



*Silver Stars*  
*Audition Booklet*  
*2024-2025*

# *Introduction to Silver Stars*

The Silver Stars Organization is committed to providing a quality, team-oriented dance experience through consistency, performance, and education. A Silver Star is expected to represent the Department of Dance, Bowie High School, Austin ISD, and the greater Austin community through their daily actions, appearance, and their character. In carrying on a rich tradition, a Silver Star will exceed academically, volunteer within their community, and be an upstanding citizen of Bowie High School. A Silver Star will display kindness, self-discipline, honor, and respect at all times.

Purpose of the Silver Stars:

- To promote appropriate and good spirit
- To develop team-building, self-confidence, and self-discipline
- To promote leadership
- To develop and maintain exceptional dance qualities
- To represent the school, district, and community in an exemplary manner
- To serve as a role model for impeccable behavior and citizenship
- Silver Stars Varsity Drill Team Expectations

When a student becomes a member of the James Bowie High School Silver Stars, their entire family becomes a part of an extended family that include supporters, spectators, and volunteers. Being a Bowie Silver Star is one of the highest honors at James Bowie High School, as the Silver Stars are a representation of our student population, our school district, and our community. There is an incredible demand on the Silver Stars and their family that requires time, financial, and emotional responsibilities.

**Time:** Family schedules will sometimes have to be adjusted to accommodate the schedule and commitments of the Silver Stars Organization. This is a TEAM activity, meaning each member must be present for rehearsals and performances to run smoothly and effectively. Parents are asked to volunteer their time in order to facilitate performances, social events, and fundraising. Most importantly, it is imperative that families show their support of their dancer by attending the football games, booster meetings, and performances.

**Money:** Every effort is made to keep expenses reasonable, however, there is a considerable financial responsibility for each member. In an effort to offset some of the costs associated with being a Silver Star, the Silver Star Booster Club provides opportunities to fundraise, helping to defray costs. Each performer and their family must support these events by providing their time and talents, as well as encouraging the community to participate as well. Each team member directly benefits from these events.

**Emotional Investment:** Every dancer will have their triumphs and disappointments. With each moment is an opportunity for personal growth from an individual standpoint and a team standpoint. Celebrate your Silver Star's personal triumphs, as they have worked hard to achieve them. Be patient with them when they are disappointed, encourage them to ask for feedback, and recognize that with every moment of disappointment comes a wonderful opportunity for growth and reflection. Individual communication is paramount to the team's success.

**Year-Round Commitment:** The Silver Stars Organization is a year-round commitment. Once a student makes the team, it is expected that they will serve the entire year. Should they leave the team for any reason, their membership will be void until the next Silver Stars audition.

- Double blocked 1st and 5th periods. Practices are before school.
- **Football Season** - Silver Stars perform during halftime at all football games including away games and at all school pep rallies
- **Contest Season** - Silver Stars compete in the months of January-March
- **Spring Show** - Silver Stars host their annual Spring Show in April.
- **Summer Commitment** - Line Camp & Summer Dance Camp (June), Two-A-Days Practices (August)

## *Silver Stars Audition Schedule and Deadlines*

<b>Now- Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup></b> (before auditions begin)	Get audition booklet from SilverStars.org Go online to SilverStars.org, click on resources and then “Handbook” – IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO UNDERSTAND ALL EXPECTATIONS of the Silver Stars organization before your audition application is submitted!
<b>Tuesday, February 20th @ 6:00pm</b>	<b>Highly Recommended</b> Parent/Silver Star Candidate Meeting on Zoom <a href="https://austinisd-org.zoom.us/j/86141546980?pwd=Tk1eWxSeEJoUE9IOE1xRkpWZUdHQT09">https://austinisd-org.zoom.us/j/86141546980?pwd=Tk1eWxSeEJoUE9IOE1xRkpWZUdHQT09</a> Meeting ID: 861 4154 6980                      Passcode: 696643
<b>Monday, February 26th by 9:00am</b>	<b><u>Submit Audition Application</u></b> by completing the Google Form linked above.
<b>Monday, February 26th @ 4:45pm – 7:00pm</b>	<b>Day 1 of Audition Clinic! *Mandatory* - Have fun and work hard!</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 27th @ 4:45pm – 7:00pm</b>	<b>Day 2 of Audition Clinic! *Mandatory*</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 28th @ 4:45pm – 7:00pm</b>	<b>Day 3 of Audition Clinic! *Mandatory*</b>
<b>Thursday, February 29th @ 5:00pm – until auditions finish</b>	<b>Silver Stars Auditions!</b> AUDITIONS ARE CLOSED TO ALL SPECTATORS IN THE PERFORMANCE AREA AND LOCKER ROOM.
<b>Friday, March 1st by 6:30pm</b>	Selections will be posted on SilverStars.org.

