

2005-2006
Diamond
Dazzler
Constitution



Constitution Revisions

May 2001

May 2002

Line Sergeants/Gem Representatives/Demerits

Qualifications: A/D/J/N/O/P/Q/R

Attendance: H/K

Probation: 1/Removed Use of Profanity/#3/D/#10

Disqualification for Membership: D/H/I/J/K

Officers/Military Candidates: #1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8

Captain: H

First Lieutenant: F/G

Lieutenant: D/F/G

Military Responsibilities: #15/16

Line Sergeants: #3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12

Changes from Committee to Social Officers

Social Officers under Selections: #1/3/4/5/6/7/8

Social Officers under Responsibilities: #2/Deleted

Gem Rep. and gave to 1st Lieutenant/ #6

Class Representatives

Uniforms Field Uniforms: #3

Uniforms under Warm-up Outfits: #2/#3/#4

Letter Jackets: #1/2/3

Expenses: A/D

Demerits: Tardies/ PDA/Profanity/Talking/Disrespect
To each other

Merit Points: Major test/6 weeks grade/ Extra Signs

SEPTEMBER 2003

Qualifications: N

Social Officers Selection: #8

Demerits: After-school Detention/Saturday School/Summer
Camp Absences/Non-Emergency Excuses/I.S.S

Audition Process

Clinic

1. Each candidate will attend a clinic to learn a dance routine and a high kick series.
2. All candidates must wear dance attire during the clinic. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail.
3. No gum or jewelry is allowed at the clinic.
4. The application for membership is due to the Director on the date listed at the top of the application.

Academic Requirements

1. Each candidate must have a 2.0 GPA.
2. In order to be a member of a drill team or dance team in AISD, the following number of credits must be earned by members:

End of 1st year in high school: 5

End of 2nd year in high school: 10

End of 3rd year in high school: 15

A member of Diamond Dazzlers may not be behind in credits earned towards graduation.

Audition

1. All returning Diamond Dazzlers must have reaching 450 merits by the tryout day in order to re-tryout.
2. All candidates will need to audition on Thursday, May 11th .
3. Each candidate will be assigned a number that she will wear on the front of her leotard. She will perform in a small group for the audition.
4. All candidates are subject to callbacks.
5. An Akins Administrator may be present.
6. Auditions are closed to spectators. This includes parents, family members and friends, and includes the performing areas and the dressing rooms. The candidates will not be free to visit until the entire audition is complete.

CHARLES AKINS HIGH SCHOOL

DANCE TEAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

NAME

Diamond Dazzlers

PURPOSE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS TO GIVE STUDENTS AT AKINS HIGH SCHOOL AN OPPORTUNITY TO:

- A. PERFORM AT SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
- B. RENDER SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL, BE PARTICIPANTS AT VARIOUS SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS.
- C. DEVELOP GOOD LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- D. DEVELOP PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, AND MORALLY, THE CHARACTER OF EACH TEAM MEMBER.
- E. LEARN TO WORK WITHIN A GROUP FOR COMMON GOALS.
- F. LEARN TO ACCEPT AND FULFILL RESPONSIBILITIES.
- G. STRIVE FOR HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS.
- H. DEVELOP LOYALTY AND SCHOOL SPIRIT.
- I. DEVELOP SELF CONFIDENCE, AND SELF DISCIPLINE THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF DANCE TECHNIQUE.

MEMBERSHIP

- A. ANY STUDENT MAY REQUEST AN APPLICATION FROM THE DIRECTOR DURING THE ANNOUNCED SIGN-UP PERIOD.
- B. AUDITION SHALL BE HELD DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

QUALIFICATIONS

IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE, A STUDENT MUST:

- A. BE A SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR, OR SENIOR STANDING AT THE TIME OF MEMBERSHIP.
- B. HAVE THE CORRECT NUMBER OF CREDITS FOR THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF ATTENDANCE IN HIGH SCHOOL. A MEMBER MAY NOT BE BEHIND IN EARNING CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION.
- C. HAVE AN OVERALL SCHOLASTIC AVERAGE OF 2.0 FOR ALL COURSES TAKEN IN THE CURRENT YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.
- D. HAVE THEIR APPLICATION APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR AND REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.
- E. AUDITION BEFORE PANEL OF JUDGES WHO WILL RATE THE CANDIDATE ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: APPEARANCE, RHYTHM, MEMORY, PROJECTION, KICKS, SPLITS, FLEXIBILITY, AND COORDINATION.
- F. BE WILLING TO CARRY OUT ALL PROVISIONS OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION.
- G. ATTEND ALL REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR.

- H. ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL.
- I. COOPERATE WITH THE DIRECTOR IN PROMOTING GOOD CITIZENSHIP IN THE SCHOOL.
- J. COOPERATE WITH THE DIRECTOR, OFFICERS AND THE TEAM IN DEVELOPING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AMONG ALL STUDENTS AND BETWEEN SCHOOLS.
- K. REFRAIN FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY THAT WOULD EMBARRASS A FELLOW STUDENT OR CAUSE HIM OR HER PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL DISCOMFORT OR HARM.
- L. RESIGN GRACEFULLY UPON FAILURE TO LIVE UP TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP.
- M. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PERFORM WITH THE LINE, A MEMBER MUST HAVE DEMONSTRATED HER ABILITY TO PERFORM A GIVEN ROUTINE AS DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE OFFICERS IN AN AUDITION.
- N. CANDIDATE IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL MANITORY CLINIC DAYS.
- O. PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND MANITORY TRY-OUT MEETING.
- P. CANDIDATE WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN A DIAMOND CANNOT TRY-OUT FOR AN ENTIRE SEMESTER. THIS MEANS IF DISMISSED IN THE FALL THEN MUST WAIT TO TRYOUT IN THE SPRING.
- Q. CANDIDATE WHO WERE DIAMONDS AND WERE DISMISSED FROM TEAM DUE TO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL CANNOT BECOME A DIAMOND FOR ONE FULL YEAR.

