



Klein Oak Strutters

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Dear Strutter Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in being a part of the Strutter Dance Team. The Strutter organization is a very successful part of Klein Oak High School. It is a hard working group of young ladies who strive for perfection in dance, as well as high achievement in scholastic and moral standards. Each member of the group has the opportunity to meet new friends and new challenges which will help them to find their true self and grow into mature young ladies.

This organization provides a fun filled year of many activities including: football and basketball halftimes, other varsity sporting events, competitions and social / community performances and functions. Strutters is currently made up of a Varsity Team. Varsity will perform and compete at all Varsity level events. There is always a possibility of adding a Junior Varsity and an Elite Team if the need arises. The JV team would perform at football games with the Varsity but would compete in the JV division at contest. The Elite team would be made up of Varsity members that will perform and compete at both Varsity and Elite levels. We are excited to create a production style Varsity team and look forward to working with all teams in the future.

AUDITION INFORMATION:

- There is a new candidate parent meeting on February 26th and March 26th at 7pm at Klein Oak.
- You WILL NOT need a physical to audition. However, if you make the team you WILL need one prior to camp at the end of July. This is an activity that is very strenuous. If you have any physical restraints, you might need to be checked by a physician. All physicals must be completed on the KISD physical form for 2019/2020 and are available through the Athletic Department at your school and online.
- **Rookie Audition Workshop:** April 9th through April 12th in the large gym from 5:00-7:00pm for new candidates. The audition skills and dance will be taught during these times only. The audition is a process throughout each day and the final audition is April 12th. Rookie members will be announced on this day and expected to perform at our Strutter Finale on April 13th.
- **Finale:** Saturday, April 13th - Practice 9am-noon and 5:30-7pm. Finale is at 7pm at KOHS in the main gym.

Please return the following on **the first day of the Workshop:**

- Audition Application / Parent Permission form
- Signed Constitution / Trip Consent / Medical Release form
- Current Report Card (photocopies are acceptable)

You can find more information about Strutters and the Booster Club on our website at www.kleinoakstrutters.com. Thank you again for your interest. We look forward to seeing you at the parent meeting and audition workshop. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at spolansky1@kleinisd.net

Sincerely,

Coach Polansky

KO Strutter Head Coach/Director; Dance Department Head
Texas Dance Educators Association, President

AUDITION INFORMATION

WHAT TO WEAR – AUDITION WORKSHOP:

- Dance attire – black dance pants, capris or hot shorts with a black cami, tank top with no midriff showing or black leotard
- Toe Paws, Pirouettes, Tan Jazz Shoes or Barefoot
- Hair in a ponytail, out of your face and off of your neck
- No jewelry, no gum, no cheer or athletic style shorts

WHAT TO WEAR – AUDITIONS:

- New Candidates: Black Leotard, Black Hot Shorts and either Toe Paws, Pirouettes, Tan Jazz Shoes or Barefoot
- Returning Members: Black Leotard, Black Hot Shorts & Pirouettes
- Hair in a high bun, slicked down, no bangs
- Full PERFORMANCE make-up (dark red/maroon lipstick, dark blush, lots of black eye liner, black eye shadow in the crease with white on the lid and by the brow, black mascara, and foundation and powder matching your skin tone!)
- No jewelry of any kind!

CANDIDATES WILL BE SCORED ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Kicks (Straights, Fans, Exercise Kicks, Angle Kicks & an Extension)
- Rhythm / Coordination
- Technique
- Splits
- Showmanship / Projection
- Ability / Potential / Memory
- Dance Skills: Center leap (jete' in 2nd position), calypso (jete' in attitude), double pirouette, a la seconds (3 turns in second into a double pirouette), a jete' (Right and Left), a tilt leap and a Toe Touch. All of these skills will be taught at the workshop and reviewed each day. Each skill is right side dominate for this tryout except for the jetes. They will be both right and left.
- Promptness, Work Ethic and Attitude throughout the workshop will also be evaluated.

REMINDERS:

- The Workshop and Auditions are closed to the public. No parents or spectators will be allowed in the gym during this time. Parents are encouraged to be with their daughters when they receive their envelope at the end of the auditions letting them know if they have or have not been selected as a member of the Strutters.
- If you are not selected for the team, please do not approach the judges, the Coaches, or anyone else involved at that time. Please schedule a conference no sooner than one week following the audition to see the areas in need of improvement.
- Anyone who does not make Strutters should consider signing up for the Dance 1 Strutter Training Class period or Principles of Dance 1 to prepare for the next set of auditions.
- Have a good attitude, stay positive, keep the faith, be on time to start, be picked up on time and always use your manners! Good luck and remember to SMILE and HAVE FUN!!

COST ESTIMATE SHEET

This is an estimate of the expenses for Strutters Dance Team

>> Please understand that this is only an estimate <<

Item / Activity	Total Cost
Dancewear (estimate) - Leapin' Leotards *Accept cash, check or credit card at Vendor Night. Cost may also be split into 2 payments: One at Vendor Night & the remaining balance when we return to practice in July. Vets only need to buy new items/replacements.	\$300
Bows (estimate) - Make checks payable to <i>Bows By Deborah</i> *Due at Vendor Night	\$25
Strutter Booster Club Dues – Make checks payable to <i>KOSBC</i> *Split into 2 payments (\$75 May / \$75 September)	\$150
Team Camps (Dance Rage, Team Camp & Retreat) *Split into 2 payments (\$200 May / \$200 July)	\$400
Duffle Bag and Backpack *Duffle \$35 and Backpack is \$45 (Vets only need to buy replacements)	\$80
Strutter Ball and Banquet Tickets for Strutter – Make checks payable to <i>KOSBC</i> *Due at November Booster Club Meeting	\$90
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE BROKEN DOWN INTO A PAYMENT PLAN PAID TO KO STRUTTERS AS OUTLINED ON THE NEXT PAGE	DUE AUG-FEB
Performance Fee	\$300
IN STATE Competition/Performance Trip (estimate... depends on where we go!)	\$650



ESTIMATED COST BREAKDOWN BY MONTHS

STRUTTER DUES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- PERFORMANCE FEE \$300
- IN STATE COMPETITION TRIP \$650 (estimate)

THIS EQUALS A TOTAL OF \$985 WHICH IS BROKEN DOWN INTO 7 TOTAL PAYMENTS. 6 PAYMENTS OF \$140 ARE DUE in August, September, October, November, December and January. The FINAL PAYMENT of \$145 is due in February. These must all be paid on School Cash Online. If you need to make alternate payment plans, please contact the finance office to do so. You may also pay the balance in full through School Cash Online.

MAY 14th: VENDOR NIGHT & INDUCTION

- \$150 ½ DANCE WEAR (TO LEAPIN LEOTARDS) You may choose to pay in full.
- \$25 BOWS (TO BOWS BY DEBORAH)
- \$75 BOOSTER CLUB DUES PAYMENT #1 (TO BOOSTER CLUB)
- \$200 ½ of the Team Camp, Retreat, Dance Rage Fees (TO KO STRUTTERS) May pay in full
- \$80 Duffle Bag & Backpack (TO KO STRUTTERS) Rookies buy both/Vets only need to purchase replacements as needed.

JULY 29TH

- \$150 ½ DANCE WEAR (TO LEAPIN LEOTARDS)
- \$200 ½ of the Team Camp, Retreat, Dance Rage Fees (TO KO STRUTTERS) May pay in full

AUGUST 19TH

- \$140 STRUTTER DUES PAYMENT #1 (SCHOOL CASH ONLINE)

SEPTEMBER

- \$140 STRUTTER DUES PAYMENT #2 (SCHOOL CASH ONLINE)
- \$75 BOOSTER CLUB DUES PAYMENT #2 (TO BOOSTER CLUB)

OCTOBER

- \$140 STRUTTER DUES PAYMENT #3 (SCHOOL CASH ONLINE)

NOVEMBER

- \$140 STRUTTER DUES PAYMENT #4 (SCHOOL CASH ONLINE)
- \$90 STRUTTER BALL & BANQUET TICKETS FOR STRUTTER (TO KOSBC)

DECEMBER

- \$140 STRUTTER DUES PAYMENT #5 (SCHOOL CASH ONLINE)

JANUARY

- \$140 STRUTTER DUES PAYMENT #6 (SCHOOL CASH ONLINE)

FEBRUARY

- \$145 STRUTTER DUES PAYMENT #7 (SCHOOL CASH ONLINE)

