

2025-2026

*Lariaette Tryout Information*



**ALL PAPERWORK IS DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 7 AT 2:35 PM**

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## Mandatory Parent Tryout Meeting

- Tuesday, **March 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm in the Lariaette Dance Room (711)

## Tryout Paperwork

- Application, Parent Permission Slip, Merits, & 5 Teacher Recs due **March 7** by 2:35pm
  - Late applications will result in a -10 point deduction from tryout score; Missing teacher recommendations will deduct 1 point per missing teacher.

## Tryout Clinic

- Tryout Clinic will be after school on **March 10-11** in the Lariaette Dance Room (711) from 3pm-4pm

## Mock Tryouts

- **March 12<sup>th</sup>** in the Lariaette Dance Room (711)
- 3:00pm-4:30pm
- Dancers wear all black dancewear, dance shoes, and hair in a ponytail

## Lariaette Tryouts

- **March 13<sup>th</sup>** in the Lariaette Dance Room (711)
- 3:00pm – finish (approx. 2-3 hours)
- Dancers wear all black fitted top (*no crop tops*), solid black leggings, dance shoes, hair in a slicked low ponytail; make-up, red lipstick, no jewelry, no nail polish; you need 2 safety pins for number on front of top.
  - Returning Lariaettes: Wear Space-Dye Tank
- Dancers will be evaluated on a Jazz Routine, Kick combination, and their splits. Dancers will be judged on technique, memory, performance, appearance, flexibility, and overall impression. Dancers will be judged by 3 dance professionals and all decisions made are final.
- Results will be posted the night of the Tryout on the Lariaette website.
- Students must be present in school all day to audition.

## New Team Parent Meeting & Apparel Order

- **April 29<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm in the Lariaette Dance Room
- **Bring a laptop**
- \$250 deposit due at meeting
- Failure to pay and attend the meeting will result in her not being on the team for the following year.

## Lariaette Tryout Eligibility

- Current Lariaette, Lasso, or Dance Department Student
- Merits
  - Lariaettes: 450 merits
  - Lassos: 250 merits
  - Dance Department Students: 150 merits
- Overall GPA of 2.5, calculated from all grading periods completed during the current school year
- No disciplinary actions at Dobie
- Minimal number of absences
- Parent/Guardian attends mandatory meeting prior to tryouts

## Lariaette General Information

- **Time:** Our organization is year-round and therefor requires a great deal of time and commitment. Daily rehearsals are mandatory. Missing practice not only can set back your dancer, but the whole team. Our calendar is available on our Lariaette website. Majority of dates for the year are planned months in advance, and changes made are given with as much notice as possible.
- **Money:** It is most expensive for a first-year member, as there is the initial start up cost of purchasing all your practice wear and performance accessories. A returning member has a significantly lower initial cost each year. Each Lariaette will have annual dues to cover the costs of year: contest entry fees, supplies, banquet, props, choreography, music, Spring Show costs, transportation, meals, and numerous other aspects of the program. Lariaettes are expected to participate in fundraisers and those funds are applied to their dues balance. Their remaining dues balance must be paid out of pocket. If a member at any time quits, the balance must be paid to be released from the class. There are absolutely **NO REFUNDS!**
- **Tryouts:** Lariaettes are expected to tryout for every dance during the year.
- **Lariaette Officers:** Lariaette “Hopefuls” and their parents need to be aware of the authority and role of the officers. Although all Lariaettes are high school students, officers have the responsibility to lead and discipline the team when instructed to do so by the director. Line members will be expected to adhere to the requests of and respect their officers.
- **Constitution & Demerit System:** Lariaettes are governed by a constitution and employs a demerit system. Demerits are given for tardiness, absenteeism, forgetting items or money that are due, incorrect attire, not fulfilling obligations, and various other major and minor offenses. Dance team members will be put on probation at 10 demerits and eventually dismissed upon accumulation of 15 demerits.
- **Academics:** Academics are the most important priority. We adhere to the the UIL “no pass, no play” rule and guidelines.
- **Volunteers:** Parental Support is often needed during the year. Parent volunteers are instrumental to the running of our organization. Parents are strongly encouraged whenever volunteers are needed.

# Lariaette Year-Round Expectations

## **The following are mandatory Lariaette Events**

- Always uphold the PISD Dance & Lariaette Constitution
- Summer Line Camp (End of July)
- 6:00 AM Morning Practice year-round
- Participation in Lariaette Fundraisers
- After school band rehearsals
- Varsity Football Games
- Pep Rallies
- Dance Competitions
- Kids Dance Clinic
- Parades
- Community Events
- Choreographer Sessions
- Saturday Practices
- After school Spring Show rehearsals
- Spring Show

## Lariaette Audition Expectations

- **Overall Technique/Style:**
  - Familiar with basic dance steps (chasse, pas de bouree, ball change, cross ball change, etc.)
  - Stylized dance ability
  - Must have a clear sense of control and awareness of body placement
  - Familiar with all styles of dance: jazz, hip hop, lyrical, pom, contemporary, etc.
- **Skills:**
  - Clean double pirouette
  - Leap (right & left)
  - Press Leap
  - Toe Touch
  - Splits (Right & Left)

*\* Must be able to do all the above with strength, confidence, and projection*

*\* We are looking for dancers that have the potential to adapt to the Lariaette style easily.*

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**Due March 7<sup>th</sup> by 2:35pm**

## Tryout Application

- You must be signed in to your PISD account to access the application.
- <https://forms.gle/HRwJEBM55kuJAB3J6>

## Teacher Recommendation Link

- 5 Recommendations required.
- <https://forms.gle/7GYV14xtQc2vdWu27>

## Parent Permission Slip

- Print, Sign, & Return
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V81Jzy6QuQljZvmoTumVAJaLdU8rJrf/view?usp=sharing>
- Turn in to Lariaette Director

## Merit Sheet

- Turn in to Lariaette Director