

Captain Shreve Highline Tryouts General Information

We are pleased and excited that you are interested in trying out for the Captain Shreve Highline. A **mandatory dance clinic has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 2nd 4:00-5:30, Wednesday, March 3rd 4:00-5:30, and Thursday, March 4th 4:00-5:30 in the Cafeteria** for those interested in trying out for the Highline. During this time, candidates will learn and perform the necessary skills required for the tryout. The tryout will be Friday, March 5th starting promptly at 4:00 in the gymnasium.

Tryouts for membership to the dance line are open to any qualifying students entering the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. Each participant is responsible for transportation from the clinic and tryouts. If a candidate is absent during ANY POINT of the clinic, he/she will be unable to tryout with **no reimbursement of the \$25 tryout fee**. If a candidate is not picked up within **15 minutes** of dismissal time, he/she will automatically be dismissed from the clinic and tryouts with **no reimbursement of the \$25 tryout fee**. On the day of tryouts, it is required that everyone trying out wear all black clothing that permits movement such as a black t-shirt and shorts (no jeans, etc.). No excessive baggy clothing may be worn. Clothing cannot be Shreve or dance affiliated. Tennis or dance shoes during tryouts are required. NO dancing in socks or barefoot. If for any reason you do not have these items, make arrangements to borrow them. There will be no exceptions the day of tryouts. Hair must also be worn in a ponytail and absolutely no jewelry.

The clinic and tryouts are closed. For those unfamiliar with this term, this means that administrators, judges, score tabulators, Highline coach/sponsors, and candidates will only be allowed in the gym for clinic and tryouts. Parents and other students will not be allowed to view the tryouts/clinic in any way. No recording device will be allowed in the clinic or tryouts. Please do not ask for an exception. The selection of the Highline will not be posted until the evening of Friday, March 5th.

If for any reason you are not able to follow these rules, the Shreve Highline is not for you. We will be working very hard from this point on and we will require your full commitment. Please consider all of these stipulations along with the required camp, practice, and event dates before you decide to tryout.

Fees: Participation as a member of the Highline is \$1850 as there are costs for uniforms, camp, and payment towards other activities such as competition. **This fee OR any portion of it is NOT REFUNDABLE for any reason.** The fee may be divided into 4 payments. 1st payment (\$500) is due Tuesday, March 23rd; 2nd payment (\$450) is due Tuesday, April 13th; 3rd payment (\$450) is due Tuesday, May 4th; and the 4th and final payment (\$450) is due Tuesday, May 18th.

Tryout packets and the fee for tryouts are due by Thursday, February 25th to Mrs. Wilson (A102). The mandatory parent meeting is Thursday, February 18th in the cafeteria from 6:00 to approximately 6:45. If parents do not attend the meeting and the packet with tryout fee are not turned in by February 25th, the candidate will not be allowed to attend the clinic and/or tryout. If you do not attend any and all designated clinic days you will also be unable to tryout and the tryout fee will not be refunded.

Please remember to have a positive attitude and GOOD LUCK!!!

Thank you,

Brittany Branch, Highline coach and Sonya Wilson, sponsor

Parent Signature:

Student Signature:



Application for Highline Tryouts

My child, _____, who is currently in the _____ grade, has my permission to try out for Highline at Captain Shreve High School. I understand that he/she must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the coach, sponsor(s), administration of Captain Shreve, and the Caddo Parish Handbook. I have read the discipline policy, the general information sheet, the constitution and understand the consequences for violating any and all rules which could result in a permanent removal from the squad. I also understand that all forms attached must be completed and the \$25 tryout fee must be returned to Mrs. Wilson in A102 by Thursday, February 25th . I must attend the mandatory parent meeting on Thursday, February 18th from 6:00 to approximately 6:45 in the cafeteria. I understand that I must attend the parent meeting and my child must attend **all** tryout clinic sessions (for the duration of each session), or my child will not be allowed to try-out, **forfeiting the tryout fee.**

I agree to abide by the evaluation of my daughter/son by qualified judges, and we agree to respect their final decision(s). I understand all costs involved as stated in "Highline Tryouts General Information" sheet. I realize by the nature of the activity, participating on the Highline carries a risk of physical injury. No matter how careful the participant, coach, and sponsors are, how much training is given, the risk cannot be eliminated. The risk or injury includes minor muscle pulls, dislocations, and broken bones. The risk also contains catastrophic injuries such as permanent paralysis or even death from landing/falls on the neck, back, or head. I understand these risks and will not hold Captain Shreve or any of its personnel responsible in the case of accident or injury at any time.