ATTENDANCE

IN ORDER TO REMAIN ELIGIBLE TO PERFORM, A MEMBER MUST:

- A. BE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL SCHEDULED REHEARSALS BEFORE AND/OR AFTER SCHOOL, NIGHTS, AND WEEKENDS.
- B. BE AT ALL REHEARSALS FOR A PERFORMANCE DURING THE WEEK OF THE PERFORMANCE.
- C. BE AT SCHOOL THE DAY OF A PERFORMANCE.
- D. ACCEPT THAT IF HE/SHE IS TARDY OR ABSENT FROM A REHEARSAL DURING THE WEEK OF A PERFORMANCE THEY MAY BE REPLACED BY AN ALTERNATE. (IF THE TARDY OR ABSENCE IS EXCUSED, HE/SHE MAY NOT RECEIVE DEMERITS, BUT STILL MAY BE REPLACED.)
- E. ATTEND ADDITIONAL REHEARSALS AS CALLED BY THE DIRECTOR AS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR THE QUALITY OF THE PERFORMANCE.
- F. ATTEND SUMMER REHEARSALS AS SCHEDULED BY THE DIRECTOR.
- G. BE ON TIME TO PRACTICE.
- H. CONTACT AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR IN ADVANCE OF AN ABSENCE OR TARDY.
- I. AGREE TO REMAIN THE ENTIRE FUNCTION UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE WITH THE DIRECTOR.
- J. AGREE THAT WORK-RELATED ABSENCES ARE UNEXCUSED.
- K. ATTEND GAMES IN UNIFORM WHETHER PERFORMING OR NOT, UNLESS ON GRADE PROBATION.
- L. SIT IN A DESIGNATED AREA FOR FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL GAMES AS A SELF CONTAINED UNIT AND SERVE AS A SPIRIT ORGANIZATION

(EACH MEMBER WILL REMAIN IN THE STANDS AT ALL TIMES DURING THE FUNCTION, UNLESS EXCUSED BY THE DIRECTOR OR THEIR DESIGNATED AUTHORITY.)

- M. BE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL REHEARSALS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR, NOT TO EXCEED THE TIME ALLOWED BY THE TEA MANDATED 8-HOUR RULE.
- N. TARDY SLIPS MUST BE WITH YOU AT THE TIME OF TARDY. TARDY SLIPS CAN ONLY BE USED BETWEEN 5-15 MINUTES. CAN ONLY USE ONE SLIP AT A TIME. CAN ONLY BE USED FOR PRACTICES, NOT FOR PERFORMANCES OR EVENTS. FROGS ARE STILL GIVEN FOR MISSED TIME.

PROBATION

PROBATION IS DEFINED AS THAT PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH A MEMBER IS DENIED THE PRIVILEGE OF PARTICIPATING IN PERFORMANCES.

- A. MEMBERS ON PROBATION FOR ANY REASON WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY DURING CLASS TIME.
- B. LENGTH OF PROBATION WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR.
- C. MEMBERS ARE SUBJECT TO PROBATION FOR THE FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS:
 - 1. DISRESPECT OR INSUBORDINATION TO THE DIRECTOR, OFFICERS, TEACHERS, LINE SERGEANTS, OR OTHER MEMBERS.
 - 2. LENDING PART OR ALL OF THE FIELD UNIFORM TO A NON MEMBER.
 - 3. CLASS CUTS.
 - 4. USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, DRUGS, ALCOHOL AT ANY TIME.
 - 5. RECEIVING AN F IN A COURSE FOR A 6 WEEKS GRADING PERIOD. (THIS PRECLUDES PARTICIPATION IN ALL TEAM ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THE CLASS TIME, NOT JUST PERFORMANCES.)
 - 6. 5 DEMERITS=SIT OUT 2 PERFORMANCES
6-9 DEMERITS=SIT OUT A PERFORMANCE FOR EACH DEMERIT AS IT IS EARNED.
 - 8. EARNING 10 OR MORE DEMERITS IN ONE SEMESTER WILL PLACE A MEMBER ON PROBATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT SEMESTER. IF THIS OCCURS DURING OR AFTER SPRING SHOW, SHE/HE WILL BE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE FIRST 6 WEEKS OF THE FOLLOWING FOOTBALL SEASON.
 - 9. TWO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES WILL REQUIRE A PROBATIONARY PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR.
 - 10. CAUGHT STEALING FROM ANYONE.
- D. AN LINE SERGEANT, MILITARY OR SOCIAL OFFICER PLACED ON PROBATION FOR 6 OR MORE DEMERITS OR DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS WILL FORFEIT HER POSITION FOR THE ENTIRE SEMESTER. AN LINE SERGEANT, MILITARY OR SOCIAL OFFICER PLACED ON PROBATION FOR GRADES WILL FORFEIT HER POSITION DURING THE TERM OF THE

PROBATION, AND RESUME HER POSITION AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR.