**If you do not have the equivalent of a 2.0 GPA at the time of auditions you will still be allowed to audition. However, if you are selected you will not be considered a member of the Silver Stars. You will be placed on academic probation and your membership will be contingent upon the fulfillment of a 2.0 GPA by the end of the academic school year. If you do not produce a 2.0 GPA by this time, you will not be considered a Silver Star for the following school year.**

### **What do I wear during the clinic?**

Wear appropriate form fitting dance attire (no shorts) with jazz shoes. Hair needs to be out of the face and tightly secured. Absolutely no gum or jewelry is allowed.

### **When will I learn the audition routines?**

The audition routines will be taught at the audition clinic. All candidates will learn audition etiquette, a jazz/kick dance and a contemporary combination.

### **What will I wear for auditions?**

Each candidate will be required to wear a **solid black** form fitting dance top or leotard (no stomach showing), and black leggings with tan jazz shoes. Long hair will be worn in a low bun with hair net, parted down the middle, bangs out of the face (bangs pulled back) and secured tightly with clips and/or hair spray/gel. If hair is unable to be put in a bun, it needs to be secured out of the candidate's face. Make-up and red lipstick is required. Every candidate will have an audition number displayed on the front of the audition top. Those numbers will be given to the candidates during the clinic, but you need to supply your own safety pins (at least 4).

### **How will I be judged?**

Sample score sheets will be discussed during one of the clinic dates. All candidates will be scored on an equal basis. Candidates will audition in front of a panel of judges consisting of 3 judges. The candidates will be scored on splits, memory, kick technique, kick height, stamina, precision, advanced jazz technique, style, projection, quality of movement, and performance value. Auditions are closed to all spectators. The administrator, Directors, judges, person playing the music and candidates will be the only individuals allowed in the audition room. **All decisions made by the judges committee are final.**

### **What skills might be included in the audition dance?**

Advanced jazz technique, advanced kick technique and advanced contemporary technique. The dances may include the following:

- Improvisation (3 8 counts)
- Executed with proper placement and technique
  - Right Triple Pirouette
  - Left Double Pirouette
  - Fouette Turns into Pirouettes
  - Turning Russian
  - Pique Turns
  - Russian
  - Leap
  - Ballet Technique
  - Tilt Jump
  - Switch Arabesque
  - Calypso
  - Reverse Leap
  - Firebird
  - Floor Leap
  - Illusion
  - Right and Left Splits

### **When and where will the results be posted?**

The results will be posted on SilverStars.org by 6:30pm Friday, March 1st.

### **If I make the team, then what?**

The Directors will be in contact with you if you have been selected for the team with dates for Newbie members for the rest of the semester and summer. You may also check the Silver Stars website for dates.

#### March

- Learn Newbie Dance for Spring Show (Before School Practices)

#### April

- Booster Club Meeting
- Before School Practices for Spring Show (Mondays)
- Silver Stars Spring Show

#### May

- Participate in Officer/SC Auditions
- New Team Practice
- Merchandise Mall

#### June

- Line Camp
- Summer Dance Camp

#### August

- Two-A-Days Practices
- Capitol Team Photos
- Family Picnic

### **Scheduling?**

We will change your schedule if you make the team for next year. We **highly encourage** our Rookie Silver Stars to take Dance 4 next year. This is a great opportunity to build on your technique and leadership skills with the Director.

