2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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 2025-2026 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. Candidates must be able to fully commit to participating in all rehearsals and performances. If a candidate is a part of another varsity-level organization that

- may prohibit their ability to attend all events, we ask that they consider only auditioning for our junior varsity team.
- 9. Qualified candidates shall have room in their schedule for double-blocked dance team period.
- 10. Dancer (if new to the program) and one parent must attend the MANDATORY audition meeting on Tuesday, January 13th at 6 PM in the WHS Library
- 11. Candidates must complete ALL of the below-listed requirements by their deadlines in order to be eligible to audition.
- 12. Candidates must attend all mandatory audition days to be eligible to audition.

Audition Requirements

Candidates must submit the <u>online application</u> no later than **5:00 PM on TUESDAY, February 24th, 2026.** Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

Audition Process

- Candidates must complete the audition application by the deadline in order to be considered. Candidates will receive an audition number on February 26th, 2026. 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 extenuating circumstances, you will need to report this absence via email to elise.padilla@pfisd.net in order to be excused. ALL dates are mandatory.
 - a. Tuesday, April 1st, 5:00-7:00 pm- Audition Clinic Day #1 (jazz and kick)
 - b. Wednesday, April 2nd, 5:00-7:00 pm- Audition Clinic Day #2 (contemporary)
 - c. Thursday, April 3rd, 5:00- 7:00 pm- Audition Clinic Day #3 (review)
 - d. Friday, April 4th, 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. What to Wear to Learn Audition Material

- a. Candidates should wear a **fitted** shirt/tank top,
- b. Opaque leggings
- c. Appropriate footwear- halfsoles, jazz shoes, etc.
- d. Hair should be pulled back
- e. candidates should not be wearing jewelry or chewing gum.

7. What to Wear to Audition Day Attire:

- a. Candidates should wear a solid black fitted tank top
- b. Solid black leggings
- c. Dance shoes- halfsoles, jazz shoes, etc.
- d. Hair slicked back in a low bun with a center part
- e. Performance quality makeup with red lipstick
- 8. 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 otherwise communicated with the directors.
- 10. Audition results will be posted on https://www.weissdance.org/auditions the evening of Friday, February 27th . 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.

Important Dates

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tues., February 13th, 2026	6:00 pm	Mandatory audition information meeting- parents/ guardians and candidates must attend.	Weiss Library
Tues., February 24th, 2026	5:00 pm	Application deadline	Application Form
Tues., February 24th, 2026	5:00-7:00 pm*	Audition material day #1	Weiss Competition Gym
Wed., February 25th, 2026	5:00-7:00 pm*	Audition material day #2	Weiss Competition Gym
Thurs., February 26th, 2026	5:00-7:00 pm*	Audition material/review day #3	Weiss Competition Gym
Fri., February 27th, 2026	5:30 pm- 9:00* PM (approximate)	Auditions	Weiss Competition Gym
Wed., April 15th, 2026	6:00-9 PM	PARENT AND NEW TEAM Mandatory meeting	Weiss Library Review constitution, order required items, make first payment installment
Wed. April 29th, 2026	6:30 PM- 7:30 PM	PARENT AND NEW TEAM Mandatory meeting	Weiss Library Booster club parent involvement, voting on booster club executive board
Wed., April 29th, May 6th, May 13th, May 20th.	5:00 PM- 7:00 PM	Mandatory new team rehearsals	WHS Dance Studio

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

Teacher Recommendations

Scarlets and Crimsonettes are held to the highest of standards not only on the dance team but also in the community. Teacher recommendations will be considered during the selection of our teams. On the Weiss Dance Teams Application Form, you must submit at least 5 of your teachers emails. The Directors will reach out to your teachers to fill out a recommendation form. Your teachers will be rating you on a scale of 1-5 on respectfulness, responsibility, reliability, initiative, and leadership. All

teacher recommendations are confidential and will only be viewed by our directors, judges, and/or WHS administrators.

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, basketball games, 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.
 - o 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 \$100-200. 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 required items payment for the 26-27 school year will be approximately in the \$300-500 range.
 - If your student makes the Scarlets Dance Team, there will be a \$350
 payment due at the first parent and Scarlet meeting on 4/15/26. This

- payment will begin to cover the required items that your student will need for their year.
- 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 (approximately \$125-\$175 per semester), 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-December 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 \$125-\$175 per semester), gifts for bigs/littles, etc.
 - If your student makes the Crimsonettes Dance Team, there will be a \$350 payment due at the first parent and Crimsonette meeting on 4/15/26. This payment will help cover the required items your dancer will need for the year.
- 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

<u>AUDITION APPLICATION</u>