

**THE HARGRAVE FALCONETTES
CONSTITUTION
2008-2009**

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be the Hargrave Falconettes. The purpose of the Falconette Dance/Guard Team is to encourage quality performance, high academic standards, loyal school spirit, and high personal values among its members. Through the development of dance/guard technique, leadership, cooperation, self-discipline and sportsmanship in each individual member, the Falconettes will fulfill its purpose for the benefit of Hargrave High School and the community of Huffman Independent School District. Students wishing to be members of the Falconettes Dance/Flag Team must meet all standards set forth in this constitution.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Falconettes shall be as follows:

1. To represent H.I.S.D. at major athletic and school functions (on campus and/or off campus).
2. To increase and develop character and responsibility and to maintain high moral standards.
3. To develop leadership, loyalty, and good sportsmanship.
4. To encourage good conduct and support interest in all sports, fine arts, and other school activities.
5. To develop and maintain a very high standard of precision dance to be performed at school functions and other special events as determined by the Director.

ARTICLE III

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The government of the Falconettes shall be in the control of the Executive Council, consisting of the military officers, social officers, guard officers, manager/escort officers, two line members, and the directors. A quorum composed of two-thirds of the Executive Council and the Directors must be present for any action to be taken. The Directors and/or the Executive Council have the discretion to interpret and enforce this constitution.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to:

1. Supervise all affairs pertaining to the interest of the Falconettes.
2. Meet once a month and/or when necessary.

ARTICLE IV

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Students who will be in grades 9-12 the following year are eligible to try out for the Falconettes, providing they meet the qualifications stipulated below:

- 1. Each member must have an overall average of at least 75 to be eligible for the Falconettes and submit a current report card at the time of tryouts.**
- 2. Prospective members must attend all workshop practices before the try-out date or will be dropped from the roster unless the member has an excused absence from the director's. An absence will be excused for the following reasons: 1. Illness and/or injury with a doctor's/parent note. 2. Family emergency or event (ex. Wedding or reunion). 3. If the member is in another organization and Mrs. Randolph or Mrs. Stoll has approved the absence with the other coach and/or director.**
- 3. Falconettes shall be selected on the basis of appearance, conduct, grades, and character as well as their dance/flag technique. A discipline point system will be a factor in conduct and character ratings.**
- 4. A transfer student who is currently a member of a dance/drill team may audition privately for the Directors upon her transfer into H.H.S. A letter of recommendation will also be needed from her former dance/drill team Director.**
- 5. A member who was dismissed or who has quit in good standing must first attend an interview with the Executive Council and pending their decision, may try out at the next scheduled try-outs.**

ARTICLE V

SELECTION

- 1. Dancers will be selected by an impartial panel of judges. Line and officer try-outs are closed. Each student will be judged on the following:**
 - a. Two prepared routines – A Jazz routine judged on dance technique, showmanship, appearance, and memory. A high kick routine judged on kick technique, showmanship, appearance, and memory.**
 - b. Splits**
 - b. Discipline – point system**
 - c. Grades (75 and above average)**
- 3. Guard will be selected by an impartial panel of judges. Guard try-outs are closed and each student will be judged on the following:**
 - a. Guard fundamentals**

b. One prepared routine – including flag/dance technique, projection, and memory.

b. Discipline – point system

c. Grades (75 and above average)

2. Military officers will be selected according to these additional requirements:

a. Perform a solo and be judged on the following qualities: dance technique/difficulty, memory, showmanship, use of turns, leaps, and overall performance.

b. Present a notebook with required material.

c. Perform a teaching situation in class including warm up and 5-8 counts of movement.

d. Perform a Jazz or Lyrical dance learned prior to officer try-outs. As well as splits and a kick routine.

e. Questionnaire/interview with a panel of three judges during try-outs.

f. Perform a strut routine learned prior to officer try-outs.

g. Must not have any debts owed to the Falconettes.

h. Have an overall average of at least 80 for the current year of tryouts.

i. Have been in Falconette Dancers for two semesters, unless transferred from another dance/drill team.

k. It is preferable for the Colonel to be a senior. Lt. Colonel and other officers may be seniors, juniors, or sophomores.

