

Blazettes Tryout Information & Permission Form 2025-2026

Dear Parents & Dancers,

We are excited that your child has an interest in being a Blazette. Clinics and tryouts are going to be held on the following days:

Wednesday, April 16th	3:30-5:00 pm	Dance Gym	Open Gym
Monday, May 5th	3:30-5:30 pm	Dance Gym	Clinic
Tuesday, May 6th	3:30-5:30 pm	Dance Gym	Clinic
Wednesday, May 7th	3:30-7:30 pm	Dance Gym	Tryouts*

*Dancers will try out independently. Tryout slots will be every 10 minutes. Tryout times will be given at the last clinic. on May 6th.

During clinics candidates will learn a short routine that includes both pom and jazz styles, as well as technique for turns, leaps, splits, toe touch, kicks, etc. Please wear comfortable clothing and appropriate shoes for clinics and *fitted black/dark bottoms and a fitted plain top for tryouts*. Each candidate will be judged based on performance of the routine and techniques at tryouts.

After tryouts your dancer will know if they have made the dance team; however, placement on the Varsity or Junior Varsity team will not be decided until AFTER UDA summer camp. Placement on Varsity is skill based not age/seniority based. Additionally, specific placements on Varsity/JV are subject to change following football season.

Blazettes can be an enriching experience for your child; yet, it involves a great deal of time and commitment. Blazettes will have practices in May to prepare for UDA Dance Camp in June. We will host the Little Blazettes Clinic for elementary students in June. If your child is selected for the team, please schedule summer and winter vacations accordingly. Beginning in August, the fall practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, winter/competition season practices could be up to six days a week (per coach's discretion).

Please note that involvement in competition season of Varsity or Junior Varsity Blazettes prohibits members from participating in any other winter sport and prohibits the participation in private dance studio *competition* during the winter season. The competition squad will also perform at basketball games; please note the amount of time the winter season will require.

Seasonal Activities and Responsibilities are listed below: All Activities are subject to change***

<u>Spring/Summer (Varsity&JV)</u>	<u>Fall/Football (Varsity &JV)</u>	<u>Winter/Basketball (Varsity & JV)</u>
4 Day UDA Overnight Camp	Pregame/half-time performances	Pregame/Half-time performance
Mandatory online fundraiser	Attend all home football games	Attend home basketball games
Little Blazettes Clinic	Practice 2-3 times a week	Practice 4 - 6 times per week
Spring/Summer Practices	Addison Community Parade	Competitions: 5- 6 total
	Homecoming / Go Pink	Nordic Beach Fundraiser

It is necessary for you and your child to fill out the Google Form linked to the next page after reading the permission form.

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Melissa Morales mmorales@dupage88.net

Blazettes Permission Form

After reading the information below, please complete
THIS GOOGLE FORM
before tryouts to allow your dancer to try out for ATHS Blazettes.

In addition to IHSA guidelines, dancers are required to abide by the following tryout regulations:

***Clinics are offered Monday, May 5th and Tuesday, May 6th from 3:30-5:30 in the dance gym.** Students may attend all or part of the clinics as their schedules permit. If students leave early due to scheduling conflicts, they are responsible to learn missed material for tryouts. **Candidates must submit permission form via Google Form in order to participate**

***Tryouts/Auditions are offered Wednesday, May 7th beginning at 3:30pm .** Dancers must be available to participate in tryouts. Special circumstances will only be considered prior to the tryout date ONLY. Contact Coach Morales if you need a specific tryout time slot.

*The coaches and Blazette officers are available to assist dancers during clinics only. **Choreography cannot be video recorded during the clinic times.** Dancers may not ask for or receive additional assistance from the choreographers, coaches or officers outside of the clinic. (Failure to comply with this guideline can result in disqualification.)

*The coaches and a panel of experienced/qualified judges will select the Blazette squads. These scores are the property of Addison Trail High School athletic department and are confidential. The decision of the judging panel is final. **Tryouts and clinic dates are closed to all parents/spectators.**

*Appropriate athletic attire, gym shoes/dance shoes are to be worn to all clinic dates. **Shoes must be worn at all times, bare feet are NOT permitted. It is asked that dancers wear fitted black/dark bottoms and a plain black/dark fitted top on the day of the Audition/Tryout. It is also asked that dancers wear their hair in a high or low bun.**

As a dancer, I will regard my selection as an honor and will uphold and maintain the ideals and standards described in the Blazette constitution. I will further abide by all the Addison Trail H.S. rules and the co-curricular code. I fully understand that if I am found in violation of any of the ideals mentioned in the Blazette Constitution, as well as the District 88 handbook, I will be subject to some form of disciplinary action that may result in either temporary or permanent suspension from the squad.

As a parent/guardian, I will support the regulations under which my child will be governed as an ATHS Blazette. In addition, I agree to meet the financial requirements of Blazette membership. My child has my full permission to audition for ATHS Blazettes.

Upcoming Costs:

- UDA Camp - \$450 due June 1st
- New Members Only: Team Warm up, Adidas sneakers, Nike Pros, practice shirt

* In order to reduce individual cost, uniforms, poms, duffel bags are property of ATHS Blazettes and are on loan for the season to each Blazette. Uniforms must be dry cleaned prior to return.

Upcoming Spring/Summer Dates for 2025-2026 Blazettes

Parent Meeting for 2025 -2026 Season: May 12, 2025 at 5:30 pm in Forum Room B

Spring Camp Practices: May 12, 19 and 21 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Little Blazette Clinic / Summer Practices: June 2, 3, 4 and 5 - 8:00am - 12:30pm

UDA Camp at NIU: June 10-13th

Fall Season begins: August 4th