IMPORTANT STRUTTER INFORMATION

- Every Strutter auditions for every dance and not every Strutter will perform every dance.
- Every practice, performance and event is mandatory. Routine doctor appointments, family gatherings/vacations, court dates, driver's education classes, rodeo, etc....are not excused and demerits will be given. The only excused absences are for illness, school events with prior director approval or a death in the family. Missing practices and performances will result in being replaced by an alternate if a viable alternate is available except in cases of an immediate family member's funeral. Unexcused absences result in demerits and possible probation.
- All expenses must be paid on time in order for your daughter to be selected for the upcoming dances. Extenuating circumstances must be brought to the director in a timely manner and payment plans must be adhered to.
- Disciplinary infractions will be handled by the director and administration as necessary. Please see the constitution for more information regarding demerits, merits, strikes, probation and removal from the team. This can be found at www.kleinoakstrutters.com
- Communication is key! I expect my Strutters to learn to communicate with their officers and coaches regarding questions, concerns, etc. From that point, parents may contact me to discuss their questions/concerns as needed. We all follow the chain of command or "pecking order" from the team to the officers, directors and then KO administration, if necessary.
- Education comes first and I expect Strutters to be responsible for their grades, conduct and academic achievement. Every Strutter must be passing their classes with a 70 or above to participate and remain eligible. Some classes are waived for eligibility; however, my expectation is that they should be passing regardless.
- To be eligible for football season, every Strutter must complete dance hours over the summer. The number of required hours will be announced at induction/vendor night.
- Every Strutter must complete 30 hours of community service as part of their grading period average. More details will be given at induction/vendor night.
- As part of the Strutters overall grade, every Strutter family is required to volunteer a set number of hours throughout the year at designated fundraisers, functions and contest

SUMMER DATES

During the last week of July, we have Dance Rage which is the beginning of our camps. The first week of August we will have master choreography classes at the school with MA Dance, the family picnic and then go on a team retreat for team building and fun to kick off our year! Dates and times will be announced at induction. All of these events are mandatory. Scheduling conflicts during these weeks must be discussed with Coach Polansky before auditions to see if there are other options. Not attending camps, dance rage or retreat removes the member from the team.

Not attending practice will result in demerits and being benched from performances. Not completing required dance hours will result in being benched from performances as well until all hours are completed.



Booster Club

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The Klein Oak Strutter booster club is a parent organization that provides support to the director and the team. This organization strives to create a family atmosphere where everyone is welcome to join in on the festivities. There are many opportunities to bond with other families and support your Strutter at the same time. We have several committees you can be a part of... props, costuming, spirit, class reps, banquet, ball, KO contest, golf tournament, etc.

WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

The booster club participates in three fundraisers throughout the year to help raise funds for goodies for the team, props, storage, scholarships, Strutter ball, banquet and more. The booster club fee is estimated at \$150 depending on the number of girls on the team. This may be paid in full or can be broken down into a payment plan. The booster club requires 4 donations (approximately \$25 each) per family throughout the year to help with the golf tournament, AAYFDT host competition and MA dance / KO host contest. These can be gift cards, food donations, monetary donations or even sponsorships from your local businesses. We like to involve our community in our goals and they love supporting such a wonderful group of young ladies. If you would rather write a check than have to worry about collecting donations or participating in fundraisers, you may do so to the sum of \$400. We appreciate everyone's support no matter how you wish you participate.

To sum it all up, the more parent participation we have, the lower the overall cost will be and the more fun everyone will have. We appreciate the huge amount of support we receive from our current members along with our alumni. We hope you will join us in supporting our Strutters throughout the year and in the years to come by being a booster club member.

Throughout the year we ask parents to volunteer in many different facets. We need dads (and moms) to help build props, transport props and set up and take down curtains. We need moms (and dads) to help bling, wash and make costume pieces. We need parents to help plan, decorate, set up and take down Strutter Ball, Banquet, Senior Night, Fall Party, etc. We have something for everyone! Please sign up to volunteer and enjoy being part of the Strutter Family!

PARENT PERMISSION FORM (FOR THOSE AUDITIONING FOR STRUTTERS)