3. Social officers will be selected according to these additional requirements:

a. Present a notebook with required material.

b. Questionnaire/interview with a panel of three judges during try-outs.

c. Perform a Jazz or lyrical dance learned prior to officer try-outs. As well as splits and a kick routine.

d. Must not have any debts owed to the Falconettes.

e. Have an overall average of at least 80 for the current year of tryouts.

f. Perform a solo and be judged on the following qualities: dance technique/difficulty, memory, showmanship, use of turns, leaps, and overall performance.

g. Have been in Falconette Dancers for two semesters, unless transferred from another dance/drill team.

4. **Guard Officers will be selected according to these additional requirements:**
 - a. **Perform guard fundamentals and a guard routine at line tryouts.**
 - b. **Present a notebook with required material.**
 - c. **Perform a teaching situation in class including warm up and 5-8 counts of movement.**
 - d. **Questionnaire/interview with a panel of two judges during try-outs.**
 - e. **Must not have any debts owed to the Falconettes.**
 - f. **Have an overall average of at least 80 for the current year of tryouts.**
 - g. **Perform a solo and be judged on the following qualities: dance technique/difficulty, memory, showmanship, use of turns, leaps, and overall performance.**
 - h. **Have been in Falconette Guard for two semesters, unless transferred from another dance/drill team.**

***Judges Decisions are Final.**

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP

1. **There will be no set number of Falconettes. The number of Falconettes will be determined by the Directors.**
2. **All Falconettes must try out at the end of each year; if not, they will be considered resigning their position.**
3. **If a student drops out or is dismissed, she/he will be transferred to a P.E., fine art, or an elective class either immediately for discipline problems or at the semester. A dance/flag member may only move to a manager position if approved by the director's (In case of injury or family situation, etc.)**
4. **Falconettes are required to participate in all activities, in which the organization is involved, unless on academic probation. If on academic probation they must attend all practices and when necessary work in the concession stands while on probation. The directors may excuse an absence for the following reasons if given two weeks advanced notice: 1. Illness and/or injury with a doctor's/parent note. 2. Family emergency or event (ex. Wedding or reunion). 3. If the member is in another organization and Mrs. Randolph or Mrs. Stoll has approved the absence with the other coach and/or director.**
5. **Falconettes must exhibit and maintain a satisfactory attitude towards school policies, regulations, and employees.**
6. **The term of service shall officially be recognized at the time the new team is announced through the end of the following school year.**

ARTICLE VII

CREDIT AND PRIVILEGES

- 1. Credit will be given each semester in lieu of the physical education, elective, and/or fine arts requirement. Members should consult with School Counselors concerning credit.**
- 2. All members of the Falconettes shall enter athletic and scholastic events free if in uniform and/or with an athletic pass.**
- 3. Any member participating in Falconettes for two years (four semesters), three dance team competitions, and be a returning member for the next year will earn a letter jacket. Letter Jackets will be distributed in September of their junior year. If a student does not return in September and intended to before the end of the previous school year, then they may pay the original fee of \$50.00 in order to still obtain their jacket. Also, if they quit or get dismissed during their third year they must pay the original fee as well.**
***See Fine Arts letter jacket policy.**

ARTICLE VIII

REQUIREMENTS

In order for a student to remain a member of the Falconettes he/she must:

- 1. Have a student/parent participation contract on file. If an officer, have an officer/parent contract on file.**
- 2. Have a uniform contract on file.**
- 3. Have a medical release form and a completed physical on file.**
- 4. Be able to attend all practices, performances (football games, basketball games, shows, etc. as scheduled by the executive council), and contests unless absence is approved by the Directors. An absence will be excused for the following reasons if given two weeks advanced notice: 1. Illness and/or injury with a doctor's/parent note. 2. Family emergency or event (ex. Wedding or reunion). 3. If the member is in another organization and Mrs. Randolph or Mrs. Stoll has approved the absence with the other coach and/or director.**
- 5. Have poise and good posture and present a good appearance. All Falconettes must be dressed neatly and appropriately.**
- 6. Not receive a failing report card grade two times during the school year.**
- 7. Maintain favorable conduct in all classes.**
- 8. Fulfill their personal fundraising account as determined by the Directors at the beginning of each year.**
- 9. Attend summer camp and any scheduled summer practices unless excused by directors.**
- 10. Not have any serious school offenses after selection to the Falconettes. This will be**

determined by the Principal and the Directors.

11. Maintain a good attendance record.
12. All members must pay off their practice uniform account by September 1 or they may be subject to not performing until arrangements have been made to pay the remaining balance. All fundraising trip balances may be used to pay remaining uniform balances if needed.

ARTICLE IX

MILITARY OFFICERS

SECTION I:

1. There shall be one or two Colonels, one or two Lt. Colonels, and as many Lieutenants as deemed necessary by the Director, depending on the size of the new Falconette Drill Team.
2. In the absence of the Director, the military officers shall be in charge of the Falconettes during all performances and practices.

SECTION II:

REQUIREMENTS OF OFFICERS

Failure to abide by these requirements will result in a probationary discipline contract, which may result in suspension and/or demotion of officer position.

1. Be ambitious, determined, and maintain pride in herself as well as maintain a sense of responsibility for the organization. Wear the Falconette uniform with pride. Remember that any Falconette member is only as good as the weakest member.
2. Learn everything expected of the organization.
3. Cooperate with the Directors and with other officers.
4. Maintain an 80 overall average and pass all subjects.
5. Must not be placed on Academic probation, acquire 15 demerits at any one given time regardless of merit, be placed in ISS, or any type of school suspension.
6. Set high standards and always work to perfect level of performance and ability.
7. Be a good representative of the organization and set good examples for others.
8. Assume responsibility to see that each company performs at a high degree of proficiency.
9. Attend officer camp, dance team camp, all practices, and all performances as approved by the Directors.

SECTION III

OFFICER'S DUTIES

Failure to abide by and/or fulfill these duties will result in suspension and/or demotion of officer position at the discretion of the directors.

COLONEL:

- 1. Serve as commanding officer at all times.**
- 2. Call student's to attention at roll call for practices, performances, etc.**
- 3. Give whistle and verbal commands.**
- 4. Keep strict supervision over all other officers, see that each officer performs duties, and report any problems.**
- 5. Work with Directors and military officers in planning performances.**
- 6. Teach routines.**
- 7. Together with the military officers, assume complete control in the absence of the Directors at games, practices, and performances.**
- 8. Promote loyalty within the officers and the group.**
- 9. Perform any duty assigned by the Directors.**
- 10. Recommend demerits and merits with approval of the Directors. Turn in merits and demerits once a week to the Directors and keep and maintains the demerit and merit master notebook.**
- 11. Report any misconduct to the Directors.**

LT. COLONEL:

- 1. Perform Colonel's duties in the event of her absence.**
- 2. Assume the responsibility of a company of girls assigned by the Directors.**
- 3. Work with Colonel and Directors in planning performances.**
- 4. Check roll of team at all functions and give a list of absentees to the Colonel and or directors. Record absences in the master notebook. This includes class, practice, games, performances, and special functions.**
- 5. Collect all forms from her Company and give to the Colonel.**
- 6. Check her Company and Colonel for appearance before a performance i.e. make-up, hair, jewelry, gum, nail polish, uniform, etc.**

7. Compose a duty roster each semester.
8. See that her Company performs well. Stay late to work with her Company if needed.
9. Perform any duty assigned by the Directors and/or Colonel.
10. Teach routines.
11. Together with the Colonel, assume complete control in the absence of the Directors at games, practices, and performances.
12. Promote loyalty within the officers' group and the entire group.
13. Report any misconduct to the Directors.
14. Fill out all demerit slips and give to the Colonel at the end of each week.

