

CHURCHILL FULSHEAR HIGH SCHOOL FULSHEAR STORM DANCE TEAM CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I. DANCE TEAM ORGANIZATION

The name of the dance team of Churchill Fulshear High School shall be the Fulshear Storm Dance Team. The founding Director of the Storm Dance Team was Erica Sury in 2016. The organization shall follow the traditional school colors of purple and black. Members of the dance team must meet all standards set forth in this constitution.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

- To promote school spirit and good sportsmanship;
- To represent Lamar Consolidated ISD at school functions and events, on and off campus;
- To increase and develop character, scholarship, leadership and individual responsibility;
- To develop and maintain a very high standard of technical and creative dance.

ARTICLE III. AUDITION PROCEDURES

Line Membership

- **Active Participant** is a current member of the dance team. All active members must audition each year for a place on the dance team for the next school year.
 - **Candidate Member** is a student who will audition for a first-year dance team membership.
1. The Director will determine the audition dates.
 2. One parent/guardian must attend a pre-audition meeting for each candidate.
 3. Active participants and candidate members must be entering grades 9-12.
 4. Active participants and candidate members must have no more than three discipline notices on file from the current school year.
 5. Active participants and candidate members are not allowed to have had 2 or more instances of suspension or in school suspension (ISS), placement in a disciplinary Alternative Education Program, or expulsion during the current school year.
 6. Active participants and candidate members must have all required forms turned in by the assigned date.
 7. Active participants and candidate members will attend every day of the audition clinic and audition day.
 8. A judging panel of three (3) dance educators will select those active participants and candidate members that will be on the team.
 9. Active participants and candidate members will be judged on the performance based on technique, kick height and technique, projection, memory, rhythm and coordination, execution of movement, flexibility, and overall appearance.

ARTICLE IV. ACTIVE PARTICIPANT MEMBERSHIP

1. Entering grades 9 through 12;
2. Membership is for an entire year, from audition to audition;
3. Able to execute specific dance techniques at all performances;
4. Submit a signed LCISD Physical Form completed by a physician;
5. Follow all guidelines set forth in the LCISD Secondary Student Handbook, including the Code of Conduct, & the dance team constitution.

ARTICLE V: UNIFORMS AND COSTUMES

The school will furnish the dance team performance uniforms and props. The uniforms and props are to remain at school unless checked out by the director. Each member is held responsible for the care and return of members' uniform or props. The member will pay for any damaged uniform or prop, or any uniform not cleaned at the end of the school year. Members must purchase dance attire and other accessories as well as any other items designated by the director.

1. Dance team uniform/performance attire must be kept clean and in good condition.
2. All school property issued to any dance team member will be kept in good condition and returned to the director as it was originally issued. Replacement cost will be at the expense of the member.
3. A signed Uniform Loan Contract must be on file.
4. If an item is lost, misplaced, stolen, or damaged, the member will be responsible for the cost of replacing the item. The member will pay full payment of lost or damaged items within three weeks of "check in" time.
5. Dance team practice/performance attire will only be distributed to members who have paid their fees in full.
6. Uniform/performance attire may not be altered in any manner without the director's permission.
7. Uniform/performance attire are never to be worn in public places other than specified performance venues.
8. Attire specified by the director is required to participate in any dance team rehearsal/performance.
9. Any member who is dismissed or resigns from the team is required to return all school issued uniforms/performance attire and accessories within seven (7) school days. Failure to comply will place student on the "fines" list on the campus.

ARTICLE VI. AUDITION PROCEDURES

Military Officers

APPLICATION:

1. Officer applicants must be entering grades 10-12.
2. Officer candidates must be an active Fulshear Storm Dance Team members and have a minimum of one-year experience on Fulshear's dance team.
3. Officer candidates must have filed the appropriate application of intent form and must have met all deadlines set by the director.

AUDITION:

1. It is the responsibility of the officer candidate to be aware of all announcements and posted notices regarding audition dates.
2. Officer candidates must try out on the date designated by the director. Auditions occur only at the designated time(s). Requests for second auditions will not be granted.
3. A judging panel of three dance educators will rate the officer candidates. The director does not rate candidates within the categories of solo performance, group performance(s) and interview.
4. Officer candidates will be rated according to the following percentages:
 - Notebook (10%)
 - Team Vote (10%)
 - Teaching Project (10%)
 - Judges (70%)
 - Categories: Solo performance, group performance(s) and interview
5. Officer candidates wear a number and all judging information will be documented according to the number.
6. Officer candidates will be prepared to show audition choreography to judges as many times as necessary during the selection process.

7. The decision of the judges is final and is announced as soon as possible.
8. Auditions are closed to the public with only the judges, director, campus administrator, and necessary personnel in attendance.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Officers must comply with all guidelines that apply to dance team members.
2. Officers are required to attend an officer camp designated by the director. If an officer does not attend officer camp, they will be moved to line member status.
3. All officers will be required to perform all officer responsibilities and be present at all practices, meetings, performances and functions. Failure to complete the duties assigned by the director will result in being moved to line member status.

ARTICLE VII. LETTERING

Guidelines for earning a letter jacket is outlined in the LCISD Secondary Student Handbook.

ARTICLE VIII. RESPONSIBILITIES

ATTENDANCE

Dance team programs practice, perform and compete during the entire school year and attend rehearsals and camps during selected summer months.