- E. CAUGHT BY DIRECTOR LEAVING CAMPUS, WILL BE PUT ON PROBATION AND MISS TWO PERFORMANCES.

DISQUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

A MEMBER MAY BE DISQUALIFIED AND REMOVED FROM THE TEAM AS A RESULT OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. FAILURE TO MAINTAIN AN OVERALL AVERAGE OF 2.0
- B. RECEIVING TWO F'S IN THE SAME SEMEMSTER AT THE END OF 6 WEEKS GRADING PERIOD.
- C. SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL.
- D. AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM A REQUIRED PERFORMANCE DUE TO UNNATURAL CAUSES.
- E. USING OR BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS AND/OR ALCOHOL AT ANYTIME.
- F. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SCHOOL RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- G. EARNING 15 DEMERITS IN ONE SEMESTER.
- H. THREE STRIKE RULE FOR I.S.S.
- I. RECEIVING 2 PROBATIONARY TERM FOR GRADES, DISCIPLINE, OR 10 OR MORE DEMERITS.
- J. WHEN DISQUALIFIED FROM DIAMONDS THE STUDENT MUST RETURN THE DIAMOND PATCH WHICH IS CHECKED OUT TO EACH STUDENT AND PLACED ON THE SAILOR COLLAR OF THE DIAMOND LETTER JACKET.
- K. ANY DIAMOND WHO QUILTS OR IS DISMISSED FROM THE TEAM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEMESTER WILL RECEIVE A ZERO UNTIL REMOVED FROM THE DIAMOND CLASS.

OFFICERS

- A. SELECTIONS WILL BE MADE DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER.
- B. MEMBERS WHO WISH TO AUDITION FOR OFFICER MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIRMENTS:

MILITARY CANDIDATES

1. PERSONAL AND GENERAL ACCOUNTS MUST BE CLEARED TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO SPRING SHOW.
2. NOTEBOOK MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN BY DEADLINE ASSIGNED BY DIRECTOR.
3. MUST CHOREOGRAPH A TIMED DANCE WITH MUSIC GIVEN BY THE DIRECTOR AND CANDIDATE MUST TEACH IT TO THE TEAM MEMBERS.
4. CANDIDATES MUST PERFORM IN FRONT OF THE TEAM A SPEECH OR SKIT DESIGNED TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY WOULD BE A QUALIFIED OFFICER.
5. CANDIDATE MUST CHOREOGRAPH THEIR OWN DANCE WITHOUT ANY HELP FROM ANYONE AND PERFORM IT ONCE

IN FRONT OF THE TEAM AND ONCE IN FRONT OF A PANAL OF JUDGES.

6. CAPTAIN MUST BE A SENIOR. ALL MILITARY OFFICER POSITIONS ARE OPEN TO JUNIORS AND SENIORS EXCEPT FOR THE POSITION OF CAPTAIN.
7. CANDIDATES MUST BE SURE THEY ARE NOT INVOLVED WITH OTHER EXTRA-CURRI. ACTIVITES THAT MIGHT INTERFER WITH THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBLITIES AS OFFICER.
8. CANDIDATE MUST PERFORM THEIR OWN SOLO DANCE AT ONE COMPETITION.

C. NAMES AND DUTIES

1. CAPTAIN

- A. THE CAPTAIN IS THE HEAD OFFICER OF THE DIAMOND DAZZLERS AND IS IN CHARGE AT ALL TIMES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIRECTOR.
- B. THE CAPTAIN REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE DIRECTOR.
- C. THE CAPTAIN SCHEDULES ANY NECESSARY OFFICER MEETING APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR.
- D. SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT ALL PROPS ARE TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM ANY GAME OR FUNCTION.
- E. SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT GIFTS ARE GIVEN TO APPROPRIATE PEOPLE WHEN NECESSARY.
- F. SHE HOLDS INSPECTIONS FOR THE OTHER OFFICERS, CHECKING ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES.
- G. SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALTERNATES, SPRING SHOW, AND DANCE CLINICS.
- H. SHE WILL MEET WITH SOCIAL OFFICERS AS NEEDED.
- I. SHE DIRECTS REHEARSALS.
- J. SHE ACTS AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TEAM AS NEEDED.
- K. SHE ASSISTS IN CREATING ROUTINES FOR THE TEAM.
- L. SHE TEACHES ROUTINES.
- M. SHE ASSUMES ANY AND ALL OTHER DUTIES DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR.

2. FIRST LIEUTENANT

- A. SHE REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE CAPTAIN.
- B. SHE ASSUMES THE DUTIES OF THE CAPTAIN IN ABSENCE OF THE CAPTAIN.
- C. SHE IS IN CHARGE OF GEMS, DANCE CLINICS, AND CONTEST SOLOS.
- D. SHE ACTS AS AN INSPECTION OFFICER BEFORE EACH PERFORMANCE.
- E. SHE ASSISTS IN CREATING ROUTINES FOR THE TEAM.
- F. PRACTICE EQUIPMENT TRANSPORTER. (I.E. LADDER)
- G. GEM REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF

SEPARATE GEM MEETINGS WITHIN THE TEAM, PLAN ALL CLASS SKITS, ACT AS A SOUNDING BOARD FOR GEM LINE MEMBERS, AND ACT AS A LIASION BETWEEN THE LINE AND THE DIRECTOR. ASSISTED BY THE JUNIOR LIEUTENANTS.

