

2024-2025 Scarlets and Crimsonettes Audition Packet

Purpose

The purpose of the Weiss High School Scarlets and Crimsonettes organizations is to encourage quality performance, high academic standards, loyal school spirit, and high personal values among its members. Through the development of dance technique, servant leadership, self-discipline, cooperation, and good sportsmanship in each individual member, the Scarlets and Crimsonettes will fulfill their purpose for the benefit of Weiss High School and the community of the Pflugerville Independent School District.

Eligibility to Audition

In order to qualify for membership and participation in any PfISD dance team (Scarlets and Crimsonettes) must fulfill the following criteria:

1. Candidates must be enrolled in PfISD for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Candidates must have earned the cumulative number of credits for his or her grade level under UIL Eligibility Rules.
 - a. Beginning 9th Grade: must have been promoted from 8th grade to 9th grade.
 - b. Beginning 10th Grade: must have earned at least 5 credits toward graduation.
 - c. Beginning 11th Grade: must have earned at least 10 credits toward graduation.
 - d. Beginning 12th Grade: must have earned at least 15 credits toward graduation.
3. A candidate who has been attending high school for seven or more semesters is not eligible to audition for dance team membership.
4. A candidate who has been in high school for more than four years is not eligible for dance team membership.
5. A candidate who will turn 19 before September 1st of the first semester of the school year is not eligible for dance team membership.
6. Candidates must not have received OSS, or OC placement for the 2023-2024 school year.
7. Candidates must not have been dismissed from any WHS extra-curricular organizations for disciplinary reasons, including but not limited to; drill team, athletics, band, cheer, choir, etc.

8. Qualified candidates shall have room in their schedule for double-blocked dance team period for the Varsity team or a single blocked dance team period for the Junior Varsity team.
9. **Candidates must complete ALL of the below-listed requirements by their deadlines in order to be eligible to audition.**

Audition Requirements

All candidates must complete the following in order to be eligible to audition for Scarlets:

1. Candidates must submit the online Scarlets application no later than **5:00 PM on TUESDAY, February 20th**. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
2. Candidates must submit a teacher recommendation form and will receive a rating of 1-5 from each of their teachers. The following categories will be taken into consideration when evaluating candidates: respectfulness, responsibility, reliability, initiative, and leadership. Candidates must receive an average score of at least 3 from all of their teachers (combined) in order to be eligible to audition.

Audition Process

1. Candidates must complete the audition application by the deadline in order to be considered. Candidates will receive an audition number upon submission of their audition application at the in-person audition. This audition number is what will be used to identify each candidate through the audition process, including the announcements of auditions results.
2. Candidates will be evaluated by judges on audition day. Candidates will perform their splits, a jazz combination, a contemporary combination, and a short kick combination in front of a panel of judges.
3. Candidates will learn all of the audition material in person according to the schedule listed below. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions due to scheduling conflicts, you will need to report this absence via email to elise.padilla@pfisd.net in order to be excused.
 - a. Tuesday, February 20th, 5:00-7:00 pm- Audition Clinic Day #1 (jazz and kick)
 - b. Wednesday, February 21st, 5:00-7:00 pm- Audition Clinic Day #2 (contemporary)
 - c. Thursday, February 22nd, 5:00- 7:00 pm- Audition Clinic Day #3 (review)
 - d. Friday, February 23rd, 5:30 pm- Scarlets and Crimsonettes Audition**
4. This is a closed audition. Candidates will be identified via audition number and no names will be used. The only people authorized to view audition materials are the three hired judges, the two directors, and/or WHS/PfISD administrators on duty for auditions.

5. Candidates are expected to be prompt, prepared, and participate fully in each day.
6. Clinic Day Attire: Candidates should wear a fitted shirt/tank top, opaque leggings, and dance shoes to each day of the clinics. Hair should be pulled back, and candidates should not be wearing jewelry or chewing gum.
7. Audition Day Attire: Candidates should wear a solid black fitted shirt/tank top, solid black leggings, dance shoes, hair slicked back in a low bun with a center part, and performance quality makeup.
8. While no prior dance experience is required, it is very helpful! Candidates should be proficient in the following skills (including, but not limited to):
 - a. Basic transitional steps (chassé, chaîné, pas de bourrée, pivot turn, etc.)
 - b. Right and Left Splits
 - c. Right and Left Double Pirouettes
 - d. Right and Left Jetés/Stationary Leaps
 - e. Right and Left Battements
 - f. Turning leaps (calypso, chaîné grande jeté, etc.)
 - g. Jump kicks
 - h. Right russian
9. The open-discussion judging panel consists of three outside judges in addition to the directors. Each judge will score candidates based on a rubric worth 100 points. These scores will be averaged and ranked. The candidates who fall above the first natural break in scores will make the Varsity team. The candidates who fall above the second natural break in scores, but below the first natural break, will make the Junior Varsity team. Candidates who fall below the third natural break in scores will automatically be placed in the Dance Team Prep Class during the school day, unless communicated with the directors.
10. Audition results will be posted on www.weissdance.org/tryouts the evening of Friday, February 23rd . Only the audition numbers of candidates who make the team will be listed and no names will be used. All candidates are expected to leave campus directly after being released from auditions and view audition results off-campus.

