

HMS Highstepper Guidelines and Procedures
(Please read this carefully before signing permission form)

1. Being a Highstepper requires dedication, responsibility, a love of dance, and a lot of practice and hard work. Be sure that you are ready for the commitment.
2. The team usually participates in 3 major competitions: Regionals, Kilgore Rangerettes, and Nationals. We travel by charter bus and spend the night in team hotel rooms for regionals and nationals. Travel cost is covered by the team account through our fundraising. Kilgore is a day trip with transportation provided by parents.
3. The team performs at HMS football & basketball games, pep rallies, HMS family fun night, The Highstepper Spring Show, some area high school events and other school and community events in addition to our competition season.
5. The team will attend a 5 day summer camp from 8am-noon in the HMS gym. Date will be determined before we leave for summer. (it will most likely be held the last week of July). Routines for the 2019-20 season will be learned and officers will be chosen at that time.
6. During the non competitive season, the team practices 2 days a week after school from 3:15-5:15. During competition season, we will practice more often. Missing practice can result in not performing.
7. Estimated cost for the year is approx. \$850 for new girls (see attached cost estimate), \$365 for returning girls. Most years, the cost for returning girls is lower, but one of our costumes has been discontinued and must be replaced. Your bill will be paid out in 4 installments with the first installment being due the week after tryouts. If cost is a concern, arrangements can be made for a 5th installment. Also, any business donations you bring in **OVER** the \$200 team requirement will be applied to your individual bill. Many team members continue soliciting business donations after they hit the \$200 goal and apply the rest to their individual bill. I will do everything within reason that I can to make sure financial issues do not keep someone from trying out. Buying used costumes from an outgoing team member is a good way to reduce your cost.
8. Fundraising is required. This is how we pay for buses, hotel, and competition fees. The team holds an elementary dance clinic, sells school spirit shirts and co sponsors the HMS Talent Show. Each team member family is responsible for selling Sonic cards. Team members donate concession items to sell for school socials. We may add an additional fundraiser if needed. You are also responsible for \$200 in business donations. This is how we can take our competition trips without additional funding from parents. Again, any donations **OVER** the required \$200 will be applied to your personal bill.

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