3. LIEUTENANTS

- A. THEY REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE CAPTAIN.
- B. THEY ASSIST IN CREATING AND PERFECTING ROUTINES FOR THE TEAM.
- C. THEY ACT AS INSPECTION OFFICERS BEFORE EACH PERFORMANCE.
- D. SENIOR LIEUTENANTS ARE IN CHARGE OF OFFICER CANDIDATES.
- E. THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MUSIC USED IN REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCES.
- F. JUNIOR LIEUTENANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR USE, MAINTENANCE, AND STORAGE OF ALL SOUND AND VIDEO EQUIPMENT.
- G. LIEUTEANTS ARE IN CHARGE OF CHECKING THE ROOM FOR ITEMS AND TRASH LEFT BEHIND.
- H. JUNIOR LIEUTEANT ASSIST THE 1ST LIEUTEANT WITH THE GEM MEETINGS, PLANNING OF CLASS SKITS, AND HELP ACT AS A LIASION BETWEEN THE LINE AND THE DIRECTOR.

RESPONSIBILITIES

MILITARY OFFICERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DANCE AND PERFORMANCE RELATED ASPECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

ALL MILITARY OFFICERS WILL SHARE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 1. ALL OFFICERS MUST BE 5 MINUTES EARLY TO REHEARSALS AND 10 MINUTES EARLY TO PERFORMANCES.
- 2. THEY MUST STAY AFTER REHEARSAL UNTIL DISMISSED BY THE DIRECTOR.
- 3. THEY MUST BE ABLE TO SCHEDULE ADVANCED DANCE PRACTICES.
- 4.. THEY MUST KEEP A DETAILED OFFICER NOTEBOOK AND OFFICER LIST OF ALL DUTIES PERFORMED.
- 5.. THEY MUST WORK WITH THE DIRECTOR TO DECIDE ON ALL PERFORMANCES, SUCH AS HALFTIME SHOWS, STAND ROUTINES, CONTEST, SPRING SHOW, ETC.
- 6. THEY MUST MAINTAIN A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DIRECTOR AND OTHER OFFICERS.
- 7. THEY WILL SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE OTHER TEAM MEMBERS BY MAINTAINING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, PROMOTING SCHOOL

SPIRIT, TEAM UNITY, AND BY REMAINING COOL AND FLEXIBLE IN TIMES OF CRISIS.

8. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT USED BY THEIR RANKS FOR REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES.
9. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WARMING UP THE TEAM.
10. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR RANK'S MORALE.
11. THEY SHALL PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL HELP TO EACH MEMBER IN THEIR RANK IN LEARNING AND PERFECTING ROUTINES.
12. THEY SHALL SEE THAT ALL EQUIPMENT IS TAKEN AND PUT AWAY, AND THAT REHEARSAL AREAS AND DRESSING ROOMS ARE CLEANED UP DAILY.
13. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR LINE TRY-OUTS.
14. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING DISCIPLINE AND ORDER IN THEIR RANKS AT ALL TIMES.
15. THEY ARE TO PERFORM ALL DUTIES REQUESTED BY THE DIRECTOR.
16. DIAMOND OF THE WEEK IS SELECTED EVERY FOOTBALL GAME AND AT EVERY CONTEST.
17. KEEPING UP WITH RANK MEMBERS DEMERITS ON A DEMERIT SHEET.
18. KEEPING RANK MEMBERS WELL INFORMED OF DEMERITS.

FAILURE TO HOLD UP TO THESE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES WILL RESULT IN DEMERITS.

LINE SERGEANTS

ALL LINE SERGEANTS WILL SHARE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. THE LINE SERGEANTS ARE ASSISTANT OFFICERS TO THE LIEUTENANTS AND TO THE CAPTAIN. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE TO THE DIRECTOR, CAPTAIN, AND LIEUTENANTS.
2. EACH LINE SERGEANT IS ASSIGNED TO A PARTICULAR LIEUTENANT, AND POSSIBLY TO THE CAPTAIN, AS AN ASSISTANT TO HER AND THE MILITARY LINE. EACH LINE SERGEANT IS SECOND IN COMMAND TO MILITARY LINE.
3. LINE SERGEANTS WILL CHOREOGRAPH AND TEACH ROUTINES TO THE PRE-DRILL.
4. SERGEANTS MUST WORK CLOSELY WITH THE MILITARY OFFICERS, LINE MEMBERS, AND DIRECTOR. IT IS THE LINE SERGEANTS RESPONSIBILITY TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE TEAM TO FOLLOW.
5. THE DIRECTOR MAY REMOVE A LINE SERGEANT FROM HIS/HER POSITION IF SHE DOES NOT UPHOLD THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES ASSIGNED TO HIM/HER.
6. LINE SERGEANTS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE DEMERITS ONLY IN THE ABSENCES OF THE CAPTAIN AND THE OTHER MILITARY OFFICERS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR.
7. LINE SERGEANTS ARE FULLY IN CHARGE OF THE PRE-DRILL CLASSES.
8. LINE SERGEANTS ARE IN CHARGE OF GIVING PERMISSION TO USE THE

- TELEPHONE.
9. LINE SERGEANTS ARE IN CHARGE OF CHECKING MAKE-UP IN ROLL CALL.
 10. LINE SERGEANTS ARE IN CHARGE OF ROLL CALL ON THE BUS.
 11. LINE SERGEANTS MUST CHECK OUT WITH DIRECTOR AT THE END OF ALL PRACTICES.
 12. LINE SERGEANTS MUST BE SIGNED UP FOR ONE OF THE PRE-DRILL CLASSES.
 13. GIVE MERITS.

SOCIAL OFFICERS

SOCIAL OFFICERS MEMBERS ARE SELECTED BY TEAM VOTE IN THE SPRING, BASED ON DEMONSTRATED RESPONSIBLY, SPIRIT, AND DEDICATION TO THE TEAM. THEY PLAN MOTIVATIONAL, SOCIAL, AND RECOGNITION ACTIVITIES FOR THE TEAM.

A. QUALIFICATIONS

1. MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AND NOT ON PROBATION AT THE TIME OF SELECTION.
2. CANDIDATES MUST COMPLETE A NOTEBOOK WITH INCLUSIONS DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR. THESE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE VOTING MEMBERS DURING THE WEEK OF BALLOTING.
3. PERSONAL AND GENERAL ACCOUNTS MUST BE CLEARED TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO SPRING SHOW.
4. CANDIDATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING ONE FUN DAY BEFORE THE TRYOUT DATE IN MAY.
5. CANDIDATES WILL CREATE A BANQUET THEME, SPRING SHOW FOYER DESIGN, OR WINTER BALL TABLES SET-UP. EACH YEAR THE DIRECTOR WILL SELECT FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING. A CANDIDATE CANNOT SPEND MORE THEN \$15.00 AND A RECEIPT MUST BE TURNED IN.
6. CANDIDATES MUST PERFORM IN FRONT OF THE TEAM A SPEECH OR SKIT DESIGNED TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY WOULD BE A QUALIFIED OFFICER.

B. SELECTION

1. THE CANDIDATES WILL TURN IN NOTEBOOKS FOR REVIEW BY THE TEAM AND SELECTED TEACHERS.
2. ONE SELECTED TEACHER WILL EVALUATE NOTEBOOKS BEFORE TEAM HAS A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THE BOOKS.
3. THE TEAM WILL VOTE BY FORMAL WRITTEN BALLOT.
4. POSITIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT SPRING BANQUET.
5. SPEECH TEACHER WILL EVALUATE SPEECHES.
6. TEAM WILL EVALUATE DIAMOND EXTRAVAGANZA.
7. TEAM WILL EVALUATE CANDIDATE'S FUN DAY.

8. PRESIDENT MUST BE A SENIOR; UNLESS NO SENIOR RUNS FOR OFFICE.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. PRESIDENT WILL BE THE HEAD MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL OFFICERS HE/SHE WILL OVERSEE ALL PROJECTS, BE IN CHARGE OF SERVICE PROJECTS, AND WILL PRESIDE OVER ALL TEAM BUSINESS MEETING.
2. THE ENTIRE SOCIAL OFFICER LINE WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR:
FOOTBALL PLAYERS, LITTLE SISTERS, SPIRIT SIGNS, SPIRIT GIRL, CHEERING BY THE TEAM AT ALL EVENTS, ALL SOCIAL EVENTS, INCLUDING SLUMBER PARTIES, AFTER-GAME GET TOGETHER, WINTER BALL, SPRING FLING BANQUET, ALL MOTIVATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS JULY PRACTICE WORKSHOPS, CONTEST COUNTDOWNS, WEEKLY ACTIVITIES, SPIRIT GIRL, MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS TO TEACHERS, PARENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS, INCENTIVE CHARTS, KEEPS AND PUBLISHES A CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES, MAINTAINS ALL BULLETIN BOARDS, SCRAPBOOKS, AWARDS, SLIDE SHOWS, ETC., NOTES ALL BIRTHDAYS, IS IN CHARGE OF PRESS RELEASES AND POSTERS FOR PUBLICITY.
3. ALL SOCIAL OFFICERS ARE CHAIRMEN OF THEIR OWN SPECIFIC COMMITTEES AS NEEDED. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE DUTIES OF THEIR COMMITTEES AS OUTLINED ABOVE. THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THESE DUTIES AMONG THEMSELVES. GEMS ARE TO VOTE FOR GEM REPRESENTATIVE.
4. EACH SOCIAL OFFICER ARE TO KEEP AN ORGANIZED NOTEBOOK TO BE PASSED DOWN TO HER SUCCESSOR.
5. SOCIAL OFFICERS WILL HELP THE BOOSTER HISTORIAN ORGANIZE AND PRODUCE THE SPRING SHOW SLIDE SHOWS.
6. THEY WILL BE IN CHARGE OF AWARDS AND PRESENTATION CEREMONIES AT THE BANQUET.

FAILURE TO HOLD UP TO THESE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES WILL RESULT IN DEMERITS.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

A. SELECTION

1. THERE WILL A SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR, AND SENIOR REPRESENTATION THAT WILL BE SELECTED BY EACH DIAMOND CLASS.
2. REPRESENTATIVES CANNOT BE A MILITARY, SOCIAL, OR LINE SERGEANT.

3. REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOT PART OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE BUT WILL NEED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE SOCIALS ON VARIOUS EVENTS AS A SPOKES PERSON FOR THE VARIOUS CLASSIFICATIONS.
4. REPRESENTATIVES MAIN DUTY IS TO BE THE SPOKES PERSON FOR THE VARIOUS CLASSIFICATIONS.

MANAGERS

A. SELECTION PROCESS

1. SELECTIONS WILL BE HELD DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER.
2. MANAGER APPLICANTS WILL COMPLETE A QUESTIONNAIRE AND BE INTERVIEWED BY THE DIRECTOR AND OFFICERS.
3. THE DIRECTOR WILL SELECT THE MANAGERS AIDED BY THE OFFICERS.
4. MANAGERS MUST FULFIL ALL THE MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS OF THE LINES EXCEPT FOR THE PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS.
5. MANAGERS WILL HAVE THE SAME PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITES AS THE REST OF THE TEAM.