Parent or guardian printed name _____

Parent or guardian signature _____

Date ____/____/____

Parent cell phone number (____) _____

I am interested in being a member of the Highline at Captain Shreve High School. I understand the requirements and risks stated above. If elected, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the coach, sponsor, administration at Captain Shreve, and the Caddo Parish Handbook. I agree to respect and follow the instructions of the Highline coach and sponsor.

Student signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Home address _____

Student cell phone number (____) _____

Current Grade Level _____

Captain Shreve Guidelines, Constitution, and Calendar Acknowledgement

I have read and fully understand all parts of CSHS Spirit Group Constitution for the 2021-2022 school year. I understand that I must follow this constitution if I become a member of a CSHS Spirit Group, and that my membership is contingent on following the guidelines outlined therein.

I have also read and fully understand all parts of the CSHS Highline Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. I understand that I must attend practices, performances, and events on these dates or I will receive demerits. I also recognize that this calendar is subject to change at the Coach's/Sponsor's/Administrator's discretion.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Return this packet with your 25\$ fee by Thursday, February 25th to

Mrs. Wilson in A102

YOU KEEP CONSTITUTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

Captain Shreve Highline Calendar Agreement

I, _____, (printed parent name) and my Highline candidate, _____, (printed candidate's name) have received a 2021 calendar for the month of tryouts through the summer. I have thoroughly reviewed these dates and will keep them in mind when planning our appointments, work schedule, and trips. I understand the consequences my child/children could possibly receive if we do not adhere to these Captain Shreve Highline dates. This is especially pertinent to camp dates! I know that if my child does not attend each camp day, he/she will earn 5 demerits per day towards a 15 demerit total just for this one event.

I understand that this calendar may be edited. Additional dates may be added and are subject to change. I also understand that demerits will begin immediately following tryouts and will not start over in August or any time during the year.

Please sign the following portion as an understanding of the information listed above:

Parent Signature: _____

Highline Candidate Signature: _____

For Office Use Only
 Current GPA:

CSHS Highline Tryout Form

Student Name _____ Current Grade Level _____

Address _____

Cell Phone _____

Parent E-mail _____

Are you currently in a spirit group? YES NO If so, which one? _____

Class Period	Class/Subject	Teacher and Room # (First and Last Name)	Teacher E-mail
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			

If you are not currently in a spirit group, what other organization are you currently involved in
 and who is the sponsor/coach of that group?

Group/Organization/Sport

Sponsor/Coach

Return this form with your packet and your \$25 fee by the Thursday, February 25th to Mrs. Wilson in A102, or you will not be allowed to participate in the clinic or try out.

This is a tentative score sheet. The finalized version will be available on the 1st day of clinic.

2021-2022 Highline Try-Out Score Sheet

Officer Candidate: Yes / No

Candidate #: _____

Judge #: _____

Technique: Execution and Smiles	
Right Split:	_____/5
Left Split:	_____/5
Toe Touch:	_____/5
Right Turn:	
Single	_____/5
Double	_____/5
Right Leap:	_____/10
High Kicks: Execution and Smiles	
Height:	_____/5
Posture:	_____/5
Toes:	_____/5
Head:	_____/5
Memory:	_____/10
Routine 1:	
Presentation: Presence, Smile, Enthusiasm, Showmanship, Energy	_____/15
Memory:	_____/10
Execution: Technique, Timing	_____/10
Routine 2:	
Presentation: Presence, Smile, Enthusiasm, Showmanship, Energy	_____/15
Memory:	_____/10
Execution: Technique, Timing	_____/10
Tabulators Use Only Total:	_____/135
Officer Selection Section: Candidate must have scored in top 20% of general tryouts to be considered after all other criteria has been met	
Appearance: Appropriate Attire, Hair Securely Away from Face	_____/10
Solo performance: Memory, Creativity, Technique, Execution	_____/20
Showmanship: Smiles / Facials / Energy	_____/10
Interview: (2 Verbal random questions per candidate) Confidence, Enunciation, Volume, Smile, Actual Response to Question	_____/20
Tabulators Use Only Total:	_____/60

