

Northwood High School  
Falcon Line  
Intent To Try-Out  
**DUE: APRIL 20, 2023**

**Tryout Eligibility:**

1. The candidate must be a currently enrolled freshman, sophomore, or junior at Northwood High School. If one is at another school during tryout time, they can tryout if one meets the criteria and be prepared to make a non-refundable \$500 deposit on the first day of practice to hold the spot until the child is registered at Northwood High School.
2. Candidates must be entering the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade of the next school year.
3. Candidates must have permission to try-out with an intent-to-run form.
4. Candidates must attend all practice sessions unless excused by the director prior to the session missed. School related activities are excused. The candidate is responsible for any material missed from that session.
5. Candidates must be present 1 hour at school to participate in clinic for that day excused or unexcused. Only students who attend an away school function will be able to participate in the clinic practice that day.
6. Candidates must submit a \$25 **non-refundable** try-out fee. The tryout fee is used to pay judging and instructional fees.
7. Grade point average is a 2.0 and NO F's. A student may try-out while on academic probation (at the discretion of the sponsor) with the awareness that they will be terminated from the squad at the end of the current school year if their grade point average remains below the required 2.0 average and has F's on the semester grades.
8. A candidate must have at least six recommendations from her teachers.
9. A candidate trying out for Falcon Line must have been a member in good standing of the Northwood Pep Squad, Band, Varsity Cheerleading or ROTC for at least one year prior to try-outs. Students transferring to Northwood will be required to submit proof of membership in a similar spirit group at their previous school. A candidate may not try-out for Falcon Line if she has resigned from another spirit group or been dismissed from another spirit group at Northwood High School. A girl may not try-out if she has previously been on Falcon Line and resigned.
10. All school related fees must be paid before candidates try-out.
11. A candidate may tryout if she has not been suspended for the current school year.
12. A candidate will need shorts, t-shirts, and tennis shoes for clinic. For try-outs she will need a leotard/unitard type outfit.
13. The girls will try-out in small groups before a panel of judges and the sponsor. If not all of the judges show up, then try-outs will continue with the number of judges present.
14. Try-outs will be a closed session.
15. Falcon Line and Varsity Cheer members who will be seniors and have gone through tryouts 2 times in the past will not be required to try out. If an Intent to Run form and fee is paid, they will be automatically added to the team. They will still have to attend the clinic and help with tryouts.

## **Scoring**

1. The judges' scores are the main category of points. The candidate will be evaluated on a variety of dance/cheer requirements that must be met in order to be a member. Judges sheets are determined by the sponsor.
2. Falcon Line candidates must score a 75% to be on the squad.
3. The sponsor of each spirit group will review the list of recommendations from judges and consider each candidate according to their physical ability (as graded by the judges), attendance, attitude, and discipline record at school and during practice/clinic. The list will be posted on the evening of try-outs.
4. Extra points will be given for teacher recommendations. If a candidate receives all teacher recommendations, an extra 7 points will be added to his/her score. If the teacher does not return the recommendation form, the girl/boy will receive the extra point. A candidate must have at least six recommendations (from the semester during try-outs) to try out for a spirit group. If a student is re-trying out for a spirit group the current sponsor MUST recommend the student for re-tryout.
5. Score sheets will be tallied by two auditors approved by the administrators.
6. The final list will be posted on the evening of try-outs. All decisions are FINAL!

## **Try-out Procedures:**

1. Intent to Try-out Forms & Fees due at the close of the parent meeting on April 20, 2023.
2. Parent & Candidate Information Meeting Tuesday, April 20, 2023 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. This in-person meeting is mandatory for parents to receive pertinent information concerning responsibilities, costs, and expectations of the Northwood Falcon Line. Please bring this sheet to the meeting. It will be discussed in detail.
3. Try-out Clinic April 26th; 4:15-6:00. Material will be developed and taught by a qualified dance instructor
4. Try-outs will be Friday, April 28, 2023 starting at 4:30 sharp. On that day candidates will be judged by qualified judges in closed session on the following skills: appearance, coordination, technique, flexibility, splits, kicks, toe touch, pirouette appearance, and smile. Judging results will be kept confidential. The sponsor and an administrative representative will review the list of recommendations from judges and approve the 2023-2024 Falcon Line. The new team will be posted on the Falcon Line Remind account. To join the account, sent this text "@falconl" to this number: 81010 An administrator will answer any questions or comments concerning the selection of the Falcon Line by appointment through the school office.

**Parent Permission:**

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to try-out for Falcon Line at Northwood High School.

- I understand that he/she must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the sponsor and the administration of Northwood High School and be present for all practices and games. I understand and give permission for my daughter to ride with the sponsor and /or other parents when necessary.

- I understand that this form must be completed and returned to Mrs. Hearnon by **April 20th** at the close of the parent meeting. The rules and regulations must be signed and completed by April 20th. If the necessary paperwork is not completed by these deadlines, I understand that my child will not be allowed to try-out.

-I understand that my child must attend the tryout session on April 26th from 4:15-6:00 (unless prior arrangements have been discussed) or my child will not be considered for membership in Falcon Line. I understand that qualified, impartial judges will evaluate my daughter and we agree to abide by the decision of the judges.

- I understand the costs involved as stated in the rules.

- I understand that by the very nature of the activity, dance line activities carry a risk of physical injury. No matter how careful the participant and coach are, how many spotters are used, or what type of landing surface is used, the risk cannot be eliminated. The risk of injury includes minor injuries such as muscle pulls, dislocation, and broken bones. The risk also includes catastrophic injuries such as permanent paralysis or even death from landing or falls on the back, neck, or head. I understand these risks; therefore I will not hold Caddo Parish School Board, Northwood High School or any of its personnel responsible in the case of accident or injury at any time.

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(Parent Signature) (Date)

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(Parent Signature) (Date)

Parent Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Commitment:**

I am interested in being a member of the Falcon Line at Northwood High School. I understand the risks stated above. If selected, I promise to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the sponsor and the administration of Northwood High School. I promise to cooperate and follow the instructions of the sponsor.

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(Student Signature) (Date)

Student Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please sign and return to Mrs. Hearnon by **April 20th**.