B. DUTIES

1. ATTEND ALL REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES.
2. ASSIST THE DIRECTOR IN ALL PREPARATIONS FOR PERFORMANCES OTHER THAN THOSE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE OFFICERS.
3. MAINTAIN AND INVENTORY ALL SUPPLIES, COSTUMES, PROPS, AND UNIFORMS.
4. MANAGERS ARE IN CHARGE OF ALL TAPING AND ELECTRONICS.
5. MANAGERS WILL DIVIDE DUTIES AS NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH SMOOTH OPERATION OF THE ORGANIZATION.
6. MANAGERS WILL MEET WITH DIRECTOR AND/OR OFFICERS WHEN NEEDED TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF TEAM OPERATIONS.
7. MANAGERS WILL WEAR UNIFORMS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR.
8. FUNDRAISING REQUIRMENTS FOR MANAGERS WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR.

DIAMOND BEAU

SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. DIAMOND OFFICERS SELECT THEIR BEAU FOR THE SEMESTER.
- B. HAVE TO BE GENTLEMEN AND ROLE MODELS OF THE SCHOOL.
- C. HAVE TO BE PASSING ALL CLASSES.
- D. HAVE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY DIRECTOR.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Help out with the Diamonds at the football games when needed.
2. Must abide by all school rules when representing Akins and the Diamond Dazzlers.
3. If you are suspended or assigned to ALC, you will be dismissed as a Diamond Beau.
4. Always act like a gentlemen when representing Akins and escorting the Diamond Dazzlers.
5. Escort the Diamond Dazzlers to the field during performance.
6. Remember during the football games that your first obligation is the Diamond Dazzlers. This means you will have to inform your girlfriends and friends that you cannot be bothered during your time with the Diamonds. This means girls coming up to you and giving hugs or talking to you. Let them know ahead of time you cannot do this.
7. Cannot date any of the members of the Diamond Dazzlers during your term as a Diamond Beau.
8. Escort the officers to meet the other teams after half-time.
9. Beaus are required to attend all the football games the Diamond Dazzlers attend.
10. Beaus are invited to ride to and from the football games on the bus. Beaus must inform the Director of their decisions on transportation for every game.
11. Beaus will be invited to be on the Diamond Dazzlers composite picture every year.
12. Beaus get into the football games free.

WHAT TO WEAR ON WARM GAME DAYS:

1. No Hats.
2. Khaki pants
3. White collar short sleeve shirt
4. Shirt tucked inside pants with a belt

WHAT TO WEAR ON COLD GAME DAYS:

1. No hats.
2. Khaki pants.
3. White long sleeve button down with a collar
4. Shirts tucked inside pants with a belt.

UNIFORMS

A. FIELD UNIFORM

1. UNIFORMS ARE FURNISHED BY THE DISTRICT ONCE EVERY SEVEN YEARS. IF MORE ARE NEEDED THAN SUPPLIED, THE TEAM MUST FUNDRAISE TO PURCHASE THE EXTRA ITEMS.
2. UNIFORMS ARE TO BE CLEANED AND MAINTAINED IN GOOD REPAIR.
3. MEMBERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ISSUED UNIFORM, WHICH WILL BE TURNED IN AT THE END OF THEIR FALL SEMESTER IN DIAMOND DAZZLERS.
4. THE ENTIRE FIELD UNIFORM MUST BE RETURNED IN ITS ORIGINAL HANGING BAG, ALL PARTS CLEANED AND REPAIRED.

- B. PRACTICE UNIFORMS
 - 1. THE DIRECTOR WILL DETERMINE PRACTICE UNIFORMS YEARLY.
 - 2. THE REQUIRED PRACTICE UNIFORM MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.
- C. WARM-UP OUTFIT
 - 1. THE WARM-UP OUTFIT WILL BE WORN ON GAME DAYS AND OTHER SPECICAL PERFORMANCE DAYS.
 - 2. EACH MEMBER WILL PURCHASE A WARM-UP OUTFIT DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR.
 - 3. WHITE OR BLACK CLEAN SHOES TO BE WORN.
 - 4. DON'T ROLL PANTS DOWN TO BECOME HIP HUGGERS.
- D. LETTER JACKETS
 - 1. DIAMONDS WILL BE ISSUED A DIAMOND PATCH THAT IS TO BE PLACED ON THE SAILOR COLLAR OF THE MEMBERS LETTER JACKET.
 - 2. THE DIAMOND PATCH IS PROPERTY OF THE DIAMOND DAZZLERS UNTIL GRADUATION.
 - 3. IF A MEMBER QUILTS OR IS DISMISSED, THE DIAMOND PATCH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY. FAILURE TO RETURN THE PATCH WILL CAUSE THE STUDENT TO BE PLACED ON THE AKINS OBLIGATION LIST.

EXPENSES

- A. DIAMOND DAZZLERS EXPENSES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.
- B. DIAMOND DAZZLERS GENERAL ACCOUNT FUNDS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.
- C. ITEMS PURCHASED BY A MEMBER REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THAT MEMBER AND MUST PAY FOR THEM OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS.
- D. ITEMS PURCHASED BY ANY MEMBER WITH FUNDRAISED MONEY ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE DIAMOND DAZZLERS.