All audition results are final. Students and parents will not be allowed to see scores under any circumstances. We are happy to give verbal feedback by appointment only. Students interested in receiving feedback must email both of the directors by April 1st to schedule a brief meeting/video conference. Feedback meeting requests will not be accepted after the deadline.

Important Dates

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tues., January 30th	6:00 pm	Mandatory Scarlets audition information meeting- parents/ guardians and candidates must attend.	Library
Tues., February 20th	5:00 pm	Scarlets application deadline Teacher recommendation forms deadline	Application: https://forms.gle/tDEpT2x5tMVx8uwq9 Teacher Recommendation: https://forms.gle/mDRjUDVsRrArRevUIA
Tues., February 20th	5:00-7:00 pm	Audition clinic day #1	Weiss Competition Gym
Wed., February 21st	5:00-7:00 pm	Audition clinic day #2	Weiss Competition Gym
Thurs., February 22nd	5:00-7:00 pm	Audition clinic day #3	Weiss Competition Gym
Fri., February 23rd	5:30 pm-?	Scarlets Audition	Weiss Competition Gym
Feb., March 28th	6:00-7:30 pm	PARENT AND NEW TEAM mandatory meeting	Weiss Dance Studio (G109) Review constitution and Scarlet new team/rookie rehearsals

*Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to check in on all audition clinic days.

Teacher Feedback Email Template

You are required to email ALL of your teachers (except the Weiss dance teachers) and request that they fill out a teacher recommendation for you. Your teachers will rate you on a scale of 1-5 in the following areas: respectfulness, responsibility, reliability, initiative, and leadership. Candidates must receive an average score of at least 3 from all of their teachers (combined) in order to be eligible to audition. The following optional template is an example of a professional email that you may copy + paste to use as a guide. **BE SURE TO PERSONALIZE THE TEMPLATE!** All of your teacher emails should be sent prior to Spring Break!

The subject of your email should read: *Scarlets Audition- Teacher Feedback Form*

Good [Afternoon], [Mr./Ms./Mrs. Teacher's Name],

*I am reaching out to you in regards to my audition for Scarlets. As part of the audition process, candidates will receive a rating from each of their teachers on a scale of 1-5 in the following categories: respectfulness, responsibility, reliability, leadership, and initiative. Would you be willing to complete the feedback form linked below for me? It would be most helpful if you could submit this form by **4:30 PM Friday, February 23rd**. I am grateful for your feedback and appreciate all that you do!*

Link to Teacher Recommendation Form: <https://forms.gle/mDRjUDVsRrArRevUIA>

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to the Scarlets directors at any time. I have included their contact information below for your reference.

Elise Padilla, Director- elise.padilla@pfisd.net

Lindsey Surles, Assistant Director- lindsey.surles@pfisd.net

Dance Office- 512-594-1454

Thank you again for taking the time to help me!

Sincerely, [Candidate Name]