Shreve Highline, Contacts

Fri Feb 12, 2021

All day No School - President's Day/Winter Break

| Fri Feb 12, 2021 - Wed Feb 17, 2021

Sat Feb 13, 2021

All day No School - President's Day/Winter Break

| Fri Feb 12, 2021 - Wed Feb 17, 2021

Sun Feb 14, 2021

All day No School - President's Day/Winter Break

| Fri Feb 12, 2021 - Wed Feb 17, 2021

Mon Feb 15, 2021

All day No School - President's Day/Winter Break

| Fri Feb 12, 2021 - Wed Feb 17, 2021

Tue Feb 16, 2021

All day No School - President's Day/Winter Break

| Fri Feb 12, 2021 - Wed Feb 17, 2021

Wed Feb 17, 2021

All day No School - President's Day/Winter Break

| Fri Feb 12, 2021 - Wed Feb 17, 2021

Thu Feb 18, 2021

6pm - 7pm Mandatory Parent Meeting for All Spirit Groups

| **Where:** Cafeteria, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Thu Feb 25, 2021

All day Tryout Form/Fees due to A102 (Mrs. Wilson)

| Thu Feb 25, 2021

Tue Mar 2, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm Mandatory Clinic - Cafeteria

| **Where:** Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Wed Mar 3, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm Mandatory Clinic - Cafeteria

| **Where:** Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Thu Mar 4, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm Mandatory Clinic - Cafeteria

| **Where:** Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Shreve Highline, Contacts

Fri Mar 5, 2021

4pm - 4pm Highline Tryouts

| **Where:** Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

| **Description:** End time unknown!!!!

Tue Mar 9, 2021

5:30pm - 6:30pm Mandatory Highline Parent Meeting A102

| **Where:** Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Wed Mar 10, 2021

3:30pm - 5:30pm Uniform fitting - Female parent/guardian must be present

| **Where:** B103 - Captain Shreve

| **Description:** Female parent/guardian must be present

Mon Mar 15, 2021

All day No School - Spring Break

| Mon Mar 15, 2021 - Fri Mar 19, 2021

Tue Mar 16, 2021

All day No School - Spring Break

| Mon Mar 15, 2021 - Fri Mar 19, 2021

Wed Mar 17, 2021

All day No School - Spring Break

| Mon Mar 15, 2021 - Fri Mar 19, 2021

Thu Mar 18, 2021

All day No School - Spring Break

| Mon Mar 15, 2021 - Fri Mar 19, 2021

Fri Mar 19, 2021

All day No School - Spring Break

| Mon Mar 15, 2021 - Fri Mar 19, 2021

Tue Mar 23, 2021

All day First Payment Due (\$500)- No personal checks

| Tue Mar 23, 2021

| **Description:** Payforit.net, Cashier Check, or Money orders

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Wed Mar 24, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Thu Mar 25, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Shreve Highline, Contacts

Tue Mar 30, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Wed Mar 31, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Thu Apr 1, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Fri Apr 2, 2021

All day No School - Easter Break

Fri Apr 2, 2021 - Mon Apr 5, 2021

Sat Apr 3, 2021

All day No School - Easter Break

Fri Apr 2, 2021 - Mon Apr 5, 2021

Sun Apr 4, 2021

All day No School - Easter Break

Fri Apr 2, 2021 - Mon Apr 5, 2021

Mon Apr 5, 2021

All day No School - Easter Break

Fri Apr 2, 2021 - Mon Apr 5, 2021

Tue Apr 6, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Wed Apr 7, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Thu Apr 8, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Tue Apr 13, 2021

