

PLANO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Drill Team Operational Guidelines
(Effective January 6, 2004)

I. General Information

- A. Fundamentals of Drill Team will be offered at the ninth grade level, and will cover the basic fundamentals used in drill team.
- B. One class period will be designated on each high school and senior high campus for drill team.
- C. Drill team members must be full-time students on their campuses.
- D. Tenth grade drill teams may perform at a maximum of five in town football games per season, schedule permitting. Tenth grade drill teams will not perform at out-of-town games.
- E. Members may not perform as a group representing the school unless the director or a faculty representative is present.
- F. Hazing, as stated in Plano I.S.D. Board Policy #FNCC, will not be permitted at any time. All events, whether on or off campus (i.e. camps, contests, etc.), are included in this guideline.

II. Transportation/Competition Trips

- A. Transporting of the team must be in accordance with Plano ISD regulations.
- B. High school competitions will be limited to one in state contest per team per year, subject to district overnight travel guidelines.
- C. Senior high school drill teams may participate in two competitions per year, provided at least one competition is a local competition, and does not require school absence or overnight accommodations. Senior high school drill teams may travel out of state for one competition, subject to district overnight travel guidelines.

III. Financial/Gifts

- A. The school district, through the operating budget, will furnish all field uniforms, props, and accessories used in public performances, with the exception of spring show costs, competition costumes, and personal items such as tights, socks, workout outfits, etc.
- B. Student/parent expenditures for costumes, supplies, and equipment shall not exceed the prescribed dollar amount as set by the district each school year, excluding camp expenses. This amount will be adjusted each school year in accordance with the consumer price index based upon 1995 baseline of \$450. The adjusted amount for 2003-04 is \$545. Boots and/or hats are included in the per student maximum expense. A listing of these items and their costs is to be provided to the building principal each year.
- C. Drill team organizations and/or their parent booster groups may conduct fund raising events consistent with PISD policies and guidelines (excluding door-to-door direct selling), for the purpose of a recognition banquet for members, and to establish a fund to assist drill team members and/or their organizations in the purchase of additional items necessary for special events. Funds are to be deposited into the campus student activity account or booster account as per [PISD School Board Policy GE \(Local\)](#).
- D. Treats for athletes will not be permitted.
- E. The exchanging of gifts (big sis/li'l sis, buddy system, etc.) will not be a requirement for participation or membership on the drill team. Such voluntary gifts are subject to an annual \$10 maximum expense per student.
- F. Drill team awards will not exceed the allowable amounts set by the U.I.L. for their activities. Those amounts currently are \$10 per student, per year, for grades 9-11, and \$60 per year for grade 12. Booster clubs may not give gifts to individuals that would cause these amounts to be exceeded. Booster Clubs may not present gifts exceeding \$300 in value to drill team directors. These amounts are cumulative for the year.
- G. All purchases are to be requested by purchase order. Student payments for individual items are to be deposited into the student activity account.

IV. Routine Performance Requirements

Routines for performance during the regular season shall be designed to utilize all of the drill team members. Tryouts may be held on Monday and/or Tuesday of each week to determine the student's preparedness level for performance that week. Students may also be disqualified from participation because of failure to meet weekly grade requirements and/or other disciplinary action.

V. **Sophomore Spring Show Guidelines**

A. **Running Time**

Spring shows will run no longer than one hour and forty-five minutes, including intermissions and slide shows.

B. **Participants**

In order for the current members of the drill team to be involved in their spring show as much as possible, they should be the only participants in the show. No other groups or individuals, with the exception of the show's emcee and/or other organizations from the home campus, will be allowed to participate.

C. **Costuming**

Students may provide a maximum of two costumes, subject to overall drill team spending limitations as established under Operational Guidelines section III.B. . In the event that the costume expense causes the drill team spending limit to be exceeded, the costumes may be provided by booster funds or show proceeds. Costumes paid for by boosters or show proceeds become the property of the campus. Additional costuming needs may be provided through existing costume inventory within the district.

D. **Practice Time**

The director will adhere to the eight-hour practice rule as defined in Senate Bill 1. The director may begin rehearsals for spring show two months prior to the actual show dates. These rehearsals must not conflict with senior high drill team try-outs or practice dates.

E. **Production Expense**

All expenses and costs of the spring show shall be paid from the proceeds of the show. Supplemental funds may be provided by the parent booster organizations. The drill team sponsor shall present a budget to the principal for approval prior to beginning of rehearsals. Maximum expense for all spring show expenses, except costuming, shall be calculated by the following formula:

(house capacity) X (ticket price) X (# performances)

If unusual circumstances arise that create the need for the expense limitation to be exceeded, the Coordinator for drill team activities must give approval.

F. **Show Dates**

It is recommended that high school spring shows run for a maximum of two nights. In cases where seating capacity and fire safety are concerns, an extra day may be added. High school spring shows may not exceed three nights. As per UIL/TEA guidelines, performances are limited to one during the school week, which is defined as Monday through the close of school on the last day of the school week. Additional performances may be scheduled after school on the last instructional day of the week and on Saturday. Sunday rehearsals/performances are prohibited except in extenuating circumstances as per PISD administrative guideline. Show dates should not conflict with senior high drill team events. If conflicts do arise, the Coordinator for drill team activities will mediate.

VI. **Senior High Spring Show Guidelines**

A. **Running Time**

The length of spring shows shall not exceed two hours. This time limit is inclusive of slide shows and intermissions. Senior high spring shows may include a senior award presentation at the conclusion of the final show. This will not be included in the time limitation.

B. **Spring Show Participants**

Groups and/or individuals apart from the home campus, with the exception of the show's emcee and parents of drill team members, shall not be allowed to perform as a part of the spring show. Senior high shows may include sophomore drill teams in the feeder cluster. If feeder cluster drill teams are used, all of the high schools in that feeder cluster should be offered the opportunity to participate.

C. **Costuming**

Students may provide a maximum of two costumes, subject to overall drill team spending limitations as established under Operational Guidelines section III.B. . In the event that the costume expense causes the drill team spending limit to be exceeded, the costumes may be provided by booster funds or show proceeds. Costumes paid for by boosters or show proceeds become the property of the campus. Additional costuming needs may be provided through existing costume inventory within the district.

D. **Practice Time**

Practices must conform to the eight-hour rule as defined in Senate Bill 1. The director may begin rehearsals no earlier than two months prior to the opening date of the show.

E. Production Expense

All expenses and costs of the spring show shall be paid from the proceeds of the show. Supplemental funds may be provided by the parent booster organizations. The drill team sponsor shall present a budget to the principal for approval prior to beginning of rehearsals. Maximum expense for all spring show expenses, except costuming, shall be calculated by the following formula:

(house capacity) X (ticket price) X (# performances)

If unusual circumstances arise that create the need for the expense limitation to be exceeded, the Coordinator for drill team activities must give approval.

F. Show Dates

It is recommended that senior high school spring shows run for a maximum of three nights. In cases where seating capacity and fire safety are concerns, an extra day may be added. Senior high spring shows may not exceed four nights. As per UIL/TEA guidelines, performances are limited to one during the school week, which is defined as Monday through the close of school on the last day of the school week. Additional performances may be scheduled after school on the last instructional day of the week and on Saturday. Sunday rehearsals/performances are prohibited except in extenuating circumstances as per PISD administrative guideline.