

2025-2026 FBMS Mascot Tryout Information/Frequently Asked Questions

NOTE: Please read through this packet in its entirety to understand exactly what is expected of you to try out. Once you have read over the packet, and you still have any questions, please contact me via email at icornish@houstonisd.org.

Do I need any acting experience to try out? No, you do not. You just need to be hard working and want to be a part of a team and exhibit school spirit. A good routine that shows enthusiasm and excitement is key.

What do I have to do to tryout? You need to complete the interview questions, have completed teacher letters of recommendation, and perform a two-minute skit on the day of tryouts. You will have to be wearing a plain red, grey, black, or white T-shirt or polo shirt, red or black shorts, athletic shoes, sports bra underneath the T-shirt or polo shirt, hair in a high ponytail on all three days of the clinic. NO jewelry is allowed. You will need to create a two to three-minute skit to perform as though you are Frankie the Mascot. Props, music, costumes, and posters are strongly suggested to increase your chances of making the squad.

What is the prepared two-minute skit? How am I being judged on my skit? You will be judged on the following criteria: rating from a 1 to 5 for each category. This is worth **25** points out of 100 points total for your judging score.

- Skit delivery (smooth transitions, well-practiced, etc.)
- Content (what the skit is about)
- Animation of movements (without the ability to talk, your motions do the talking)
- Use of props/music (help to animate the story)
- Improvisation (how well can you handle sudden assignments)

What are the interview questions? Attached to this packet is a set of interview questions. They need to be answered by you to the best of your ability and legible. Additional pages can be used to answer questions. This is worth **50** points out of 100 points total for your judging score.

What is the teacher letter of recommendation? Attached to this packet are Teacher Letters of Recommendation. Ask one (2) of your elective teachers, and two (2) of your academic teachers to complete the form. You will turn these forms to me by April 3, 2025. Your teacher may also scan and email the letters to me via email. Be sure to tell the teacher the due date when you hand them the letters of recommendation. It is **your** responsibility to get it back to me. This is worth **25** points out of 100 points total for your judging score.

What days am I required to attend for tryouts? The following dates, times, and locations are required for you to be eligible to attend tryouts. At the start time, you must already be in the appropriate attire. All candidates must be picked up promptly after the clinic.

- Tuesday, April 1, 2025; 4:15 PM - 6:15 PM, FBMS Gym-Cheer Clinic
 - You will work on your skit. Deciding on music, props and the skit itself.
 - Closed practice
 - No filming will be allowed.

- Wednesday, April 2, 2025; 4:15 PM - 6:15 PM, FBMS Gym- **Cheer/Mascot Clinic**
 - You will continue to work on your skit deciding on how to use your props with your chosen music.
 - Closed practice.
 - No filming will be allowed.
- Thursday, April 3, 2025 4:15 PM – 6:15 PM, FBMS Gym- **Mascot Tryouts**
 - Official tryouts.
 - Closed practice
 - No filming will be allowed.

How will I know if I made the squad? Only those candidate(s) that make the squad will receive a call from Coach Cornish the Friday after tryouts as well as on the school website and posted throughout the school.

How many mascots will there be? There will be two (2) mascots. Do not let this number stop you from trying out or let the number of people at the clinic intimidate you.

Do my past grades matter? Past grades will not influence your eligibility to try out. Once the school year begins, your grades will be monitored, and know that it does affect your eligibility to continue on the squad. More information regarding this will be given if you make the squad.

How much money does it cost to be a part of Frank Black Cheerleading? The cost is approximately \$450 which includes the costs for camp and other extra expenditures that are associated with being on the cheerleading squad. Please know that it is the family's responsibility to meet the payment deadlines. Specific mascot costs will be discussed at the parent meeting. However, there is no price that can be placed on character building that you will get as a member of the organization.

How much time outside of school is required to be a part of this incredible team? There is a strenuous time commitment to be a part of the Frank Black Cheerleading Squad. While joining other FBMS organizations and sports is acceptable, it is necessary that you balance your schedule wisely. If you make the squad, more details will be given at the parent meeting.

Am I required to go to summer camp and when/where is it? Yes, you are required to go to summer camp. Cheer camp will be from June 16, 2025 through June 18, 2025. More details regarding camp will be given to you if you become the Mascot. You are required to attend all community and school events, as well all scheduled football and basketball games.

