

## **ARTICLE VI GRADES**

- Section 1. Academic Grades: A Golden Girl whose recorded six weeks grade average in any course is less than 70 at the end of a six weeks grading period will be required to attend all practices but will be ineligible to participate in any Golden Girls performance events during the succeeding three weeks grading period. If after this probationary time, the Golden Girl's grades in all courses are 70 or above, eligibility will be regained. If at the end of the three weeks probationary period, the Golden Girl has below a 70 average in any subject, the ineligibility status will continue and will also eliminate participation in practice sessions and all other Golden Girls activities throughout the remainder of that grading period. This is in compliance with the current Texas' "No Pass-No Play" rule/HB 72, which is in effect.
- Section 2. The receipt of an "I" or Incomplete notification on the grade report must be completed and an official grade change recorded in the counseling office by the Friday following the end of the grading period. If the incomplete is not cleared and reported as a passing grade of 70+, the student will become ineligible for 3 weeks. This is in compliance with the current Texas' "No Pass-No Play" rule/HB72, which is in effect.
- Section 3. The second occurrence of academic ineligibility, at any time during the current membership year, will result in dismissal from the organization.
- Section 4. Academically ineligible members must provide a three-week progress report for all classes in order to determine eligibility for the remaining 3 weeks of the grading period. Failure to provide the three-week progress reports will result in academic suspension for the remainder of the six weeks grading period.
- Section 5. For eligibility purposes, the director will obtain an official six weeks grade report on all members at the end of each grading period. (Due to the nature of the dance team program, eligibility must sometimes be determined prior to the issuance of the official grade report. In cases such as this, it will be the member's responsibility to provide grade verification.)
- Section 6. After a failing grade has been recorded, the situations in which a student's grade may be changed to passing and eligibility restored are only as follows:
- A. a mechanical error occurred in averaging or recording the original grade; or
  - B. the teacher's grading procedure violated either local policy, state law, or Commissioner of Education rule and the student would have received a passing grade if the correct procedure had been followed. Extra credit work or work (including re-test) turned in after the grading period or evaluation has ended may not be considered when determining a student's eligibility for extracurricular activities except in the case of an "Incomplete" grade discussed above.

## **ARTICLE VII ATTENDANCE**

- Section 1. Absence from any scheduled Golden Girls activity/event will be considered unexcused except for the circumstances listed below which are in compliance with the CISD and State of Texas guidelines:
- A. Personal illness or accident
  - B. Death in the family
  - C. Special U.I.L. sanctioned or school field trip activities with advance approval from the director.
- Section 2. In the event of an absence, the member must:
- A. Prior to practice: Inform the director of the absence and the reason on the day before the absence is to occur.
  - B. Day of practice: Call squad's Officer by 6:30 am, or Golden Girls Office Voice Mail by 7:15 am, and be prepared to answer the following questions: "symptoms?", "are you seeing a doctor?", "when do you expect to return?"
- Section 3. Work, doctor, or dental appointments must not interfere with rehearsals or performances and will be considered unexcused.

- Section 4. Failure to comply with absence policies or falsifying reasons for absences may result in probation, suspension, or dismissal.
- Section 5. Members must attend school one-half day (4 class periods) in order to maintain eligibility for participation in an organizational activity on that day.
- Section 6. After weekly auditions during football season, a second excused or unexcused absence from any practice (before, during, or after school) for any reason will result in forfeiture of the performance(s) for that week.
- Section 7. During football season, any member who misses or is late to the practice with the band the day before a game will be subject to replacement in the scheduled performance(s) for that week, provided a qualified alternate is available.
- Section 8. Football playoff games are considered required performances. Members and their families should plan for the possibility of playoff games in November and December.
- Section 9. During contest season, any member who misses practice three times within a two week period will be subject to replacement in any or all contest performances provided a qualified alternate is available.
- Section 10. Any unexcused absences from practices, performances and/or events can result in probation, suspension or dismissal from the team.
- Section 11. In the event of an absence, the member is responsible for obtaining any information that was given on the day of absence.

#### **ARTICLE VIII REHEARSAL SESSIONS**

- Section 1. Before school, after school, and summer practice sessions will be required. Time specifications will be established as camp dates and other school, athletic, and contest schedules become available. All practices are mandatory for all members. (See Article III, Sections 6./7 and Article VII, Section 1./3., regarding unexcused absences from practice.)
- Section 2. Saturday and extra rehearsals may be held throughout the year. Members will be notified at least one week in advance.
- Section 3. Students will practice a maximum of 8 hours outside of the school day each week. The school week (based on the Monday-Friday daily schedule). Practice schedules will be determined by the director each year and distributed to members. This is in compliance with Texas HB 72.
- Section 4. Credit: Physical Education and/or elective credit (aka "Drill Team") shall be received for each semester for the assigned Golden Girls class period (Usually 1st period). Fine Arts and/or elective credit (aka "Drill Dance") shall be received for each semester for the assigned Dance II- III-IV/Varsity class period. Students in dance team must fulfill specific requirements for performance that will be evaluated by the director as for any other academic class.
- Section 5. Members must arrive on time to rehearsal sessions, wear specific practice attire and stay until dismissed by the director.
- Section 6. Street shoes will not be allowed in the gym facility and a cover-up must be worn at any time the student is in the hallway. Only specified cover-ups will be worn during the practice sessions.
- Section 7. Gum, food, canned drinks, and jewelry are not allowed in practice sessions.
- Section 8. All tutorials, make-up tests, etc. should be scheduled during lunch, on designated days after school, or before class. Tutorials and make-up work during practice session times must be pre-approved by the director.
- Section 9. In the event of inability to practice/perform:

- A. The member absent from practice and suffering from illness must call either her squad's officer or the Golden Girls office prior to the absence(s) and will be excused from practice and then should also submit a written note from the parent/guardian upon return to practice.
- B. Any member suffering from injury will be excused from workouts/performance upon receipt of a note from the school trainer or by physician's release. The injured member is expected to dress out and complete rehabilitation exercises until professionally released. A statement from the school trainer or physician will be required for reinstatement.
- C. Any member placed on Academic Probation for the three week probation period due to a failing grade will dress in appropriate workout attire during the designated practice and class period and shall assume all responsibilities related to practice and class time rehearsals but may not participate in any performance activities during that time period.
- D. The academically ineligible member whose ineligibility status continues past the three weeks probationary period is required to be in class on time and shall assume all responsibilities related to class time rehearsals, but cannot attend any before or after school practice sessions. It is also the member's responsibility to obtain any information that was given during these before or after school rehearsals. (This is in accordance with Texas' "No Pass/No Play" HB72.)
- E. Any member placed on "reserve" or "alternate" status must participate in all rehearsals, performances, and/or activities of the organization.