1. All members must attend all SUMMER camps/rehearsals/performances set by the director.
2. All members, if eligible, are required to attend all performances scheduled by the director.
3. It is the expectation that all active members participate in all practices and performances. If an absence does occur, the director will make the final decision as to participation for any upcoming performances.
4. Absence from any practice or performance is considered unexcused except for:
 - a. personal illness (with signed Doctor's note)
 - b. funeral or death in the immediate family
 - c. special school activities with special permission secured from the director at least 3 days prior to the absence
5. Unexcused absences will result in demerits and/or possible dismissal from team membership.
6. Any member absent from school, a practice or a performance is responsible for contacting another member to obtain all information given to the team during the absence.
7. A member who is not performing must be in attendance and in appropriate attire at all practices and performances with the team.
8. Members who have intermittent conflicts with other LCISD sponsored activities are eligible to perform with prior permission from the director. Notice must be provided to the director with a minimum of seven calendar days before the day of absence.
9. Any member who is absent from school, a practice or a performance is responsible for contacting the director prior to the absence.
10. Members may not participate in any activities or sport that routinely interfere with their dance team responsibilities without prior approval of the dance team director, the activities director/athletic coach, and school administration.

PERFORMANCE SEASONS

Dance team performance seasons consist of: football, contest, and special community performances throughout the year. Each season may have variances between performance season guidelines, which will be provided by the director. The following guidelines will be adhered to for all seasons:

1. Members must remain at all activities for the duration of the event.

2. Members must ride the bus to and from any team event. In the event of an extenuating circumstance, which prevents the student from riding the bus, a request and appropriate forms must be submitted to the director five days prior to the event.
3. Auditions may be held for each performance. The director will designate the date and time.
4. Members, who do not make the performing auditions, will be an alternate. Alternates must attend and participate in all practices and functions.
5. Any member unable to dance for an extended period of time must attend all practices, performances or activities (unless specified by the director). Failure to attend will result in demerits and/or possible dismissal from the team. A doctor's note is required after three consecutive days of non-participation due to health.

ARTICLE IX. DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM

DEMERIT SYSTEM

1. The director will provide the members with a written set of expectations for the demerit system yearly.
2. The director will maintain a record of demerit(s) received by each member.
3. Demerits received during summer rehearsals/activities will not be part of the permanent record if the member works off the demerit(s) before the start of the first official school day. Any demerit not worked off by the first day of school will be added to the student's permanent demerit record for the school year.
4. Starting the first official school day, demerits received will remain on record until the end of the current school year.

Demerit System– Line Members

1-10	Demerits	Retains performance privileges		
11	Demerits	Six-week probation	Attend all practices/events in full performance attire	No performance privileges
20	Demerits	Dismissal from team for remainder of school year		

Demerit System – Officer Members

1-10	Demerits	Retains performance and officer privileges		
11	Demerits	Removed from officer position to line member position	Attend all practices/events in full performance attire	No performance or officer privileges
		Six-week probation		
20	Demerits	Dismissal from team for remainder of school year		

SOCIAL MEDIA

Guidelines for use of social media and consequences for misuse of social media, which may include removal from team, are outlined in the LCISD Secondary Student Handbook.

Disciplinary Expectations

1. Members will comply with the following documents and procedures at all times:
 - a. Fulshear Storm Dance Team Constitution
 - b. LCISD Student Code of Conduct & Extracurricular handbook
 - c. Directives given by the dance team director- written or verbal
2. Members who do not comply with the above documents/directives will result in the issue of one or more of the following: demerits, probation, suspension, and/or loss of membership for the remainder of the school year based upon the recommendation of the director and school administration

ARTICLE X. PROBATION, SUSPENSION, AND LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

DEFINITIONS

Probation – defined as a member that will not be able to perform in any performance or represent the dance team (ex. wearing dance team attire to school) but must attend ALL dance team functions (scheduled practices, performances, other appearances).

Loss of Membership – defined as a member that will not be permitted participation in any activity of the dance team for the remainder of the school year. A dismissed member must turn in their performing uniform(s) and any other issued items as outlined in Article V: Uniforms and Costumes. A dismissed member is not allowed to wear any dance team attire to school or in public. All property of CFHS must be turned in immediately. The student will be removed from the dance team class and placed into the appropriate class/subject with the guidance of the counseling center.

1. Any member who makes below 70% in any course on a 6 weeks' report card will be placed on probation for the next three weeks. The probation begins seven calendar days after the end of the grading period. (Texas Education Code 33.081)
2. Any member who is ineligible for any **two** 6-week report cards will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the school year.
3. Any member who is dismissed or resigns from the team during a school year is eligible to audition for the team for the next school year and will only receive privileges given to a first-year member.
4. Any member assigned 2 or more instances of in or out of school suspension and/or more than five days of lunch detention will automatically be dismissed from the dance team.
5. Placement in a disciplinary Alternative Education Program or expulsion from school will result in dismissal from the dance team for the entirety of the school year.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

1. The director and administrators reserve the right to amend the constitution at any time as long as notification has been given to every dance team member.
2. Notification must be given at least two weeks in advance before the amendment is to go into effect.
3. The interpretation of this constitution is the sole right of the director and the principal. They have the right to add or change those things for the benefit of the organization.
4. This constitution is meant to be a basic operating instrument and is not intended to cover every operating policy.

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I have received a copy of the Churchill Fulshear High School Storm Dance Team Constitution. I have read and understand the conditions for tryouts and maintaining membership in the Fulshear Storm organization. I agree to abide by all policies and procedures governing this organization.

I understand and agree to the guidelines and expectations outlined herein.

Student Signature

Date

Print Name

Parent Signature

Date

Print Name