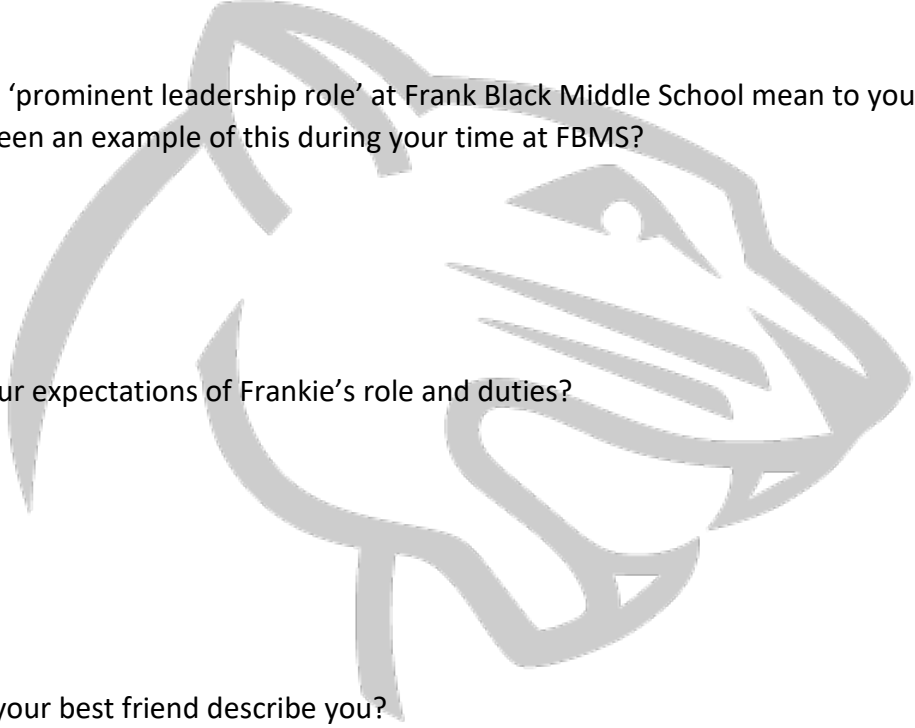
How do I contact you if I have a question? Any questions can be emailed to me at icornish@houstonisd.org. If you think of something during the school day, let me know. You can always stop by room #411.

I am so excited to have you become part of the team and look forward to meeting you at the clinic.

Go Panthers!

Coach Cornish

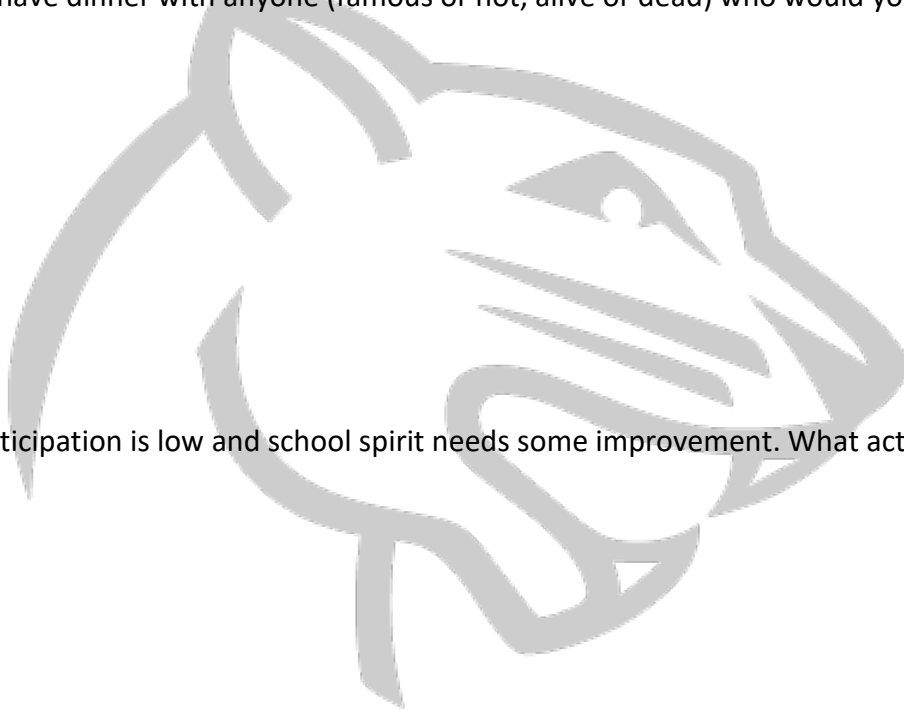
FBMS 2024-2025 Frankie the Mascot Interview Questions

1. Why are you interested in becoming Frankie the Mascot?
 2. What does a 'prominent leadership role' at Frank Black Middle School mean to you, and how have you personally been an example of this during your time at FBMS?
 3. What are your expectations of Frankie's role and duties?
 4. How would your best friend describe you?
 5. Describe a recent scenario when you participated in a group project, event, or team effort. Include what role you had, what went well, what did not, problem-solving you saw take place, as well as how you saw yourself fitting into the group dynamics.
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6. If you could be an animal for a day, what animal would you choose and why? **Be honest...**

7. If you could have dinner with anyone (famous or not, alive or dead) who would you choose and why?

8. Pep rally participation is low and school spirit needs some improvement. What actions do you take as mascot?



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Teacher Letter of Recommendation

Directions: Teachers. Please answer these questions as thoroughly as possible. If you wish to attach a separate page, please do so. When finished, please seal the letter of recommendation in the attached envelope and hand back to the candidate, or you may scan it and email it to me at icornish@houstonisd.org.

Teacher Name: _____

Candidate Name: _____

Describe a time when you witnessed the candidate taking on a leadership role:

Describe a time when you witnessed the candidate overcoming an obstacle (include the outcome):

Why would you recommend this candidate to be Frankie? What can this candidate bring to the school as Frankie?

If there is anything else you would like to add, please attach an additional page with information.

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____