



TRYOUT PACKET

2020 - 2021

Stampede Virtual Tryout Information

Tryout Schedule:

Sunday, August 9th	5:00 PM	Mandatory Online Application Due (Google Form)
Monday, August 10th	9:00 AM	Learning materials become available in Google Classroom (Access code will be emailed to all applicants)
Wednesday, August 12th	9:00 AM	Tryout numbers are assigned and shared with candidates
Thursday, August 13th	11:59 PM	Video submissions due. Must be labeled First, Last Name & Tryout #
Monday, August 17th	5:00 PM	2020-21 Stampede Team announced on Stampede website

Tryout Requirements:

Please see the RISD Guidelines for Country & Western Performance Teams for a full list of requirements.

Important Highlights Include:

- All candidates AND a parent/guardian must watch the informational video regarding tryouts. This is required.
- Candidates must maintain academic eligibility for the entire school year. Failure to do so will result in probation or removal from the team per RISD Country and Western Guidelines.
- Candidates must be an incoming Junior or Senior student at JJ Pearce for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Candidates must have 6th period available within your proposed 2020-2021 schedule. You must be enrolled in the **face-to-face learning** class period in order to be a member of Stampede. Virtual options are not offered.
- Current Stampede members must tryout every year to remain on the team. All tryout requirements will remain the same for current Stampede members.
- All Candidates and their Parents/Guardians are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to read the RISD Country & Western Performance Team Guidelines and the RISD Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct. Should a candidate make the team, these guidelines will be strictly enforced. *Candidates who anticipate not being able to follow the guidelines are encouraged NOT to audition.*

What to Wear:

For Tryouts:

Boys: Plain white T-shirt (tucked in), Jeans, and boots or tennis shoes

Girls: Plain white T-shirt tucked in to black shorts or skirt, hair in ponytail, red lipstick and boots or tennis shoes. May wear a bow of your choice.

NO jewelry

Judging Criteria & Tryout Process:

- The judging panel will be comprised of 3 dance professionals.
- Their scores will be averaged to form the candidate's final score.
- Candidates will record their performance and submit a video. Videos must have the performer's full body visible with clear sound quality.
- 100 points are possible:
 - Technique – 50 points
 - Memory – 25 points
 - Showmanship – 25 points
- Each candidate will upload their video via Google Classroom labeled with their first and last name & tryout number via "Stampede Tryout Video Submission" assignment.

- Videos will then be copied as backups, renamed to show just the tryout number, copied again into a judges folder (will only be shared with judges, Ms. Barajas, Coach Johnson, and the supervising principal). Judges will score the videos. The scores will be tallied and candidates will be ranked. The team will not exceed 46 members. There will be 2 alternates selected, one boy and one girl.
- Once the final decision has been reached, results will be posted on the Stampede website (pearcemustangstampede.com) on **August 17th at 5:00 pm.**

After Tryouts:

The list of candidates selected for the team will be provided to the PHS Counselors and your schedules will be changed. If the student feels his/her schedule is difficult, the individual student is invited to meet with his/her counselor to work out their scheduling needs.

A **mandatory** Stampede New Team/Parent Meeting will be held at a later date. Each member of the 2020-2021 team is REQUIRED to attend with a parent/guardian. At this meeting, we will discuss required expenses for Stampede. Yearly team dues are \$150 and will need to be paid at this meeting. There are uniform items that Stampede members will be required to purchase. These items are only purchased once and will be used every year. Approximate cost is \$350 for both boys and girls, not including the team dues payment of \$150.

Due to the effects from COVID-19, the dues above may change to be significantly less. The commitment fees are used to cover other needs that Stampede members have throughout the year. Because this school year may not be exactly what it normally is, those dues will be adjusted to meet the needs we have this year.

If a candidate is NOT selected for the team and would like to receive scores, please contact john.wing@risd.org no later than **Friday, August 21st**. **Please DO NOT contact the Stampede directors to request scores.**

We are honored that you are considering auditioning for our team. We take pride in this organization and know you will find it to be a very rewarding experience.

We wish you the very best of luck and look forward to seeing your performances!!!

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