Other Important Information

- **Scarlets Calendar-** Scarlets are considered a varsity-level team and dance team is a year-round activity--we have no "off-season!" Scarlets are expected to commit for the full year (first day of summer break through the last day of school the following school year.) Scarlets have practice every morning before school and MUST be double-blocked in the Scarlets class (1st & 5th period.) Scarlets perform at every varsity football game, pep rallies, some basketball games, parades, competitions, Spring Show, and other various events. Scarlets also have many volunteer-based, fundraising, and social events throughout the school year. All events on the Scarlets calendar are mandatory! If you have any specific questions about conflicts with the calendar, please communicate with the directors.
- **Crimsonettes Calendar-** Crimsonettes are considered a junior-varsity level team, but there is still no "off-season!" Crimsonettes are expected to commit for the full year (first day of summer break through the last day of school the following year.) Crimsonettes will practice during school and have a double-blocked period that is to be determined. Crimsonettes will attend every home varsity football game and perform at two junior varsity football games (dates pending the release of the football schedule.) Crimsonettes will perform at four football games total, competitions, and Spring Show. All events on the Crimsonettes calendar are mandatory! If you have any specific questions about conflicts with the calendar, please communicate with the directors.
- **Scarlets Expenses-** Scarlets will be expected to purchase their own practice wear, some uniform/costume items, as well as spirit wear, trip payments, meal payments, and other miscellaneous expenses throughout the year. Payment plans are built in and spread out as much as possible. Financial issues will never stand in the way of a student participating. We are always happy and willing to work with families to create individual payment plans.
 - Required Items fees - All Scarlets will make payments April-August on or around the first of each month to cover all required dancewear items and fees. These payments will each be approximately \$100-150. Actual costs and a detailed payment plan will be discussed at the new team parent meeting. Please know that these costs are significantly higher for the first year you are on the team than they are in subsequent years. Veteran uniform payments for the 24-25 school year will be approximately in the \$300-500 range.
 - If your student makes the Scarlets Dance Team, there will be a \$120 payment due at the first parent and Scarlet meeting on 2/28/23. This

payment will cover the cost of a uniform hat that your student will keep with them for the entirety of their Scarlet career.

- Trip payments - Depending on the year, Scarlets may be asked to make trip payments. Advance notice of a detailed payment plan schedule will be sent out as early as possible.
- Other fees- There will be numerous optional spirit wear items available to Scarlets and their families. Along with optional items, there will be fees for meals before performances in the fall and the spring, gifts for bigs/littles, etc.
- **Crimsonettes Expenses:** Crimsonettes will be expected to purchase their own practice wear, some uniform/costume items, as well as spirit wear, meal payments, and other miscellaneous expenses throughout the year. Payment plans are built in and spread out as much as possible. *Financial issues will never stand in the way of a student participating. We are always happy and willing to work with families to create individual payment plans.*
 - Required Items fees - All Crimsonettes will make payments April-August on or around the first of each month to cover all required dancewear items and fees. These payments will each be approximately \$100-150. Actual costs and a detailed payment plan will be discussed at the new team parent meeting. Please know that these costs are significantly higher for the first year you are on the team than they are in subsequent years. Practice wear and many performance items will be the same for Scarlets and Crimsonettes, so dancers may continue using items if they move up to Varsity in subsequent years.
 - Other fees- There will be numerous optional spirit wear items available to Scarlets and Crimsonettes and their families. Along with optional items, there will be fees for meals before performances in the fall and the spring (approximately \$100-\$120 per semester), gifts for bigs/littles, etc.
- **Behavioral & academic expectations** - Scarlets and Crimsonettes are expected to behave with respect at all times. They must be responsible students and are expected to be leaders in the WHS community. Additionally, Scarlets and Crimsonettes follow the UIL “no pass no play” requirements, so Scarlets and Crimsonettes must be deemed academically eligible at checkpoints throughout the school year in order to participate.

**Weiss High School Scarlets and Crimsonettes
Audition Agreement and Release Form**

YOU WILL COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY ON THE
AUDITION APPLICATION: <https://forms.gle/b11B73ZLk6Wqtiic9>

I, _____, give my child permission to participate fully in the Scarlets and Crimsonettes audition process. By signing this form, I verify that my child is physically able to participate in auditions and I understand that it is my responsibility to communicate any relevant medical information regarding my child to the Scarlets directors. I understand that by signing this form, I hereby waive and release WHS, Scarlets directors, and Pflugerville ISD from any liability for injury or illness incurred while at the clinic or audition. By signing this form, I am also giving Scarlets permission to use photos of my child in school-related social media accounts and websites. I understand that if my child is selected to be a part of the Scarlets or Crimsonettes organization, they will be expected to follow all rules and expectations set forth by the Scarlets directors and handbook. I have read the handbook and audition packet and understand all of the expectations that my child must meet to participate. I understand the audition process and know that all audition results are final.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I, _____, understand that by signing this form, I am committing to completing the Scarlets and Crimsonettes audition process. I have read and understand both the audition packet and the handbook. I understand that if I am selected for Scarlets, I will be held to the standards outlined in the handbook. I understand that all results are final and that if I am not selected for Scarlets or Crimsonettes and want to schedule a feedback meeting with the directors, I must email them both by April 1st.

Candidate Signature

Date

Emergency Contact Information

EC #1 Name:	EC #2 Name:
Relationship:	Relationship:
Phone Number:	Phone Number: