

TRYOUTS INFO SHEET

1. Tryouts will be held in the gym Friday, April 5th at 3:30pm We should be finished by 5:30 pm. Practices will be Monday – Thursday April 1st – 4th from 3:15-5:15 in gym.
2. Tryouts will be a closed session. Only administrators, directors, and judges may be present.
3. Girls are to wear shorts, t-shirt, and tennis shoes . Highstepper practice clothing/uniforms may **not** be worn. Hair needs to be pulled away from face in a ponytail. There is absolutely no need to purchase a new outfit for tryouts. What you wear will not affect your score in any way.
4. Girls will try out in groups of 4-5 with girls in their grade. Groups will be organized according to height. Being a member of the team this year **does not guarantee** a spot on next year's team.
5. Results will be posted on the HMS website no later than 8 pm that evening.
6. Parents may video the routine at the end of practice Mon. - Thurs.
7. A CD of tryout song will be sent home with each girl Monday.
8. Tryout routine will be taught by our choreographer/coach/co director Lacy Turner. **No one** trying out will have seen the routine before the 1st day of practice. The routine will contain military, kick, hip-hop, jazz, and pom style steps and moves. This will allow judges to see the girls' ability in all dance styles the Highsteppers perform.
9. The girls will be asked to demonstrate their ability in the following skills: kicks, toe touch, leap, turn, splits. It is possible to make the team without a mastery of each one of these skills. Judges will be looking for natural ability AND potential for growth and improvement
10. Scores will be tabulated and put in order in the presence of a Herndon administrator. There is no set number of girls who can make the team. A line will be drawn at a natural break in scores. Girls scoring above the break will be on the team. A natural break is the point in the list of scores where there is a noticeable drop. For example: 46, 45, 44, 40. The natural break would be between the scores of 44 and 40 and the line would be drawn there.
11. The girls will be judged by a panel of 3-4 people with dance line or performance experience. **All decisions are final**
12. The tryout permission form and fee of \$20 must be returned to the HMS office or Mrs. Whetstone in D-108 no later than Thursday, March 21st. I will be at the National Competition with the team Friday, the 22nd and will be unable to accept forms.

Tryout Schedule

Monday, April 1st 3:15-5:15 in the gym

Tuesday, April 2nd 3:15-5:15 in the gym

Wednesday, April 3rd 3:15-5:15 in the gym

Thursday, April 4th 3:15-5:15 in the gym

Friday, April 5th 3:15-5:30 in the gym- Tryouts

Kim Whetstone
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