## ***Silver Stars Expenses***

There are three separate types of expenses for Silver Stars.

1. Uniforms– Required items that must be paid in full before the beginning of the school year.
2. Fairshare– Fundraised or paid throughout the school year. Due dates directly correlate with fundraising opportunities.
3. Team Trip– OPTIONAL additional expense. Fundraised or paid for on a set trip payment schedule. (TBD) (24-25 is NOT a travel year)

### **Uniform Expenses**

Below is a detailed breakdown of Uniform Expenses only. The following required items must be purchased once selected as a Bowie Silver Star. All prices are estimates based on expenses incurred in 2023-2024. **This list is tentative and is subject to change.** Items marked \*\* may be purchased at half price from members who are graduating.

**A Silver Stars “Garage Sale” and “Merchandise Mall” is scheduled for Monday, May 13th at 6:30pm. Camp Tuition and Fees of \$175.00 is due Monday, April 29th.**

1	Letter Jacket**	\$ 135.00
2	Black Lycra Sleeveless Turtleneck Uniform Leotard**	\$ 40.00
3	Silver Stars Sweatshirt**	\$ 56.00
4	Long Sleeve White "Bowie" T-Shirt**	\$ 26.00
5	Red Henley T-Shirt**	\$ 20.00
6	2024-2025 Team T-Shirt (New Item)	\$ 20.00
7	Black Logo Tank - MUST HAVE at least 2**	\$ 20.00

8	Black Pullover Half Zip w/Logo**	\$ 48.00
9	Team Joggers**	\$ 56.00
10	Tights - MUST HAVE at least 2	\$ 16.00
11	Body Tights	\$ 21.00
12	Black Ankle Leggings**	\$ 42.00
13	Black Jazz Shoes	\$ 44.00
15	Tan Jazz Shoes	\$ 44.00
16	Ballet Shoes	\$ 25.00
17	Game Day Bag**	\$ 38.00
18	Performance Earrings	\$ 15.00
19	Super Flexor Split Sole Practice Boots**	\$ 75.00
20	Super Flexor Split Sole Performance Boots	\$ 75.00
21	Practice Hat**	\$ 84.00
22	Performance Uniform Hat	\$ 84.00
23	Camp Tuition and Fees	\$175.00
24	Team Athletic Shoes	\$ 70.00
25	Team Red Lipstick	\$ 24.00

If any family is financially incapable of fulfilling the requirements for attire and equipment, parents should visit with the Directors to investigate opportunities for sponsorships and/or grants.

### **Fairshare Expenses**

Fairshare payments are made to the Bowie Silver Stars for the purpose of team operations such as: entry fees, travel expenses, choreography expenses, bus rental, hotel rental, prop making or renting, costume buying/renting, Spring Show expenses, etc. Fairshare is due during the school year, as noted on the Silver Star Calendar via SilverStars.org. Fair Share is \$175.00 four times a year.

NOTE: The Directors create a budget for the Silver Stars each year based upon the number of participants, expenses incurred the year prior and the expenses for the current year. The Fair Share must be paid IN FULL by the annual Spring Show date, unless arrangements have been made with the Directors. Any and all questions in regard to Fair Share, or any other financial matter, should be directed to the Directors.

**If your student decides not to continue in the Silver Star program after the first two weeks of school or is removed at ANY time during the school year, they are obligated to pay the full Fair Share amount for the entire year.**

*It is the intention of the organization for each Star to fundraise to pay for all fair share expenses.*

- The Silver Stars Organization sponsors three fundraising events
- The Silver Stars Booster Club sponsors several fundraising events
- The Fair Share amount will be set at the beginning of the school year

### **Optional Team Trip Expenses**

- The Silver Stars take an optional trip every other year
- Trips could include a competition, masterclass, or performance opportunity
- Trips must be *paid in full* before the trip is taken
- All uniform and Fairshare payments must be up to date before fundraised money can be used toward the trip