

WELCOME TO HUNTER JUNIOR HIGH DANCE PLACEMENT AUDITIONS

We are so excited you are considering joining the Dance Company at Hunter Junior High School. Here are some things you might like to know before you decide if auditioning is right for you.

- **Grades matter!** Members of the dance company are often required to miss other classes due to performances and field trips that happen during the school day. You need to be a student first, so if you are unable to keep your grades up (a 2.7 PBL average), you will be removed from the dance company.
- **Attendance is imperative!** You are expected to be in class every day. Yes, sometimes we get sick, but we do our best to be here all of the time! Even one student absent one day can put our whole team behind schedule. As a team, we choreograph and perform roughly 20 dances a year. In order to accomplish this, we need everyone here EVERY DAY! Excessive absences can lead to dismissal from the dance company.
- **Rehearsals are required.** In order to prepare for our many performances, we may hold before school early morning rehearsals. These rehearsals are mandatory and missing them will be treated the same as missing a class period. Missing rehearsals not only affects our team's performances, it will also reflect on an individual student's grade and citizenship. Excessive absences from rehearsals can also result in dismissal from the dance company. Early morning rehearsals usually begin at 7:15am.
- **We perform a lot!** Not only do we have Fall Concert and Spring Concert at Hunter Junior High, we also perform at most of the in-school assemblies. Additionally, we perform off campus at the Granite District Dance Concert and at various events at Cyprus High School and Hunter High School. (The only **MANDATORY performances are the Fall and Spring Concerts and the Granite District Dance Concert.**) Dates for these will be provided as early as possible. Other performances provide opportunities for students to be seen by the high school coaches and to get a feel for what teams at the high schools are like.
- **You will be responsible for coming up with and teaching others choreography.** Dance Company is a lot of work. There will be many days you will need to come with choreography ready to teach to others. You will need to be able to learn choreography quickly and accurately. It is expected that each class will be treated as a rehearsal and time will be used productively.
- **Dance Company is a team, not just another dance class.** Being part of a team means you need to think of yourself as part of a greater whole. We cannot achieve greatness unless we work together. We work together to create dances. We work together by rehearsing to make those dances the best they can be. Your actions affect others, and it is expected that you will make choices that will impact our team positively. You will always represent Hunter Junior in a positive manner, both in and out of school. Failure to do so can result in removal from the team.
- **There is a financial obligation when joining Dance Company.** Dance Company has a class fee of \$150. This covers team wear, costume rentals, field trips, bus fees, and access to technical equipment.
- **We have a great time!** Working hard with others to achieve greatness provides unforgettable experiences. Your positive attitude and dedication to the team will allow you to make great friends on Dance Company as you learn and grow together.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT AUDITIONS

- **Workshop/Audition:** March 4th will be a workshop day. All students who would like to audition for dance company must attend the workshop AND audition in order to be considered for a place on the team. Prior to attending the workshop, the agreement form must be submitted. Judges may be present for both days. They will not be judging or selecting dancers during the workshop but will be getting to know you more in preparation for the audition.
- **Sign in:** The first thing you will need to do when you enter the gym is to sign in. You will be given a pre-assigned audition number and 4 safety pins in a plastic bag. Pin the audition number to the clothing on your chest and store the plastic bag with your belongings. We will help you know where to go once you have signed in. At the end of the workshop, remove your audition number and safety pins and put them back in the bag. **YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THESE TO THE WORKSHOP AND YOUR AUDITION THE FOLLOWING DAY!**
- **What you will learn in the workshop:** The workshop is meant to prepare you for your audition. We will be going over some basic technical skills and teaching short dance routines that will show your ability in several different dance genres.
- **Audition Day:** Sign in no more than 15 minutes prior to your time slot (please help us limit the number of students we have in the gym at one time). **Bring your audition number and safety pins!** You will be brought to the dance studio when it is your turn to audition.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **How/when will I get the results?** Your results will be emailed to you on Friday, March 8th to the email you provide in the *Hunter Junior High School Dance Company Consent and Acknowledgement Agreement*. (see below)
- **How do I register for the class?** Your results will be sent to your school counselor at Hunter Junior High. To aid your counselor's ability to fit the appropriate dance class into your schedule, it is helpful to have selected a dance class on your registration form.
- **What should I wear to the workshop/audition?** Plan on wearing comfortable clothing that will not hinder your ability to move. It gets hot in our gym with a lot of students so plan accordingly! It is best to wear comfortable, fitted clothing to your audition but anything you can move freely in is acceptable.
- **Do I have to attend the workshop/stay the entire time?** There will not be another opportunity to learn the routines from the team advisor and current company members outside of the workshop. The routines learned at the workshop will be the same routines for your audition. Plan to stay the full time so you can learn all of the routines.
- **Do I audition by myself in front of everybody?** No, you will be auditioning in a group of no more than 5 students in the dance studio for 1-3 judges. No one else (friends, parents, other auditioning students, previous/current company members) will be allowed in the room.

Still interested in Auditioning?

What you need to do:

1. Parent/Guardian: Fill out the following information by MARCH 3RD:
 - o Dance Company Consent and Acknowledgment: <https://forms.gle/a8h9yarrpJ5prnLw7>
2. Sign up for an audition time for TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH (3:30-3:45 should only be filled by current 7th graders)
 - o <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845A4AD2CAAF9C25-47296520-dance>
3. Attend the workshop on MARCH 4TH 3:45-5PM. (Please don't worry if you/your student needs to be a bit late due to elementary school dismissal time! We understand!) 5:00-5:30 pm will be open practice time.
4. Feel free to email Mrs. Ivie akivie@graniteschools.org if you have any further questions.