

Purpose

The purpose of the **Dance Team** program is to promote school spirit and a positive school climate through performances and activities as deemed appropriate by the **Dance Team** sponsor. The **Dance Team** members are expected to be positive role models.

Required Qualifications to Tryout

- Applicants must maintain an overall 2.0 GPA during the year of tryouts.
- Applicants must be able to perform the essential functions of the position.
- Applicants must not have any referrals for behavior during the year of tryouts.

*Applicants must attend all tryout days in order to tryout.

• Applicants earning a position on the Dance Team for the next school year must continue to meet the above stated “Required Qualifications to Tryout” criteria for the remainder of their present school year. Failure to do so will result in immediate suspension or forfeiture of their position on the team. Dance Team sponsor and officers will vote on dismissals from the team.

Selection Process

- At least three judges, one school staff member, the President, and the sponsor.
- The judges shall select **Dance Team** members based upon the ranking of skills and showmanship.
- There shall be no set number of members and up to 20 members in total may be selected as members of the **Dance Team**.
- Officers shall be voted on by the Dance Team and open offices are filled at the discretion of the director.

If a member quits the dance team in order to participated in other extra-curricular activities, they will not be allowed to try out at any future try-outs.

Code of Conduct for Students

- All students are expected to adhere to the District's Discipline Plan and Student Code of Conduct. However, higher standards of conduct are expected of students representing the District in extracurricular activities that are considered a privilege. Students may be asked to sign a written contract agreeing to adhere to a higher standard of conduct as outlined by each individual group.
- Students who violate the District's Discipline Plan and Student Code of Conduct will be assessed appropriate disciplinary consequences for the infraction. Disciplinary infractions may also result in a student's dismissal from the **team** or limited participation in the team, if the disciplinary action or level of offense violates the higher standards of conduct specified by the student's extracurricular contract.
- A **dance team** member who is found to have been untruthful during a disciplinary investigation will receive a more stringent disciplinary sanction than would normally be imposed. This consequence might involve a longer probationary period or dismissal from the **team**.
- **Any student member of the Dance Team representing themselves, or their organization, in an unfavorable, questionable or illegal manner through electronic media (i.e. websites, personal home pages, blogs, text messages, chat rooms or similar websites/files accessible through a server or internet) or using electronic communication devices in such a way as to bring discredit, dishonor, or disgrace on their organization or members of any other school organization including themselves (i.e. camera phones, digital photos, electronic descriptions) will be subject to the disciplinary actions determined by appropriate school officials and/or organization sponsor, including probation or dismissal from the organization.**

Discipline Requirements/Dismissal

- A **Dance Team** member, who receives a detention in a class, will receive a written warning from the director. A member who receives a second detention for the same class or for another class will receive three weeks probation. During the period of probation

the **Dance Team** member will be required to attend all scheduled practices but will not be in uniform or participate in any of the activities associated with the group. The **Dance Team** member will sit with the group as directed by the sponsor. A third detention in any class will result in immediate vote on dismissal from the **team officers**. If a **Dance Team** member receives a referral in conduct in any class, immediate vote on dismissal by the **team officers** will follow.

Attendance Requirements-

- *All absences require permission from the sponsor.
- *Sponsor must be notified of an absence 24 hours in advance.
- *Dance Team will not be allowed into practice late, and will be given an unexcused absence.
- *3 unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the team.
- *Dance team members are expected to be in assigned practice uniforms. 3 times without proper practice uniform will result in an unexcused absence.

Academic Requirements - Probation

- A **Dance Team** member must maintain a 2.0 GPA for each nine weeks. A GPA of less than 2.0 will result in the student being placed on academic probation until the student's GPA is 2.0.
- A **Dance Team** member who receives a grade on the report card lower than the C in any class will be placed on probation until the grade is up to a C. The probation begins seven calendar days after the end of the grading period and will not be removed until the student's grade in each class is equal to or greater than an equivalent of C. Exceptions will be made for ESE students or ESOL students with permission from the teacher of the class in question if the student is applying themselves to the best of their ability.
- A **Dance Team** member on academic probation as identified above may practice or rehearse with the team, but may not participate in a competition or other public performance during the period of probation and may not appear in uniform.

Academic Requirements - Dismissal

• A **Dance Team** member who receives three or more failing grades, in any class for a nine-weeks' grading period, or a combination thereof, in one semester will be immediately dismissed from the **team**. This requirement includes all classes including those identified as "Advanced Courses". Repeated failures indicate that the student needs more time to prepare for each of his/her academic classes therefore requiring more time commitment to studies. It is the expectation that all students progress toward graduation. Please note that any vacancies will be filled for the remainder of the school year at the discretion of the sponsor.

Student Position and Essential Functions of Dance Team Member

The following elements describe the essential functions* necessary to perform the position of **Dance Team** member.

- A. Perform jumps, splits, leaps, rolls, and other physical moves that are part of **Dance Team** routines.
- B. Perform stunts that may involve climbing, balance, agility, and upper body strength.
- C. Exhibit rhythm and coordination in performing **dance** skills.
- D. Demonstrate stamina in performing regular physical activities that involve physical endurance and fitness.
- E. Perform routines in both indoor and outdoor settings (i.e. grass, dirt, turf, concrete, asphalt).
- F. Arrive on time and prepared to participate in practices, drills, or other **team**-related activities.
- G. Develop and maintain a good working relationship with the **Dance Team** Sponsor and fellow **Dance Team** members.
- H. Review and adhere to established guidelines and **by-laws**.
- I. Other duties as assigned.

***Essential Functions**

The position of **Dance Team** member has a number of tasks, duties, responsibilities, and performance skills that are essential in accomplishing the purpose and objectives of this position. Candidates should review the essential functions carefully to make certain that they can perform all of these consistently.

Statement and Signatures

School Year: 2009-2010

I have read and understand all parts of the **Dance Team** information. I understand that all activities of this organization will be mandatory. If I join **Dance Team**, I will abide by all stated policies, guidelines, and rules of this organization. I understand that if I quit the dance team in order to participated in other extra-curricular activities, I will not be allowed to try out at any future try-outs. My signature below signifies that I have read all parts of the information and will abide by such.

Student Name (Print):

Student Signature:

Date:

I agree to support and uphold these **Dance Team** regulations if my son/daughter is selected as a member of the **Dance Team**.

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Information/Photos pertaining to my child may be used in news releases and publications.

Photos of group/**team** only, no name may be released for publication

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Insurance Information

Please Print

Insured Name – Last:

First: MI:

Insurance Company:

Group #:

Certificate/Policy#:

Insurance Company Address:

Insurance Company Phone: ()

City:

State:

Zip:

Insurance Type: HMO PPO

Medicaid Medicare