All day 2nd Payment Due (\$450)- No personal checks

Tue Apr 13, 2021

Description: Payforit.net, Cashier Check, or Money orders

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Wed Apr 14, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Thu Apr 15, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Shreve Highline, Contacts

Tue Apr 20, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Wed Apr 21, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Thu Apr 22, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Tue Apr 27, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Wed Apr 28, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Thu Apr 29, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Tue May 4, 2021

All day 3rd Payment Due (\$450)- No personal checks

Tue May 4, 2021

Description: Payforit.net, Cashier Check, or Money orders

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Wed May 5, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Thu May 6, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Tue May 11, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Wed May 12, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Thu May 13, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Tue May 18, 2021

All day Final Payment Due (\$450)- No personal checks

Tue May 18, 2021

Description: Payforit.net, Cashier Check, or Money orders

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Shreve Highline, Contacts

Wed May 19, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Thu May 20, 2021

4pm - 5:30pm After school practice

Mon May 24, 2021

All day Final Exams

Mon May 24, 2021 - Thu May 27, 2021

Tue May 25, 2021

All day Final Exams

Mon May 24, 2021 - Thu May 27, 2021

Wed May 26, 2021

All day Final Exams

Mon May 24, 2021 - Thu May 27, 2021

Thu May 27, 2021

All day Final Exams

Mon May 24, 2021 - Thu May 27, 2021

Fri May 28, 2021

All day Last Day for Students

Fri May 28, 2021

Tue Jun 1, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Pre-Camp Practice

Where: Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Wed Jun 2, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Pre-Camp Practice

Where: Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Thu Jun 3, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Pre-Camp Practice

Where: Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Tue Jun 8, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Pre-Camp Practice

Where: Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Wed Jun 9, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Pre-Camp Practice

Where: Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Shreve Highline, Contacts

Thu Jun 10, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Pre-Camp Practice

Where: Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Tue Jun 15, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Pre-Camp Practice

Where: Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Wed Jun 16, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Pre-Camp Practice

Where: Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Thu Jun 17, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Pre-Camp Practice

Where: Captain Shreve High School, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Fri Jun 18, 2021

All day Camp Dates - UDA Camp - Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge

Fri Jun 18, 2021 - Mon Jun 21, 2021

Where:

Crowne Plaza Executive Center Baton Rouge, 4728 Constitution Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, USA

Sat Jun 19, 2021

All day Camp Dates - UDA Camp - Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge

Fri Jun 18, 2021 - Mon Jun 21, 2021

Where:

Crowne Plaza Executive Center Baton Rouge, 4728 Constitution Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, USA

Sun Jun 20, 2021

All day Camp Dates - UDA Camp - Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge

Fri Jun 18, 2021 - Mon Jun 21, 2021

Where:

Crowne Plaza Executive Center Baton Rouge, 4728 Constitution Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, USA

Mon Jun 21, 2021

All day Camp Dates - UDA Camp - Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge

Fri Jun 18, 2021 - Mon Jun 21, 2021

Where:

Crowne Plaza Executive Center Baton Rouge, 4728 Constitution Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, USA

Tue Aug 3, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Wed Aug 4, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Shreve Highline, Contacts

Thu Aug 5, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Tue Aug 10, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Wed Aug 11, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Thu Aug 12, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Mon Aug 16, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Tue Aug 17, 2021

All day Camp Gator -TBA
Tue Aug 17, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Wed Aug 18, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Mon Aug 23, 2021

All day 1st Day of School
Mon Aug 23, 2021

Tue Aug 24, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Wed Aug 25, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Thu Aug 26, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Fri Aug 27, 2021

All day Jamboree - @ Byrd
Fri Aug 27, 2021

Description: Highline will not be performing. For information purposes only.

Tue Aug 31, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Shreve Highline, Contacts

Wed Sep 1, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Thu Sep 2, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Fri Sep 3, 2021

5:30pm - 9:30pm North Desoto @ North Desoto

Where: North Desoto High School 9-12, 2571 US-171, Stonewall, LA 71078, USA

Mon Sep 6, 2021

All day No School - Labor Day

Mon Sep 6, 2021

Tue Sep 7, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Wed Sep 8, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Thu Sep 9, 2021

All day Leesville(BOB) @ Independence TBD

Thu Sep 9, 2021 - Sat Sep 11, 2021

Where: Independence Stadium, 3301 Pershing Blvd, Shreveport, LA 71107, USA

Description:

This is the Battle on the Border. It is a weekend long event. The day and time of our game has not been determined.

Fri Sep 10, 2021

All day Leesville(BOB) @ Independence TBD

Thu Sep 9, 2021 - Sat Sep 11, 2021

Where: Independence Stadium, 3301 Pershing Blvd, Shreveport, LA 71107, USA

Description:

This is the Battle on the Border. It is a weekend long event. The day and time of our game has not been determined.

Sat Sep 11, 2021

All day Leesville(BOB) @ Independence TBD

Thu Sep 9, 2021 - Sat Sep 11, 2021

Where: Independence Stadium, 3301 Pershing Blvd, Shreveport, LA 71107, USA

Description:

This is the Battle on the Border. It is a weekend long event. The day and time of our game has not been determined.

Tue Sep 14, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Shreve Highline, Contacts

Wed Sep 15, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Thu Sep 16, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Fri Sep 17, 2021

5:30pm - 9:30pm Union Parish @ Lee Hedges (Home)

| Where: Lee Hedges Stadium, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Tue Sep 21, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Wed Sep 22, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Thu Sep 23, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Fri Sep 24, 2021

5:30pm - 9:30pm Southwood @ Lee Hedges (Away)

| Where: Lee Hedges Stadium, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Mon Sep 27, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Tue Sep 28, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Wed Sep 29, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Thu Sep 30, 2021

5:30pm - 9:30pm Parkway @ Lee Hedges (Home)

| Where: Lee Hedges Stadium, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Tue Oct 5, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Wed Oct 6, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Thu Oct 7, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Shreve Highline, Contacts

Fri Oct 8, 2021

5:30pm - 9:30pm Benton @ Lee Hedges (Home)

| Where: Lee Hedges Stadium, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Mon Oct 11, 2021

All day No School - Fall Break

| Mon Oct 11, 2021 - Wed Oct 13, 2021

Tue Oct 12, 2021

All day No School - Fall Break

| Mon Oct 11, 2021 - Wed Oct 13, 2021

Wed Oct 13, 2021

All day No School - Fall Break

| Mon Oct 11, 2021 - Wed Oct 13, 2021

Thu Oct 14, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Fri Oct 15, 2021

5:30pm - 9:30pm Natchitoches (Homecoming) @ Lee Hedges

| Where: Lee Hedges Stadium, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Mon Oct 18, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Tue Oct 19, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Wed Oct 20, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Thu Oct 21, 2021

5:30pm - 9:30pm Haughton @ Lee Hedges (Home)

| Where: Lee Hedges Stadium, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Fri Oct 22, 2021

All day No School - Professional Dev.

| Fri Oct 22, 2021

Mon Oct 25, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Tue Oct 26, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Shreve Highline, **Contacts**

Wed Oct 27, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Thu Oct 28, 2021

5:30pm - 9:30pm Byrd @ Lee Hedges (Away)

| **Where:** Lee Hedges Stadium, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

Tue Nov 2, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Wed Nov 3, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Thu Nov 4, 2021

3pm - 5:30pm Practice

Fri Nov 5, 2021

5:30pm - 9:30pm Airline (Senior Night) @ Lee Hedges (Home)

| **Where:** Lee Hedges Stadium, 6115 E Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71105, USA

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE
CAPTAIN SHREVE HIGH SCHOOL SPIRIT GROUPS
(Varsity Cheerleaders/Mascot, Highline, Junior Varsity Cheerleaders,
Flagline, Majorettes, Freshman Cheerleaders and Pep Squad)
Revised January 2021**

****KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS****

I. Purpose

- A. Serve the school by promoting school spirit and serving in any capacity that might reflect a positive image of our school
- B. Develop character by building qualities such as leadership, cooperation, sportsmanship, honesty, scholarship, and confidence; and exhibit such qualities in the group's image of high standards of conduct
- C. Cultivate cooperation within the squad and with other spirit groups
- D. Develop dance/cheer abilities by learning dance routines/techniques and cheers/techniques in order to provide entertainment at school and community events
- E. Reach out to our community in a variety of ways