LIEUTENANTS:

1. Assume the responsibility of a company of girls assigned by the Directors.
2. Check roll of team at all functions in the absence of Colonel and Lt. Colonel.
3. Perform any duty assigned by the Directors and/or Colonel.
4. Collect all forms from her Company and give to the Colonel.
5. Make sure that all equipment is put away properly.
6. Check her Company for appearance before a performance i.e. make-up, hair, jewelry, gum, nail polish, etc.
7. Help promote loyalty within the officers and the group.
8. See that her Company performs well. Stay late to work with her Company if needed.
9. Fill out all demerit slips and give to the Colonel at the end of each week.

ARTICLE X

SOCIAL OFFICERS

SECTION I:

1. There shall be one President, one Vice President, one Secretary/Treasurer, one Historian, one Spirit Leader, and one Public Relations person in the Falconettes Dance Team. Some of the offices may be eliminated or combined if the Directors feel it is necessary.

2. Social officers are chosen by the Directors and/or judges.
3. The social officers shall be in charge of spirit activities/social events within the group and the school.

SECTION II:

REQUIREMENTS OF SOCIAL OFFICERS:

The requirements for social officers are the same as for the military officers.

SECTION III:

SOCIAL OFFICERS' DUTIES:

Failure to abide by and/or fulfill these duties will result in suspension and/or demotion of officer position at the discretion.

PRESIDENT:

1. Call social meetings to order and preside over them.
2. Give birthday ribbons for each girl and be in charge of the Falconette Birthday Calendar. Also, assign teacher birthdays and check off in Director's notebook.
3. Make all arrangements for the banquet with approval of the Directors; including theme, decorations, menu, program, party favors, and location.
4. Encourage the team at camp, plan activities, and spirit projects.
5. Be in charge of the team, with the assistance of the Vice President, in the event of the Directors and Military Officers absence.
6. Send flowers or cards when appropriate.

VICE PRESIDENT:

1. Assist the President in her duties.
2. Assume President's duties in the event of her absence.
3. Be responsible for friendship tokens given to other drill teams at various occasions.
4. Make needed posters.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

1. Coordinate all executive council meetings and take the minutes of the meetings.
2. Type correspondence and handouts.
3. Help the Directors and the Colonel in record keeping and filing.

4. Be in charge of the summer mail out of calendars and letters.
8. Assist other social officers in their duties.

HISTORIAN:

1. Keep a written and pictorial account of all events and acts of the Falconettes. Present this material in the form of a memory book at the end of the year banquet.
2. Serve as audio/visual Librarian: in charge of music and videos.
3. Be in charge of the room bulletin board and hallway trophy case.

SPIRIT LEADER:

1. Give words of encouragement to fellow members.
2. Serve as song Leader: provide the Falconettes with copies of songs, chants, and cheers.
3. Make posters and promote fellowship and loyalty.
4. Say the prayer at all functions when necessary.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. Put announcements into the front office for various fundraisers, awards received, and changes in schedule.
2. Make sure all fundraisers are listed in the local paper and various advertisement avenues.
3. Coordinate with the yearbook on the Falconette layout and the newspaper for various team articles.

ARTICLE XI

GUARD OFFICERS

SECTION I:

1. There shall be three guard officers in the Falconettes – Guard Field Captain, Guard Captain, and Guard Social Coordinator. The offices may be eliminated or combined if the Directors feel it is necessary.
2. In the absence of the Director, the guard officers shall be in charge of the Falconette guard during all performances and practices.

SECTION II:

REQUIREMENTS OF FLAG OFFICERS:

The requirements for guard officers are the same as for the military officers.

SECTION III:

GUARD OFFICERS' DUTIES:

Failure to abide by and/or fulfill these duties will result in suspension and/or demotion of officer position at the discretion of the directors.

