

# EAGLETTE TRYOUTS!

On behalf of the 2016-2017 Eaglette line, we are honored that you are considering auditioning for our team. We think you'll find it to be a rewarding experience! Please read this entire packet of information in its entirety at least three times. You won't want to miss anything!

**Veronica Young      Thelma Flores**  
**Eaglette Directors**

## **ORGANIZATION:**

- Eaglettes is the drill/ dance team at Richardson High School.
- Strict discipline is enforced
- Self improvement throughout the year is important
- Academics is a priority
- Members are expected to respect authority
- Parental support is important with organization guidelines and involvement
- Members perform at football, basketball games, elementary schools, and community events.
- Competition and annual Revue
- Attend summer camp
- Practice is everyday 7:20am- 9:20am (1<sup>st</sup> period) (Thursday 7am-9am)
- Eaglettes have year around activities including some after school practices

## **FACTS ABOUT TRYOUTS:**

- No specific number is set to be chosen
- Grade classification does not matter
- Directors and current members do not pick new members
- Outside judges are hired. We use a professional tabulator and there will be an administrator present
- Tryouts are closed to the public
- Judging:
  - Poise, athleticism & presence= 5 points
  - Kicks (technique & height)= 10 points
  - Splits (left & right)= 5 points
  - Projection & memory= 10 points
  - Dance technique= 10 points
  - Overall impression= 10 points
  - Teacher recommendation= 5 points

## **MEETING:**



A **MANDATORY** informational meeting for you and at least one parent will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 15th at 6:00pm in the Library.** Should only last about 30/45 mins

### **You should bring the following to the meeting:**

- One parent/guardian
- Pen/Pencil to take notes

## **ELIGIBILITY OF TRYOUTS:**

In order to attend the clinics each student must have passes all classes the 1st nine weeks. If you did not pass with a 70 or above you are still allowed to tryout but you may not attend the workshops (Pre AP & AP are an exception). You however must still attend the parent meeting. You will be required to turn in your 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks report card, picture, medical form, physical, insurance form and application on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the tryout practice.

**Teacher Recommendations:** Pick up at the parent meeting November 15th! Please pick five teachers and have them fill out the form and place them in Mrs. Young's box. You are not to collect these forms from the teacher. Please select **four core** class teachers and **one elective** class teacher to fill these out. Again, the teacher will need to place these in Mrs. Young's box. You can ask Ms. Flores and Mrs. Young to be your elective recommendation. Completed forms will **NOT** be accepted from students to use in tryouts.

## **TRYOUT WORKSHOPS: (WE START ON TIME)- learn tryout dances**

### **All practices are closed to the public**

Mon/Tues/Wed – Dec 5, 6, 7	4:30pm-6:30pm	RHS small gym- MANDATORY
Thurs – Dec. 8(MOCK TRYOUTS)	4:30-5:30 pm	RHS small gym - MANDATORY
Friday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>TRYOUTS</b>	5:00pm-???	RHS small gym <b>MANDATORY</b>

Wear any dance/workout attire to the workshops. Make sure hair is up and pulled back from the face, tan jazz shoes or athletic shoes. You will learn how to execute both splits, showmanship, a jazz routine, and a kick routine. All workshop dates are closed to the public. Current Eaglette officers will be teaching all tryout dances. Directors will be present.

**Mock tryouts December 8<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 4:30 pm** - Closed dress rehearsal to run through the entire routine and audition process.

### **Tryouts:**

**Friday, December 9TH, 2016 5:00pm in the RHS small gym/dance room.** Tryouts are closed to the public.

### *Attire:*

- Hair in a tight ponytail (no bangs)
- Black fitted tank top (no writing or designs)
- Black full length pants or leggings
- Tan jazz shoes preferred but black are ok
- Number pinned to chest (bring your own safety pins- 4)
- Red lipstick and wear flattering make up
- No cover-ups, jewelry, gum

**Each audition group will perform right and left splits, a kick routine, and a jazz routine. Callbacks will be held at the judge's discretion. Selection will be based on jazz technique, high kick technique, projection (showmanship/smile), memory, poise, presence and teacher recommendation.**

**NOTIFICATION:**

Results will be posted shortly following tryouts on the windows at the front of the school and online at [www.eaglettes.org](http://www.eaglettes.org). Only tryout numbers will be posted.

**ROOKIE MEETING:** Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Library.

**COMMITMENT TO THE EAGLETTES: ROOKIE CLASS**

All dancers selected to be members of the 2016-2017 Line, known as Rookies, will be required to start learning the Eaglette way immediately! They do not actually become an Eaglette until May 2017 at banquet. The Rookie class will learn the Eaglette way including different styles of dance and technique. The Rookies will be competing in February or March and the group will perform two dances in Revue on Saturday and Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Rookie TIME Commitment**

1. Enroll in the 1<sup>st</sup> period spring semester Rookie Class, it is required. I will email your counselors
2. January: some after school practices for contest
3. February: attend contest and perform at a basketball game
4. March: participate in RHS fun run
5. April: some before school practices for Revue, and attend banquet
6. May: Attend spring football game
7. One hour a week after school most weeks for private dance lessons