II. Membership Selection

A. Tryouts:

- a. Flagline/Highline/Varsity Cheerleader/Mascot/JV Cheerleader/Majorette Tryouts will be held in the spring semester of each year. Freshman Cheer will be held in August (prior to school starting).
- b. Candidates must be currently enrolled in Captain Shreve High School in order to try out.
- c. Candidates must be entering the 10th, 11th or 12th grade the next school year in order to be eligible for JV Cheer and Flagline. Candidates must be entering the 11th or 12th grade for Varsity Cheer. Entering 9th graders are eligible to try out for Highline, Majorettes, and Freshman Cheer.
- d. The parent/guardian must attend a mandatory parent meeting in order to try out.
- e. A candidate must attend all clinic sessions. See sponsor with questions.
- f. No recording devices will be allowed during the clinic and tryouts with the exception of Freshman Cheer.
- g. Candidates must be present 3 hours at school to participate in the clinic for that day.
- h. Candidates must submit a non-refundable tryout fee with the signed tryout packet forms to the sponsor by the specified deadline. The tryout fee will be used to pay judging and instructional fees.
- i. Grade point average of 2.0 (as shown on the semester report card) must be established and maintained as directed by the requirements of the Caddo Parish School Board.
- j. A candidate may try out with administrative approval concerning discipline matters.

- k. Each candidate must be a current member of a spirit group, JROTC, band or an athletic program.
 - l. All school-related fees and debts must be paid before candidates can try out.
 - m. A candidate will need shorts, t-shirts, and tennis shoes for the clinic. For tryouts, they will need an outfit of the sponsor's discretion with no cheer or dance logos.
 - n. The candidates will try out in small groups before a panel of judges.
 - o. Clinic and tryouts will be closed.
- B. Scoring
- a. Candidates scores are based on a combination of averaged judges' scores (70%), averaged teacher recommendations received (20%), and current sponsor recommendation (10%) with the exception of freshmen cheer which will be 100% averaged judges' scores. All spirit groups with the exception of Pep Squad will be selected via a natural break in final tryout scores.
 - b. A mascot will be chosen by displaying creativity, spirit, and crowd involvement during tryouts.
 - c. Score sheets will be tallied by two auditors approved by the administrators.
 - d. The final list will be approved by an administrator prior to posting the list. The list will be posted on the front doors of the school and/or through social media. All decisions are FINAL!

III. Membership Requirements

A. Member Rules

- a. Membership of all CSHS spirit groups is for one year from the date of selection. Members must try out/sign up each year.
- b. Members must be skilled in appropriate spirit group activities.
- c. Each member must be capable of purchasing practice and performance uniforms. Uniforms and practice uniforms may be worn only by current members. All props, travel expenses, and camp fees are to be paid by each member. Fundraisers will be conducted for any type of special event funding, such as competitions. All deadlines for such fees must be met in accordance with sponsor requirements.
- d. Once a financial commitment has been made to a spirit group, no refund will be issued.
- e. Members are to have all uniforms paid for by the due dates in order to participate in camp and upcoming school activities.
- f. Grade point average must be maintained at 2.0 and no Fs (as seen on the report card) as directed by CPSB policy. Grade point averages will be checked at the end of each semester. If an 'F' appears on a report card or progress report, parent and student must arrange and attend a parent/teacher conference before the student is allowed to resume performing with the team.
- g. All Varsity Cheerleaders, JV Cheerleaders, Freshmen Cheerleaders, Highline, Majorettes and Flagline members will need to get a physical prior to the beginning of the season. Sponsors will keep these forms.
- h. All Spirit Group members will need to fill out a permission slip, field trip form, and medical documents.
- i. Members must be prepared to practice after school and/or before school, be present for scheduled practices during the summer, and to attend camp. Spirit

groups attend all football games, basketball games, postseason and/or playoff games, and other designated events. Attendance is mandatory and failure to participate will result in demerits. Work is not an excused absence. Participating in a non-Shreve affiliated performing group is also not an excused absence.

