



DANCE COMPANY
2018-2019

GENERAL INFORMATION &
AUDITION REGISTRATION

Highland High School Dance Company 2018-2019

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

Monday April 23	3:30 Introductions and Warm up with Dance Company Seniors 3:45-5:00 Learn movement for audition – Technique and Contemporary
Tuesday April 24	2:30-3:30 Open Warm up and individual practice, seniors available for questions, Review Technique and Contemporary 3:30 Mandatory meeting, parents are invited 3:45-5:00 Learn more movement for audition – Hip Hop and Jazz 5:00-5:30 Individual practice
Wednesday April 25	2:30- 3:45 Audition Registration and Warm Up individually 3:45-when finished (approximately 6:30) Audition - Dancers must stay for the entire audition in case of callbacks. Dancers will perform Technique, 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.
- You may video the choreography for at home practice.

Requirements of Eligibility

- Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 to audition for Dance Company. NO failing grades in the previous term. A copy of your transcript showing cumulative GPA (can be unofficial and can be printed from powerschool) 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.
- ***There is no GPA requirement for Junior Dance Company.**

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
- Application materials

Commitments

- During the school year Company members will have class last period either A or B day. It is highly recommended that all members take a regular technique class outside of school.
- Dance Company members will be committed to participation in festivals and concert performances in both semesters.
- Rehearsals will be held during class as well as after school. ***Junior Dance Company does not rehearse after school, except for dress rehearsals.**
- After school rehearsals for Dance Company will be scheduled throughout the year, but particularly in the 3 months prior to spring concert. In the fall, Dance Co. will rehearse after school Monday and Friday until 3:30. December through March, dancers will rehearse Monday/Wednesday/Friday after school until 4:30. Saturday practices are occasionally necessary, as are early morning rehearsals before school. There will be a full day rehearsal the Saturday before, and evening rehearsals the week before spring concert. Dance Company's calendar for next year will be given to members in May so you may plan ahead.
- All Dance Co. members must do their best to attend summer activities, including our camp. This year, camp is July 30-Aug 1 in Park City, more information to follow. Dancers should plan on rehearsals during the month of August one week prior to school starting. ***No summer commitments for Jr Dance Company.**
- 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. Constitution and disclosure policies must be followed (and must be signed at the start of the school year), with attendance requirements and probation/dismissal possibilities.
- 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
- Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Dance Company advisor, Erin Patrick.

Financial Information

Reminder: Dance Company is a self-sufficient organization.

Fee: \$235 for the year

This fee covers participation, guest choreography, photography, costume rental, practice clothes, and warm up uniforms. This fee is due by the first day of school.

- There will be 3-5 major fundraising opportunities presented throughout the year to help students raise money for additional production needs and for travel every other year.
- If you have financial concerns, please see the dance advisor as soon as possible.
- Do not let financial problems prevent you from participating.

****No fees for Junior Dance Company***

Summer Choreography Camp in Park City for Dance Company

Cost: \$250

Dates: July 30- Aug 1

Payment due prior to the end of school year.

Location: Best Western/Ballet West Park City Studio

This camp is highly recommended but not mandatory if families have summer conflicts. Each dance company member will be required to learn the choreography from this camp whether in attendance or not. If a dancer does not attend it is her responsibility to learn the movement from another dancer or from video on her own prior to August rehearsals. Dancers may not be placed in all pieces learned at camp if not in attendance. More detailed information to follow. There is no fundraiser for camp.

****No summer commitments for Junior Dance Company***

Trips

Every other year Dance Company has the opportunity to travel out of state. Out of pocket costs do not exceed \$800. Fundraisers will be provided. Travel is not mandatory. April 2019 will include a trip to Los Angeles California. ****Dance Company and Junior Dance Company members will be invited.***

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:

- Fall and Spring semester Concerts
- School Musical
- Assemblies
- Football and Basketball Game Halftimes
- Performing Arts Department Showcases
- All state high school dance festivals
- University workshops
- Lecture demonstrations and workshops in junior high and elementary schools

Highland High School Dance Company
Consent and Acknowledgement Agreement

Student Name _____ Grade Next Year _____
Address _____
Phone # _____

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 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 2018-2019 Highland High School Dance Company. I/We consent to allow our student to audition.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Highland Dance Company
Audition Application

*Attach your transcript (required), teacher evaluation (required), and a photo (if available).

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

Indicate your interest/preference in the following (be advised that placement will be according to judges' decisions at the audition). Circle one.

I am interested in Junior Dance Company only.

I am interested in either Dance Company or Junior Dance Company.

Please answer the following questions (you may use a separate paper and attach):

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 2018-2019 school year, and I am auditioning having agreed to those terms and conditions.

Student
Signature _____ Date _____

DANCE TEACHER EVALUATION (Need 1 from a public school secondary dance or performing arts teacher. If none, you may submit to a dance studio teachers. If no public school or studio dance teacher, please submit to a classroom teacher).

Your evaluation of this student is requested for HIGHLAND HIGH DANCE COMPANY AND JUNIOR DANCE COMPANY auditions. A teacher recommendation for each member gives an indication of his/her academic standing, motivation, leadership skills, and attitude. Your input will be averaged with the audition candidate's other instructors and considered in his/her overall audition score. We require students maintain the highest standards for our program. Please be honest as the form is a very important aspect to our decision. This student will not be shown this evaluation letter.

Teachers: Please complete this form and seal in an envelope that the student has provided, and sign over the sealed portion of the envelope. If evaluation is sealed you may give to student. Or you may send it to Highland High School attention to Erin Patrick, Dance Advisor.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

STUDENT'S CURRENT ACADEMIC GRADE (if one): _____

TEACHER'S NAME: _____

ACADEMIC SUBJECT STUDENT IS BEING EVALUATED FOR: _____

Evaluate student on the following qualities, 5 being the best, 1 needs improvement (circle #):

Academic Achievement 1 2 3 4 5

Attendance and Tardiness 1 2 3 4 5

Leadership 1 2 3 4 5

Work Ethic 1 2 3 4 5

Attitude Toward Leaders and Fellow Students 1 2 3 4 5

Dependability 1 2 3 4 5

Dedication 1 2 3 4 5

Works Well With Others 1 2 3 4 5

Positive Attitude 1 2 3 4 5

Creativity 1 2 3 4 5

Total Score out of 50 _____

Comments: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

AGAIN-Teachers: Please complete this form and seal in an envelope that the student has provided, and sign over the sealed portion of the envelope. If evaluation is sealed you may give back to student to return to me. Or you may send it to Erin Patrick at Highland High.

Thank you.