GUARD FIELD CAPTAIN:

1. Serve as commanding officer at all times.
2. Call student's to attention at roll call for practices, performances, etc.
3. Give whistle and verbal commands.
4. Keep strict supervision over all other officers, see that each officer performs duties, and report any problems.
5. Work with Directors and officers in planning performances.
6. Teach routines.
7. Together with the officers, assume complete control in the absence of the Directors at games, practices, and performances.
8. Promote loyalty within the officers and the group.
9. Perform any duty assigned by the Directors.
10. Recommend demerits and merits with approval of the Directors. Turn in merits and demerits once a week to the Directors and keep and maintains the demerit and merit master notebook.
12. Report any misconduct to the Directors.

GUARD CAPTAIN:

1. Perform Guard Field Captain's duties in the event of her absence.
2. Assume the responsibility of a company of girls assigned by the Directors.
3. Work with Guard Field Captain and Directors in planning performances.
4. Check roll of team at all functions and give a list of absentees to the Field Capt. and or directors. Record absences in the master notebook. This includes class, practice, games, performances, and special functions.
5. Collect all forms from his/her Company and give to the Field Captain.
6. Check his/her Company for appearance before a performance i.e. make-up, hair, jewelry, gum, nail polish, uniform, etc.

7. Compose a duty roster each semester.
8. See that his/her Company performs well. Stay late to work with her Company if needed.
9. Perform any duty assigned by the Directors and/or Field Captain.
10. Teach routines.
11. Together with the Field Captain, assume complete control in the absence of the Directors at games, practices, and performances.
12. Promote loyalty within the officers' group and the entire group.
13. Report any misconduct to the Directors.
14. Fill out all demerit slips and give to the Field Captain at the end of each week.

GUARD SOCIAL COORDINATOR:

1. Perform Guard Field Captain's duties in the event of her absence.
2. Assume the responsibility of a company of girls assigned by the Directors.
3. Work with Guard Field Captain and Directors in planning performances.
4. Collect all forms from her Company and give to the Colonel.
5. Check his/her Company for appearance before a performance i.e. make-up, hair, jewelry, gum, nail polish, uniform, etc.
6. See that his/her Company performs well. Stay late to work with her Company if needed.
7. Perform any duty assigned by the Directors and/or Field Captain.
8. Teach routines.
9. Together with the Field Captain, assume complete control in the absence of the Directors at games, practices, and performances.
10. Promote loyalty within the officers' group and the entire group.
11. Report any misconduct to the Directors.
12. Fill out all demerit slips and give to the Colonel at the end of each week.
13. Work with the dance social officers in planning all social events (parties, banquet, scrapbook, etc.)

ARTICLE XII

MANAGERS AND ESCORTS

SECTION I:

OFFICER POSITIONS:

- 1. Their shall be one head manager/escort and one assistant head manager/escort. The offices may be eliminated or combined if the Directors feel it is necessary. Officers are chosen by the Directors and/or judges.**
- 2. The requirements for manager/escort officers are the same as for the military officers.**
- 3. Officer Responsibilities: Be in charge in the absence of the director's, check roll for the group and record in the master book, recommend demerits to the directors, keep the master notebook, and perform any duty assign by the directors.**

SECTIONS II:

MANAGERS:

- 1. Shall be chosen by the Directors based on grades, teacher recommendations, and attitude.**
- 2. Must adhere to the Falconette Constitution, have a student/parent contract on file, and participation contract on file.**
- 3. Must attend all required games, parades, and events.**
- 4. Must attend all summer practices in the month of July/August that the director's deems necessary.**
- 5. Assume responsibility for banner, medicine kit, and collecting and distributing all props/uniforms.**
- 6. Wear appropriate uniform at all required functions.**
- 7. See that sound equipment is stored properly.**
- 8. Be responsible for handing out drinks after half time.**
- 9. Assume other duties deemed necessary by the Head managers and/or Directors.**
- 10. Enter athletic and scholastic events free if in managers T-shirt.**

SECTION III:

ESCORTS:

- 1. Shall be chosen by the Directors based on grades, teacher recommendations, and attitude.**

2. **Must adhere to the Falconette Constitution and have a student/parent contract on file, and participation contract on file.**
3. **Shall attend all games, parades, and events.**
4. **Will sit on edge of block formation in stands to prevent anyone from sitting with the Falconettes.**
5. **Will escort 3 Falconettes at a time to the restroom.**
6. **Will escort officers to meet the opposing team's officers.**
7. **Shall enter athletic and scholastic events free if in escort T-shirt.**
8. **Assume other duties deemed necessary by the Head Manager/Escort and/or directors.**
9. **May be involved in performances as deemed necessary by the officers and directors.**

ARTICLE XIII

GRADING SYSTEM

Members will be graded on the following point system:

1. **The Directors will give a number grade to each girl according to the grading system. A 79 to 70 average will place the student on Director's probation.**
2. **DAILY PARTICIPATORY GRADE - Will consist of dressing out completely and correctly and participating fully and positively. Each girl will begin each 6 weeks with 100 points. Her/his daily grade will be determined by the following deductions if necessary.**

Talking Excessively.....	-5
Talking or Moving at Roll Call.....	-2
Failure to Participate Appropriately.....	-5
Wearing Any Jewelry.....	-2
Chewing Gum.....	-2
Insubordination.....	-5
Late for Roll Call (See Handbook for Tardy Policy)	
Failure to Dress Out.....	-5
Failure to Complete Assignment.....	-2
Incomplete/Incorrect Uniform.....	-2
Late Turning in Items per day.....	-2
Hair Not Pulled Back Properly.....	-2

*****NOTE THIS PROCEDURE IS USED ONLY IN CLASS*****

3. **NOTEBOOK - A notebook will be kept by each girl. It will include the following items: Constitution, routines, notes, calendars, schedules, and any other assignments.**

4. **SKILLS EVALUATION - A performance test. Including all performances and some rehearsals.**
5. **WRITTEN WORK - Various assignments throughout each 6 weeks.**

ARTICLE XIII

DEMERITS

A total of 15 demerits will result in probation and 20 demerits will result in dismissal from the team. Demerits will be at the Director's discretion.

1. **It will take 50 merits to erase 1 demerit. The director has the discretion on how a member can erase demerits.**
2. **Any member who has a total of 10 to 14 demerits must have a conference with the directors to discuss the situation.**
3. **All demerits and merits are recorded on Fridays. Demerit slips are passed out on Mondays.**
4. **If a member accumulates 15 demerits he/she will be placed on director's probation and will be removed from the performing ranks. The time on probation begins on Monday and lasts until the following Friday. The probation period will continue until member has erased at least five demerits.**

Section I: Penalties for Insubordination

1. **Misconduct and poor attitude as determined by Executive Council..... 3**
2. **Failure to cooperate with officers as determined by the Executive Council..... 3**
3. **Talking back to the Director..... 10**
4. **Talking back to the officers or any member of the Falconettes..... 5**
5. **Failure of an officer to be respectful to any member of the Falconettes..... 5**
6. **Failure of an officer to carry out any duties assigned..... 3**
7. **Not attending scheduled practices (unless excused by the directors)..... 5**
8. **Not attending scheduled performances (unless excused by the directors)..... 10**
9. **Not attending other scheduled functions (unless excused by the directors)..... 5**
10. **Unladylike conduct..... 2**
11. **P.D.A's are defined as hugging or kissing, etc. (on school premises)..... 3**

Hugging, kissing, or holding hands, etc. (in any Falconette uniform).....	5
12. Failure to abide by rules as determined by the Executive Council.....	5
13. Unfavorable disciplinary report from teacher.....	5
14. Failure to deliver spirit projects.....	1
15. Violation of property as determined by Exec. Council.....	5
16. Failure to be truthful to officers or Director.....	5
17. Being given an after school detention	5
18. Being placed in I.S.S. (In School Suspension) for any reason.....	10

Section II: Penalties in regard to school, practice, and performances.