DEMERITS

DEMERITS ARE CUMULATIVE AND ARE NOT ERASED UNTIL THE END OF THE SEMESTER. DEMERITS EARNED ARE ASSIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR THROUGH THE OFFICERS.

DEMERITS EARNED IN THE SUMMER COUNT ON THE FALL SEMESTER'S PERFORMANCE STATUS.

- 5 DEMERITS= BENCHED FOR THE 2 FOLLOWING PERFORMANCES
- 6-9 DEMERITS=BENCHED A PERFORMANCE FOR EACH DEMERIT AS EARNED
- 10 DEMERITS= BENCEHED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEMESTER
- 15 DEMERITS= DISMISSED FROM THE DANCE TEAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. SHOULD 15 DEMERITS BE EARNED AFTER

OR DURING SPRING SHOW, THE DISMISSAL WILL TAKE EFFECT FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

TARDIES:

TARDY SLIPS:

1. CAN ONLY USE ONE AT A TIME.
2. CAN NOT GIVE THEM AWAY TO OTHER DIAMONDS
3. CAN ONLY USE THEM IF YOU HAVE THEM WITH YOU.
4. ONLY GET 3 PER SEMESTER.
5. CAN ONLY BE USED LESS THAN 15 MINUTES LATE.
6. CAN ONLY BE USED ON PRACTICE DAYS. (NOT AT PERFORMANCES, CAMP DAYS, GAMES, ECT.)
7. MUST GET IT SIGNED BY MILITARY AND DIRECTOR.

ABSENCES:

EXCUSED 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE=0 (NOT INCLUDING MAJOR EVENTS.)

EXCUSED AFTER ABSENCE=1

UNEXCUSED FROM REHEARSAL=3

UNEXCUSED FROM PERFORMANCE OR MAJOR EVENT=15

EMERGENCIES WILL BE HANDLED AT THE DIRECTORS DISCRETION.

ABSENCES DURING SUMMER CAMPS AND PRACTICES:

NOTIFICATION BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL=DIRECTORS DISCRETION OF PENALTY

UNEXCUSED FROM CAMPS AND PRACTICES: 1 EVERY DAY MISSED+

1 FOOTBALL GAME PER MISSED DAY

MISCELLANEOUS:

UNPREPARED FOR REHEARSAL (DRESS, PROP, HAIR, HAT....)=1 PER ITEM

LEAVING REHEARSAL EARLY (EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED)=1

UNPREPARED FOR INSPECTION=1

LOST ITEM WITH NAME TAG=0

LOST ITEM WITHOUT NAME TAG=FROGS

LATE TURN INS=1 PER DAY

AFTER-SCHOOL DETENTION=0-5

SATURDAY SCHOOL=0-5

EXCESSIVE TALKING=1

TALKING AT ATTENTION=1

GUM AT REHEARSAL OR IN UNIFORM=1

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION=3-5

PROFANITY=3

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT=1

EATING AND DRINKING IN PERFORMANCE UNIFORM=1

DIRTY BOOTS AT INSPECTION=1

FAILURE TO MAKE REQUIRED ITEMS (SIGNS, GIFTS)=1

TALKING TO FRIENDS, BOYFRIENDS, AND PARENTS AT GAMES=1

DISRESPECT TO DIRECTOR OR OFFICERS=1-10 (eye rolling, comment, body language)

DISRESPECT TO LINE MEMBER BY OFFICER=1-10
UNLADYLIKE CONDUCT (Hickeys, ect.) =1-10
OFFICER NOT ASSIGNING EARNED DEMERIT=1
DISRESPECT TO EACH OTHER= 1-10
MISPLACED ITEM-1WEEK GRACE PERIOD THEN BECOMES 1 DEMERIT
PER DAY SHOULD BE WORN.
JEWELRY DURING PERFORMANCE-1
VISIBLE TATTOOS-1 DEMERIT (ANYTIME SEEN)
DEMERITS WILL BE GIVEN OUT BY THE DIRECTOR FOR UNEXPECTED
SITUATIONS THAT ARE NOT IN THE LIST ABOVE.

MERIT POINTS

IN ORDER TO EARN A LETTER FOR HER JACKET, A DIAMOND DAZZLER MUST EARN 750 POINTS BY THE END OF SPRING SHOW. IN ORDER TO RETURN TO THE TEAM THE FOLLOWING YEAR, A DIAMOND DAZZLER MUST EARN 450 MERITS BY THE MANDITORY CANDIDATE CLINIC. ONCE A MEMBER HAS MEET HER 450 MERITS SHE CONTINUES TO ADD ON TO HER AMOUNT OF MERITS TO RECEIVE HER LETTER FOR HER JACKET.

MERIT POINTS MAY BE EARNED AS FOLLOWS:

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK=5
WASHING COSTUMES= 2 PER COSTUME
ATTENDING A NON REQUIRED CAMPUS ACTIVITY IN DIAMOND
DAZZLER ATTIRE=1-20 AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR

HONOR ROLL:

1ST=5
2ND=3
3RD=2

100 ON ANY MAJOR TEST=3
STRAIGHT A'S=5
DIAMOND OF THE WEEK=5
ANY 6 WEEKS GRADE THAT INCREASES=1
GRADE INCREASE BY A TEAMMATE YOU HELPED IN SUPERVISED TUTORING=1
6 WEEKS GRADE OF 100 IN OTHER THAT DANCE TEAM OR DANCE CLASS=3
SUPERVISED TUTORING=1
RIBBONS GIVEN DURING SUMMER CAMP=2 PER RIBBON
EXTRA SIGNS; NEAT AND COLOR=2 (LIMIT 5 POSTERS PER SEMESTER)
EXTRA DECORATING=1
TOP FUNDRAISER IN A PROJECT=5
DANCE CONCERTS=3
PERFORMANCE (INCLUDES ALTERNATES)=2
ADF CERTIFICATE=2
ADF STICKERS=2 PER STICKERS
EACH TEAM AWARD AT CONTEST=5