- j. All Spirit Groups are part of promoting school spirit. This includes cheering at all required activities, as appropriate, and positive attitudes during all performances.
 - k. Demerits will not start over at any point.
 - l. Members must be in school for 3 hours to participate in mandatory spirit group activities.
 - m. If a member is unable to practice due to minor injury or illness, attendance at practice and games in full uniform is still required.
 - n. All off-campus spirit activities are school sponsored and members must apply all school rules and policies.
 - o. All spirit group members must ride the bus to all necessary games/events. Parents may pick up their members from an event with a written note that should be turned in the day before the trip by 12:00 PM.
 - p. All members must participate in all fundraising activities or be prepared to make an equivalent financial contribution to the spirit group's account.
 - q. If a member has an F in a class, she/he will not be able to attend field trips that require her/him to miss class.
 - r. Banner making, poster making, candy bag assembly, spirit breakfast decorating, community service projects, locker room decorating, fundraising, and any other spirit group activity designated by the sponsor will be required activities for all spirit groups.
- B. Code of Conduct
- a. All spirit group members will be expected to adhere to the Captain Shreve Code of Conduct which states:
 - i. Conduct yourself at all times according to high personal standards. Members should be conscious of their social media conduct including but not limited to: texting, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, etc.
 - ii. Be honest, kind, respectful, and helpful to others.
 - iii. Follow all school rules.
 - iv. Adhere to all policies found in the Captain Shreve Student Handbook and the Caddo Parish Student Handbook.
- C. Officer Selection
- a. Officer Selection will be based on tryout score and leadership ability as defined in the Officer Tryout packet specific to each spirit group.
 - b. A candidate must have no more than 5 demerits to be considered for an officer position.
 - c. If an officer accumulates 10 demerits at any time throughout the year, she will be dismissed from her officer duties and title.
 - d. Spirit groups will have a captain and co-captain.
 - i. For Varsity Cheer, JV Cheer, Highline, and Flagline, the Captain and Co-Captain will be selected based on an audition process stated in the tryout information packet.

1. The Captain for Varsity Cheer shall be a Senior.
 - ii. Captain and Co-Captain for Pep Squad and Freshman Cheer will be selected by the Sponsor after member review during practices.
- D. Duties of Captain and Co-Captain(s) for Freshman, JV, Varsity Cheer, Highline, and Flagline
- a. The chain of command is: Co-Captain, Captain, Sponsor.
 - b. Be at practice before starting time and have the practice start on time.
 - c. Lead squad in a warm-up routine.
 - d. Recommend to the sponsor/coach any additional practices as deemed necessary.
 - e. Notify the squad if the scheduled time or date is changed.
 - f. Be responsible for the use of **appropriate** cheer, chant, dance, and music for all routines.
 - g. Lead the squad onto the court for timeouts and halftime performances.
 - h. Design all routines for pep rallies including open house and all-squad routines.
 - i. Designate the proper uniform to be worn for each event pending sponsor approval prior to the day of the event.
 - j. Perform duties mentioned in the Captain and Co-Captain application packet.
- E. Spirit Group Class Expectations
- a. A member is required to dress out daily and participate.
- F. Medical Release
- a. All spirit group members must provide a medical release form from a licensed medical doctor or certified athletic trainer to return to practice or competition after an injury or at any time deemed by the sponsor.

IV. Demerits

- A. Monthly demerit notifications will be given to the spirit group member by the sponsor or co-sponsor with the expectation that it will be delivered to the parent.
- B. When a member accumulates 10 demerits (with the exception of pep squad which will be 15 demerits), they will be placed on probation and will not perform the routine/cheer at the game/performance of choice by the sponsor. A notification letter will be sent to inform parents/guardians and the spirit group member of the infractions that led to probation.
- C. Demerits will not start over at the beginning of the second semester.
- D. Any member receiving 20 demerits will forfeit their membership from the team for the remainder of the year (with the exception of pep squad which will be dismissed at 25 demerits).
- E. Once a member has been dismissed from the team, the member will not be allowed to wear any part of the CSHS Spirit group uniform (performance uniforms, practice uniforms, athletic jacket, or any other part of the spirit group wardrobe).
The following is a list of violations that will result in the designated demerits. Any officer may report violations, but the **sponsor makes the final decision** regarding the giving of demerits.