- I understand the commitment involved in my daughter becoming a Strutter and do give my permission for her to do so.
- I understand that as a member of the team, she is expected to abide by the guidelines approved by the district which are listed in this contract and the Constitution.
- I understand that she must attend all practices, performances, camps and mandatory events throughout the year and if she does not, there will be consequences.
- I understand that her dance ability, effort, grades, attitude, organization, and discipline are all factors to be considered in making each / any performance.
- I understand that if my daughter is selected for Strutters this does not guarantee her spot in the dances and that not every Strutter will be selected for every performance.
- I understand that she must try out for every dance and maintain her grades, dance ability and have exemplary conduct to be selected to perform.
- I understand that all fees and dues must be paid on time regardless of my daughter's selection in performances, probation, grades, conduct, etc.
- I understand that the fees specified must be paid on time for my daughter to be able to audition for the upcoming dances and participate in the upcoming performances.
- I understand that removal from the team results in forfeit of funds paid without reimbursement and does not release the Strutter from balances they still owe.
- I understand that if my daughter is removed or removes herself from the team, she may not wear the Strutter attire or logo representing the Strutters from that point on.
- I understand that the Strutters practice every day after school and on selected Saturdays and that every practice is mandatory.
- I understand that if a Strutter misses a practice she will be removed from the dance and replaced by an alternate if a viable alternate is available until another spot becomes available and she is able to try out for that open spot.
- I understand that Strutters is a year round sport and fine art that will require time, commitment and effort by my daughter and myself.
- I understand that my daughter must travel with the team to all football performances, camps, special appearances, workshops and regional, state and national competitions.
- I release the school and district of all liabilities during the workshop and auditions.
- I furthermore understand that a physical for my daughter is required once she makes the team and that payments begin on Vendor Night.
- I understand that all Strutters are held to the highest of standards in and out of uniform and that poor decisions involving social media, cursing, alcohol, drugs, vaping and/or lewd behavior, regardless if it is at a Strutter function or not, will result in consequences ranging from demerits to dismissal from the team at the coach's discretion.

Parent Signature: _____

Candidate's Signature: _____

Date: _____

KLEIN OAK STRUTTER AUDITIONS APPLICATION

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR DAUGHTER IS SELECTED FOR STRUTTERS, THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED IN THE STRUTTER DIRECTORY. PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY, ACCURATELY AND SUPPLY THE NECESSARY INFORMATION.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth: / /

ID#:

Home Phone #:

Current address:

City:

Zip Code:

Candidates Mobile #:

Subdivision:

School presently attending:

Candidates Email:

Grade for 2019/2020:

Age:

PARENT INFORMATION

Mother's Name:

Mother's Mobile #:

Mother's Work #:

Mother's Email:

Father's Name:

Father's Mobile #:

Father's Work #:

Father's Email:

STEP PARENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

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Constitution Agreement, Trip Consent & Medical Release Form

I have read the audition packet and the KISD Constitution and I understand what is expected of me and agree to represent my team and my school with pride and maturity and to always follow the guidelines set by KISD and my coach. Additionally, I agree to accept the consequences should I not follow these guidelines, including receiving demerits, working off demerits, probation and/or removal from the team. I understand that it is my responsibility to communicate with my parents regarding times, schedules and due dates which I know are all mandatory. I understand that I am expected to communicate with my coach regarding any absences, issues or concerns. I also agree to use the KISD approved Strutter Social Media sites appropriately and abide by the social media contact in the Constitution.

Student's Signature _____

I have read the audition packet and KISD Constitution and I understand the consequences should my Strutter not follow the guidelines outlined by the coach and the administration. I support the coach and Klein ISD to handle any infractions as they deem necessary. I also understand that failure to follow the rules and regulations will result in my daughter being given demerits, working off demerits, strikes, probation, being sent home at my expense from trips and/or removal from the team as appropriate for the offence. I also give my permission for my Strutter to travel as necessary with the KO Strutters. I understand it is my responsibility to provide transportation to and from games at the KISD stadium and to have my Strutter dropped off / picked up on time from all scheduled Strutter events. I understand that once my daughter is selected for the team, I am responsible for all the fees outlined in this packet regardless of how long she stays on the team. I also give permission for my Strutter to communicate information through the KISD approved Strutter Social Media sites.

Parent's Signature _____

MEDICAL RELEASE INFORMATION

Strutter's Name:		
ID#:	Grade for 2019/2020:	Phone:
Current address:		
City:	Zip Code:	
Mother's Name:		
Mother's Home Phone:	Mother's Mobile #:	Mother's Work #:
Mother's Email:		
Father's Name:		
Father's Home Phone:	Father's Mobile #:	Father's Work #:
Father's Email:		

MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION

Insurance Co:	Policy No.:
Physician:	Phone:
Health issues and/or current medications that director should be aware of:	

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY DAUGHTER TO BE GIVEN MEDICINE SUCH AS TYLENOL, ADVIL, MOTRIN, ALEVE, MIDOL, ETC FOR MINOR ACHES/PAINS. _____ PARENT'S INITIALS

