fitting” to help all Sapphires get fitted for practice & performance items. The Director will use samples from vendors to complete their order form.

Summer Practices and Camp:

All members must attend all summer practices scheduled by the director. Members are required to attend summer camp where they will bond as a team, get to know each other, but also dedicate time to develop their skills needed for the school year. Football Game-Day preparations, Football Routines, Pep Rally Routines and other material will be learned during summer practices and camp.

Officer/Social Leadership Clinic:

One day clinic held for candidates that make a dance officer/social officer position. They will learn additional skills to help them be successful leaders throughout the year.

Class Period:

Sapphires JV drill class is single blocked for both semesters.

Weekly Practice Schedule:

As a member of the Sapphires, you will be required to attend all after school practices from 3pm to 5pm. Students will receive a calendar at the beginning of the school year so they can plan accordingly. Each unexcused absence will result in demerits based on the GISD Fine Arts Handbook, and possible removal from upcoming performances.

Football Season:

The Sapphires will be required to attend 3-5 District Junior Varsity football games as designated by the director. These are scheduled on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings during the fall semester. Attendance at JV football games is mandatory. You must ride the school bus with the team to each game location, and you must have someone to pick you up upon arrival at SGHS following the game. During football season all members will learn all routines and must audition for each routine.

The Sapphires must attend a minimum of 3 HOME District Varsity football games as designated by the director. These are scheduled on either Thursday or Friday evenings during the fall semester, and usually fall on the day after the JV football games. Attendance and transportation are the same as JV football games unless notified of change.

Parades/Community Events:

The Sapphires participate in 2 parades throughout the year; Labor Day Parade (Sept. 2, 2024) and MLK Parade (Jan. 18, 2025). Members will also participate in community events (during school and afterschool).

Basketball Season:

The Sapphires attend to support and perform at home basketball games. Dates are determined when the Basketball schedule is provided to the director.

GISD Dance Festival:

At this event all GISD Dance/Drill Teams will showcase various routines. The festival is open to the public for spectators to attend.

Varsity Spring Show

The Sapphires will perform in the Royal Legacy end of the year drill team production held in the SGHS Auditorium.

End of the Year Banquet:

At this event the Sapphires celebrate their accomplishments from the year.

Uniform Return:

All members of the JV Drill Team will receive clean district uniforms for the school year, and will be required to return all uniform pieces dry-cleaned, or pay an estimated cost of \$10-\$15 for the cleaning fee.

Fundraisers

Fundraisers are held throughout the year to help raise money for team needs. Fundraisers will be discussed in more detail at each Booster Club meeting.

***Sapphires is a year-round commitment with a 1-month summer break, plus holiday breaks throughout the school year!**

*We also plan Team Bonding Activities for our team to unite, relax and make fun memories together!

TENTATIVE DATES (April to August)

Date	Activity	Time/Location
March 21	Mandatory "Tryout Meeting" <i>*Parent and Student must attend to be eligible for tryouts.</i>	6:30pm (SGHS East Gym)
April 11	Tryout Paperwork Due	6pm (SGHS Dance Studio)
April 23-26	Tryout Clinics	3:30-6:30pm (SGHS Cafeteria)
April 27	Tryout Day! <i>*Results will be posted on Canvas</i>	Time TBD (Naaman Forest HS)
May 6	Mandatory New Team Meeting (parent & student)	6:00pm (Virtual)
May 7	Payment #1 due: \$150 deposit	Cash, Check, Money Order
May 7	New Team "Fitting Day"	4:30-6pm (SGHS Choir Room)

*****2024-2025 Physical will be due on or before June 3, 2024*****

Summer Practice/Team Camp:

June 3	Payment #2 due	Cash, Check, Money Order
June 3	Team Practice	11-12:30pm
June 4	Team Practice	11-12:30pm
June 5	Team Practice	11-12:30pm
June 6	Team Practice	11-12:30pm
TBD	Officer/Social Council Leadership Clinic	TBD
July 15-19	Team Practice "Boot Camp Week"	10-12:30pm (Location to be determined)
July 15	Payment #3 due	Cash, Check, Money Order
July 22-24	JV/Varsity Team Camp <i>*Camp Show-offs, July 24th</i>	8am-6pm (Location TBD)
July 29	JV & Varsity Practice	8-10:30am (Location TBD)
July 30	JV & Varsity Practice	8am-12pm (Location TBD)
August 3	Team Car Wash Fundraiser	8am-1pm (SGHS)
August 12	1st day of school	
August 13	Payment #4 due	Cash, Check, Money Order
September 13	Final Payment due	Cash, Check, Money Order

2024-2025 Junior Varsity Drill Team Tryout Checklist

- Sapphires Application
- Parental Consent Form
- Health Form
- Standards of Uniformity
- Payment Plan Contract
- 24-25 Fine Arts Handbook
- Fine Arts Handbook Signature Pages
- GISD Media Release Form
- Concussion Acknowledge Form
- Cardiac Arrest Form
- Copy of your 23-24 Physical **A new physical will be required after May 1, 2024**
- A copy of your most current report card (including Cycles 1-3)

*****ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN on or before *Thursday, April 11, 2024*. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.*****

Scan QR Code to access the Canvas Page!