Offense

- Tardiness (0-5 minutes) to practice
(Excuses must be submitted in writing prior to the tardy)
- Leaving practice/game early

Demerits

- 1 demerit**
- 2 demerits**

-Tardiness to performance (before event official start time) (Excuses must be submitted in writing prior to the tardy)	2 demerits
-Not notifying the sponsor of absence from practice (excused)	2 demerits
-Incomplete, dirty, or inappropriate practice uniform; nothing may be worn with or over the practice uniform that is not part of the designated practice uniform	2 demerits
-Using the cell phone during practice or events (per occurrence)	2 demerits
-Tardiness (25% or less of time missed) to practice (Excuses must be submitted in writing prior to the tardy)	3 demerits
-Not notifying the sponsor of absence from game or performance (excused)	3 demerits
-Allowing non members to use and/or wear pieces of the uniform	3 demerits
-Failure to comply with behavior expectations as defined by the sponsor	3 demerits
-Wearing jewelry (including facial and body piercings) or accessories (including nail polish, eyelashes, hair wraps, bonnets, headbands, etc) while in uniform (unless designated by sponsor)	3 demerits
-Uncooperative or disrespectful attitude to any spirit group member	3 demerits
-Tardiness to performance (25% or less time missed) (Excuses must be submitted in writing prior to the tardy)	5 demerits
-Failure to leave practices, games, or performances within 15 minutes of dismissal	5 demerits
-ISS (by infraction)	5 demerits
-Unexcused absence from practice	5 demerits
-Public display of affection while in uniform	5 demerits
-Inappropriate, dirty, incomplete, incorrect performance uniform (includes but is not limited to hair, accessories, socks, shoes, etc); nothing may be worn with or over the uniform that is not part of the designated uniform	5 demerits
-Uncooperative or disrespectful attitude to any spirit sponsor and/or faculty member	10 demerits
-Unexcused absence to a required game or performance	10 demerits
-Sitting in the stands as a spectator during assigned games	15 demerits
-Missing Camp	15 demerits

V. Performance Requirements

- A. A member who is absent 2 practices prior to performance may not be allowed to perform at the discretion of the sponsor.
- B. A member who has not demonstrated proficiency in the routine will not be allowed to perform. Members must be present at practice on the designated evaluation day. Cuts may be made prior to each performance.
- C. Members must be present at school at least 3 hours of the school day on the day of a game or performance to be eligible to perform.
- D. Members must be in complete uniform as designated by the sponsor or they will not be allowed to perform.

- a. Hair color must be natural. Hair style must be conducive to uniformity, and versatile enough to change styles easily according to the sponsor(s) discretion.
- b. Enhancements to appearance (ie. eyelashes, piercings, etc) must not interfere with practices/performances and at the sponsor(s) discretion.
- c. Excessive fingernail length will not be allowed. The length should not present a chance of injury to other team members. Nail color should be neutral, clear, or approved by the sponsor prior to.
- d. Tattoos will be covered with makeup or neutral-colored bandages if they show outside the given uniform.
- e. If uniform needs to be replaced due to inappropriateness, misplacement, damage, theft, etc., members will receive demerits for the initial infraction, and will sit out from any and all future performances, games, or events until it is replaced by the member and/or parent/guardian.

VI. Probation/Dismissal

- A. Any member who is in violation of the following governing regulations will face probation or dismissal from membership of the CSHS Spirit groups. They are not allowed to wear any part of the spirit group uniform during probation / after dismissal. No refunds will be issued upon dismissal.
 - a. Accumulation of 20 demerits (with the exception of pep squad which will be dismissed at 25 demerits)
 - b. Suspension as imposed by CPSB Discipline Policy
 - c. Breaking any school rule or spirit group rule while in any part of the CSHS spirit group uniform
 - d. Not maintaining the required GPA
- B. Probation/Dismissal will be administered by the sponsor and administration and a parent will be contacted.