



DANCE COMPANY
2015-2016

GENERAL INFORMATION &
AUDITION REGISTRATION

Highland High School Dance Company 2015-2016

Audition Information

Audition and Workshop Schedule

- Dance Company auditions will be held in Highland's dance studio.
- All auditions are CLOSED. Only participating students, Dance Company seniors, the advisor, and judges will be permitted to view auditions.
- You must attend all three days

Tuesday April 21 3:30 Mandatory meeting, parents are invited, 3:45 warm up
4:00-5:00 Learn movement for audition - Jazz

Wednesday April 22 2:30-3:30 Open Warm up and individual practice, seniors available for questions
3:30-3:45 Warm Up, review
3:45-5:00 Learn more movement for audition – Hip Hop and Contemporary
5:00-5:30 Individual practice

Thursday April 23 2:30- 3:45 Audition Registration and Warm Up individually
3:45-when finished, approximately 6:30. Dancers must stay for the entire audition in case of callbacks. Dancers will perform, Jazz, Contemporary, and Hip Hop combinations in small groups for a panel of judges. Dancers may be asked to perform an improvisation and/or technique steps; and may be asked questions.

All participants will be required to stay until the audition process is complete. There will be callbacks so be prepared and stay warmed up!

Workshop and Audition Rules

- Be on time.
- Wear modest dance attire. Dance pants and tops must be form fitting. If your pants are too long you will be asked to pull them up. The judges need to see your feet.
- No baggy T-shirts or shorts, sweats, bra tops, or crop tops. Please have bare feet. Socks will not be permitted.
- Hair must be out of the face.
- No jewelry or gum allowed.

Requirements of Eligibility

- Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.7. NO failing grades in the previous term. A copy of your transcript showing cumulative GPA (can be unofficial and can be printed by the registrar) and signed audition application must be submitted before the audition or the student will be ineligible to audition.
- No past or current grades may be changed to meet the requirements.

Evaluation Criteria

- Technical Ability
- Versatility in style
- Showmanship and appearance
- Execution of movement (timing, fluency, use of space, etc)
- Ability to learn quickly and perform on the spot
- Improvisational and choreographic skills
- Interview (we may ask you a few questions)

Commitments

- During the school year Company members will have class last period either A or B day. It is highly recommended that all members register for Advanced Dance (Dance 3) at Highland or take a regular technique class outside of school.
- Dance Company members will be committed to participation in the school musical in the Fall and our annual Dance Company concert in the Spring.
- Rehearsals will be held during class as well as after school.
- After school rehearsals will be scheduled throughout the year, but particularly in the month prior to the musical and concert. November and March will include evening rehearsals. January through March, dancers will rehearse every day after school until 4:30. Saturday practices are occasionally necessary, as are early morning rehearsals before school. These hours are flexible and may vary. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with me. The majority of Dance Company members dance in outside groups, do either cheer or sports as well, have jobs, and are honors, AP, and IB students.
- All members must do their best to attend summer activities, including our camp in Park City July 27-29, more information to follow. Dancers should plan on rehearsals during the month of August prior to school starting.
- Members will make an effort to support and attend all Dance Company socials and fundraising activities.
- Members will strive for a good attitude and excellence in all classes and rehearsals.
- Members will understand that this is a voluntary activity, but upon membership have committed to the entire year.
- Dance Company has a high standard of expectation for members in all areas – academically, socially, and in behavior, as members represent the school. It is a privilege to be on Company and standards must be maintained
- All members must read and sign the Dance Company Constitution.
- Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Dance Company advisor, Erin Patrick.

Financial Information

Reminder: Dance Company is a self-sufficient organization.

Cost: \$235 for the year

This fee covers participation, guest choreography, costume rental, practice clothes, and warm up uniforms. Breakdown of cost will be provided to members in August, as well as a payment plan option.

- There will be 3-5 major fundraising opportunities presented throughout the year to help students raise money. Participation in fundraising events/activities is mandatory.
- If you have financial concerns, please see the dance advisor as soon as possible.
- Do not let financial problems prevent you from participating.
- There will be optional expenses throughout the year as well, such as travel and purchase of DVDs. These are not required.

Performance Opportunities

Throughout the course of the year, Dance Company has the opportunity to participate in a number of performance events, including but not limited to:

- Annual Concert
- School Musical
- Shakespeare Festival
- Assemblies
- Football and Basketball Game Halftimes
- Performing Arts Department Showcases
- All state high school dance concerts
- University workshops
- Lecture demonstrations and workshops in junior high and elementary schools
- Travel and performance opportunities

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Consent and Acknowledgement Agreement

Student Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Grade Next Year _____

I/We, _____, the parents and guardians of _____, understand that the participation with the Dance Company will require good physical condition, and that the activities in which she/he will be asked and expected to participate in require physical stamina, strength, and dance ability. We represent to you that our student has no physical, medical, or mental disability or other limitations which would prevent him/her from fully participating in this activity.

We also understand that our student will be required to travel to locations off campus for the purpose of participating in the Dance Company performances, workshops, and other activities. In such cases, parents, the student, other team members, or the school may provide transportation. We consent to this transportation. We also understand that we will need to sign a participation disclosure and acknowledgement when transportation is not provided by a school bus.

I/We have read the above information including membership qualifications and responsibilities, the financial commitment, and the time commitment for the 2015-2016 Highland High School Dance Company. I/We consent to allow our student to audition.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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Audition Application

*Attach your transcript (required) and a small photo (if available)

Name _____ Audition # _____ (fill in on Friday)
Grade level next year _____ School now attending _____
Phone Number _____
Address _____
Student email _____ Parent email _____

Please answer the following questions in the space provided:

1. Why do you want to be a part of the Dance Company for the upcoming school year?

2. Are you planning on being involved in any other extra-curricular activities in or out of school? If so, how will you handle conflicts that may arise? How will you make sure Dance Company remains your first priority?

3. Please describe your dance training and performance experience.

I have read and agree to the rules and information stated in the Dance Company packet I received. I fully understand the time, effort, and financial commitment associated with being a member of Dance Company for the 2015-2016 school year, and I am auditioning having agreed to those terms and conditions.

Student
Signature _____ Date _____