SOLO/ENSEMBLE AT CONTEST=5

SPIRIT GIRL OF THE WEEK=5

ATTENDANCE OF PERFORMANCE AS A NON-PERFORMER=3

POLITE/COURTEOUS=2

PERFORMANCES FOR SPRING SHOW=2

PARENTS ATTENDING BOOSTER CLUB MEETINGS=4

DIAMOND CAMP CERTIFICATE=25

PARENT VOLUNTEERING WITH PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING SPRING
SHOW,LINE CAMP,JEWEL CAMP, EDGE, HTE CONTEST=5 PER HOUR

PARENT WORKING LINE CAMP, EDGE, OR JEWEL CAMP=5 PER HOUR

PARENT WORKING SPRING SHOW NIGHT=10 PER HOUR PER PARENT

PARENT WORKING HTE CONTEST DAY= 10 PER HOUR PER PARENT

FUNDRAISING

Raising money is a necessary and important facet of running a performing organization. Costs to run this coming years team will be approximately \$800.46 per member. This money is not the money each girl pays for her own equipment and outfits. This is the money needed to cover props, extra costume parts, uniform extras, music, electronics, some transportation, choreography, clinicians, workshops, contest entry fees, spring show, etc.

The team has a full fundraising schedule. Every member's efforts are recorded in a ledger on individual account pages. This money that she has fundraised for the team belongs TO THE TEAM. However, in an effort to help ease the burden of expenses on each family, each girl will have the profits she raises posted to the account as follows:

Each member will have a \$ 800.46 quota for the year, which will be referred to as her fair share. This amount includes Spring Show. From the time she begins to raise money towards her fair share, that amount will be posted against that goal until she surpasses it. Once she has surpassed her \$ 800.46 fair share, 80% of any profits she turns in will be posted to her page to be used to defray her own personal expenses in drill team that may arise.

District policy states that this money may be used to defray the costs of things such as travel expenses, camp fees, workshop fees, entry fees at contest, etc. This money can be used to buy THINGS that she would wear or use. Any ITEMS that are paid for from fundraised money belongs to the team and do not become the property of the individual. Therefore, practice items and personal items may be purchased with fundraised money, but are property of the team. The student will return the items to the team at the end of her membership.

District policy also dictates that members are NOT required to fundraise. If any things are purchased for the team's use and paid for with fundraised money and a member has not raised her share of the expenses at that point, she may be assessed the cost of the activity or not participate in the activity (without demerits or grade penalties).

Seasons of the Year

Summer:

1. Officer Camp: This occurs in late May or early June. It is intense training session in dance and leadership and is required of all officers.
2. Line Camp: This may occur at any point in the summer that we can schedule it. We are hoping to have it in mid to late July next summer. Some years we may travel to a University campus for camp, and some years we will have camp at Akins and bring in instructors.
3. Austin Dance Camp is held in late July or early August each year. It is intense learning experience that includes many technique classes, routines, evaluations, and performances. This year it will be held at Round Rock High School. We will attend in an AISD bus.
4. Jewel Camp is held in late July or early August each year. Diamonds will recruit kids to be apart of this fun filled dance camp. Diamonds will choreograph and teach various dances to the campers.

Football Season:

1. Football Games: All parents are encouraged to attend our games. The dance team will perform at only the home games this year.
2. Pep Rallies: Our pep rallies occur before school from 8:45-9:05. The dance team will perform at some of the pep rallies. Parents are welcome to attend pep rallies.

Contest Season:

1. Basketball Games: We attend some of the basketball games as a cheering section and sometimes will perform at halftime.
2. Contests: Dance Teams and Drill Teams from across the state attend competitions in the winter and spring. Competition for Diamonds includes 3 team routines, 3 officer dances, and a variety of solos and ensembles. We do not necessarily attend the same contests every year. Parents are encouraged to attend and support the teams. Overnight accommodations are arranged for parents as well as team members at special rates.
3. AISD Dance Spectacular: This is a show off of all the high school dance teams. It is held in early February at Burger Center. Each school performs 2 team routines and one officer routine.

Spring

1. Spring Show: The spring show dances are choreographed, organized, and performed by the Diamond Dazzlers. It is one of our major events, and takes countless hours of preparation, practice, publicity, and hard work. It is the culmination of our entire year and needs everyone's help to be a success.

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DIAMOND DAZZLERS DANCE TEAM**

I, _____, have read the Diamond Dazzler Constitution and Mrs. K. has gone over it with the team in great detail. I understand the requirements and expectations from me for the upcoming year. I also understand the time, expenses, dedication, and discipline that it takes to be involved with the Diamond Dazzlers. I intend to devote the time needed to make the Diamond Dazzlers a success for the 2005-2006 school year

Diamond Dazzler Signature

I have read the Diamond Dazzler handbook and understand the time, financial support, devotion, and discipline that my daughter must have in order to be a member of the Diamond Dazzlers. I support my daughter in this endeavor and give her my support as a Diamond Dazzler.

Parent or Guardian Signature