1. Not wearing correct practice uniform.....	1
(game day uniform).....	5
(performance uniform).....	6
(At anytime socks, undergarments, belts, and ribbons will be 1 demerit. Whole pieces will be 5 for game day or 6 for performance.)	
2. Tardy to roll call at practice or other scheduled event.....	1
(10 minutes and after).....	5
3. Talking or moving after attention.....	1
4. Talking excessively at practice.....	1
5. Chewing gum or eating during practice.....	1
6. Chewing gum during a performance.....	5
7. Wearing jewelry while in game day uniform	1
(exception: a watch and/or senior ring)	
8. Wearing any jewelry at roll call.....	1
9. Wearing colored nail polish while in uniform.....	1
Wearing unnecessary items to a performance.....	1
10. Messy hair, hair in eyes, or not pulled back	
(during practice).....	1
(during a performance).....	3
11. Dirty uniform or shoes (MUST BE CLEANED AND READY AT ROLL CALL)	1
12. Rips in practice uniform.....	1

(game day uniform).....	2
(performance uniform).....	3
13. Leaving practice early without permission.....	10
14. Leaving required function early without permission.....	10
15. Talking to a non-Falconette member during any Falconette function without permission by the Director.....	1
16. Eating or drinking without permission while in performance uniform.....	1
17. Not cheering in the stands (not paying attention to the game).....	1
18. Not smiling during a performance.....	1
19. Moving or talking on the field.....	3
20. Wearing field uniform anywhere except to scheduled appearance without permission from the director.....	5
21. Loaning out field uniform without permission from the director.....	10
22. Failure to bring props to practice.....	1
(to performance).....	5
23. Failure of Colonel to bring whistle to practice or performance.....	1
24. Not having name on any drill team articles (shoes, clothing, etc.).....	1
25. Late turning in articles, money, or required forms	1
26. Not signing out before going to tutorials or after an event.....	1

ARTICLE XV

MERITS

SECTION I: Merits can be earned for the following:

- 1. Selling projects - Varies depending on project**
- 2. Posters for special events - Small..... 5**
 - Medium..... 10**
 - Large..... 15**
- 3. Baked items for sales or for special events**
 - Cake..... 15**
 - Cookies (per dozen)..... 15**

Cup Cakes (per dozen).....	15
4. Working bake sales, raffle ticket sales, booths, community service, etc. (per hour)	10
5. Extra activities not required, such as attending non-required athletic events.....	15
6. Attending Falconette Booster Club meetings.....	10
7. Quality pictures of special events as determined by the Directors	5
8. Bringing non-required items to events (per item - including first aid or supply items)	
.....	5
Garage sale items: 10 small items (clothing, toys, dishes, books, etc.)	5
1 medium item	10
1 large item	15
9. Renaissance Cards (receive merits only at the end of every 6 week period)	
Gold.....	70
Silver.....	50
Red.....	30
10. Wearing spirit items on Fridays.....	5

Additional merits will be determined by the Executive Council. Merits will not be issued for physical duties, such as caring the tape recorder, moving tables, etc. Merit sheets must be turned in every Friday at roll call or the last class day of each week. If merits are not recorded on the merit sheet by the member then she will not receive it. Merits will not be allowed to be transferred from one member to another. Each member must maintain 200 merits by the end of the year per booster club by-laws.

ARTICLE XVI

Uniforms and Equipment

1. Dance sneakers, jazz shoes, tights, socks, practice uniforms, and anything else determined by the Director's must be provided by member. An expense list will be handed out before try-outs.
2. Some uniforms and props are provided by the school free of charge. Each member is responsible for keeping the entire uniform clean and undamaged. These are to be returned to the school cleaned with the receipt in the bag. Failure to return uniforms will result in a report card hold.
3. The user will pay full replacement cost for lost or damaged items.
4. The uniforms will not be altered or cut on without the Director's consent.
5. Each uniform will be assigned to one student. No one else is to wear any part of that uniform.