**Payment Schedule**

1. December 13<sup>th</sup> 2016: Practice clothing \$150-\$180(see next page) at Rookie mtg
2. January 2017: ½ of Rookie Fee: \$100.00
3. February 2017: ½ of Rookie Fee: \$100.00, Field hat: \$75.00
4. March 2017: Summer Camp fee \$100.00
5. April 2017 Field Boots: \$70.00
6. May 2017: Eaglette clothing & uniform pieces \$100 deposit
7. July 2017 Eaglettes clothing & uniform pieces final payment – TBD
8. August 2017: ½ EBC Commitment fee \$100 (\$200 for the 2017-2018 year)
9. September 2017: Letter jacket payments \$150 regular/\$160 extra length
10. October 2017: ½ EBC Commitment fee \$100 (2017)

***All prices are estimates and could change slightly. Notification will be given with any changes.***

***Rookie Fee and Commitment Fee – This is used to cover the cost of contest, meals, gifts, dance classes as a Rookie, rent or buy costumes, props, banquet, and other miscellaneous expenses throughout the year.***

### **FUNDRAISING**

***Fundraising is highly recommended to offset personal costs. Fundraisers are offered every 4-6 weeks throughout the year. As an Eaglette, you will be required to raise \$400 in fundraising each year. Everything you raise above and beyond can be used to offset the cost of Eaglettes. Many things we purchase will be used for all the years on Eaglettes. The first year is the most expensive year, the overall cost of being a member becomes less each year on the team.***

***Please note: A dancer who makes the team will not have the opportunity to audition for other conflicting performance group's on-campus this spring. It would not be appropriate to accept an Eaglette spot in the line and then back out on the commitment. Please understand this fully.***

## **I MADE IT.....CONGRATULATIONS!**

**MANDATORY ROOKIE MEETING:** Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Library.

**1. GET SIZED FOR PRACTICE WEAR: (at rookie meeting)**  
BRING YOUR MONEY FOR SHOES AND PRACTICE CLOTHES: (WILL USE ALL THESE DANCE ITEMS AS A ROOKIE AND EAGLETTE)

MONEY ORDERS & CHECK ONLY!    **\$200.00**

TAN JAZZ SHOES- \$32.00

HIP HOP DANCE SNEAKERS-\$47.00

BOOTY SHORTS- \$11

CAPRI LEGGINGS- \$25

PRACTICE TOP - \$16

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BLACK RACER SPORTS BRA- \$12.50

(UNLESS ALREADY PURCHASED, MUST BE ALL BLACK)

CONVERTIBLE TIGHTS- \$25.50 total (required to purchase 2 pair)

RHINESTONE EARRINGS - \$15 total (suggest purchasing two but not required) (\$7.50 each)

\*\* If you already have tan jazz shoes you do not need to purchase any\*\*

**2. MAKE SURE MRS. YOUNG & MS. FLORES HAVE A CORRECT SPELLING OF YOUR NAME, GRADE AND ID #.**

**3. Private Dance Classes – after school at RHS**

We will be bringing in dance instructors to work with all Rookies for one hour after school one day a week throughout the semester. This is similar to taking at a studio but less than half the cost. We do encourage studio training when possible. This after school practice will allow the Rookies to learn together without needing

transportation to and from a studio. Cost will break down to \$5 a session per girl. Again, this is extremely cheap compared to the cost of a studio and included in the Rookie Fee!

**DON'T FORGET!! Rookie Meeting: Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Eagles Nest!**

## **I DID NOT MAKE IT.**

We are very sorry you were not chosen as a member for the 2017-2018 school year. You have several options:

1. Keep working to tryout again November/December 2017.
  - a. Notify Mrs. Young that you would like to keep working on drill team skills and want to stay enrolled in dance class. Second semester 6<sup>th</sup> period will turn into either drill prep part 2 or dance aerobics.
  - b. Enroll in a studio dance class
2. Meet with your counselor to change your schedule into another elective.

Our hope is that you will keep working and join us in the spring dance class!!

Please ask questions!

### **Eaglettes Directors**

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## **Items Due Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Tryout Application with head shot
- Emergency Form
- Physical Form
- Declaration of Insurance Status Form
- Copy of your 1<sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks Report Card

Attach head shot here  
with paperclip or staple

**2017-2018 Eaglette Tryout Application**  
**(Must be completely filled out)**  
**DUE MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

What other clubs and organizations do you belong? \_\_\_\_\_

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I have read all the rules and regulations for the Eaglettes and will participate in all required activities. I understand there are tryouts for each performance as well as the initial tryout to become an Eaglette. I understand to remain eligible; Eaglettes must pass all courses each nine weeks.

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Candidate Signature

Date

We have discussed the responsibilities of being a member of the Eaglettes such as cost, time involved, physical requirements, and performance tryouts. I understand her obligations and responsibilities as a member of the Eaglettes and I will help her in her assignment as an Eaglette. I have read the RISD guidelines and my child will abide by them. I give my permission for her participation in tryouts and understand that the decisions of the judges will be final.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Parent Name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Eaglette Tryouts Teacher Recommendation**

The following student is trying out for Eaglettes the week of December 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> . The Eaglettes are responsible for showing school spirit and being a positive role model for the team inside and outside of school. Please fill out the following information and let me know of any concerns you may have for this student. Please circle a number for every quality listed below. Please place in my box when complete. Thank you!

**Student Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

	Terrible				Great
Classroom Behavior	1	2	3	4	5
Responsibility	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5
Maturity	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for authority	1	2	3	4	5
TOTAL POINTS	_____			Average	_____
Number of Absences	_____				
Number of Tardies	_____				

**Teacher Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature:

Class:

Date:

Comments (positive or negative):

**Due to Mrs. Young by Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**