6. **Special performing make-up is required. Members will purchase their own personal make-up.**
7. **A designated brand of tights will be required and mandatory for each performance.**

ARTICLE XVII

Trips and Transportation

1. **All Falconettes must ride the school bus to and from all activities. A Falconette may ride home with only a parent, relative, or legal guardian if a signed and dated note is given to the directors before departing for the event. If a student does not qualify for a performance routine she/he will attend the activity in uniform with team.**
2. **Members will remain at the event until it is over.**
3. **Food and drinks will be allowed on buses only with the permission of the Directors. Everyone must clean up after themselves or privileges will be taken away.**

ARTICLE XVIII

Performances

1. **Each Falconette will try out for each performance. The Directors shall decide who will perform in each performance.**
2. **During football season, performers will be selected on each Monday prior to the performance.**
3. **Falconettes will be dismissed in a formal manner with the Drill Team chant.**
4. **Falconettes may go to the restroom 3 or 4 at a time with permission from the Directors and when escorted by a Falconette officer and manager/escort.**
5. **After the performance, drill team members are to return immediately to their seats in the stands without talking.**
6. **If a student is absent from practice it will result in forfeit of performance as determined by the Directors.**
7. **One or more excused/unexcused absences from summer practice will prohibit performance in the first game.**
8. **In all cases when a member is removed from the dancing ranks by the Director probation, she must attend the performance in appropriate uniform and attend all practices. Failure to attend will result in dismissal. When a member is removed by scholastic probation she/he must attend all practices and fundraising events, but may not attend any games or performance activities.**

ARTICLE XVIII

Awards

- 1. There will be (4) awards given at each football game: Falconette of the Week, Spirit Girl of the Week, Flag student of the Week, and Manager/Escort of the week. These will be chosen by the Director's and Military/Social/Flag/Mgr/Escort officers.**
- 2. Various awards will be given at the spring banquet.**
 - a. Dancer of the Year, Flag student of the Year, Manager/Escort of the Year – All chosen by the Directors.**

Top awards given for the following:

 - 1. Grades**
 - 2. Attitude**
 - 3. Performance throughout the year**
 - 4. Merits and demerits**
 - b. Merit Award- Member earning the most merits by the end of the year if the amount exceeds 300 total.**
 - c. "0" Demerits and "under 5" Demerits Award - Plaques/Certificates given to all members who received 0 demerits all year or stayed under 5 demerits from banquet to banquet.**
 - d. Outstanding Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior.**

ARTICLE XX

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Falconettes will be forfeited for:

- 1. Not having proper and current information on file.**
- 2. Violation of the law as determined by the student code of conduct in the student handbook.**
- 3. Being placed on probation more than one time in one school year for academic reasons; a member can not have failed two times during the school year.**
- 4. Being placed on Director's probation more than one time in one school year; a member must not be put on Director's probation two times during the school year.**
- 5. Failure to cooperate with the officers, Directors, or being disloyal to the organization as determined by the Executive Council and/or Directors.**
- 6. Smoking and/or drinking while a member of the Falconettes as determined by the student code of conduct in the student handbook.**
- 7. Swearing while a member of the Falconettes if she/he does not correct their language after**

being warned.

- 8. Having excessive excused absence. If the Executive Council determines that the number is excessive, there will be a conference with the student, parents, and the Directors.**
- 9. Being assigned to alternative education school or out of school suspension after becoming a member.**
- 10. Failing to maintain requirements for membership.**
- 11. Pregnancy. (Health concerns).**
- 12. Demerits- A line member shall be allowed only 20 demerits before they are dismissed. If they have 15 demerits, the Directors will notify that student, schedule a conference with them, and place them on probation until demerits are worked off. A student has a week grace period to correct a demerit problem.**
- 13. Disciplinary problems for any teacher or school employee will subject the Falconette to dismissal if they do not correct their conduct after being warned.**