



MMHS Dance Company 2019-2020

The Maple Mountain High School Dance Company is the advanced level performing group at MMHS. MMDC is part of the Fine Arts Department and our focus is placed on the art of dance and the elements of performance. This company is part of the State and National Core Curriculum for dance education which emphasizes process, adjudication, rating, sharing, creativity, feedback, divergent possibilities, and qualitative merit. MMDC takes every opportunity we can to support and represent our school by performing in events, assemblies, half-times, concerts, and festivals. We also produce three concerts and choreograph our own pieces. Finding our own voice in creative expression and realizing that vision through choreography and production is one of the unique elements of MMDC.

Rehearsals are mainly within class hours. However before-school and after-school practices may be required to help prepare for MMDC performances. MMDC is 4B and during the months of August, September, October, March, and April class will end at 2:45pm.

A participation fee of \$200.00 is required to help pay for costumes, conferences, choreographers, etc. Participation fee is \$60 and player pack fee is also \$60 for a total of **\$320**. Fees are due September 1, 2019. There is also an option to purchase team warm ups \$125; professional group and individual pictures \$50; optional dance camp in July in Midway \$250; and optional Shakespeare High School Competition trip to Cedar City \$170 last week in October.

Dance Excel (Dance 3) fees are \$60 participation fee, \$60 player pack, for a total of **\$120** plus optional fees.

All applicants are expected to be dependable students with good attendance. Applicants must be registered at MMHS. All District and School policies must be adhered to.

Audition Information

We are looking for hard working, open minded, creative dancers. Good attitudes are a must!

Please come to clinics with completed application and a receipt from the finance office for \$5 audition fee.

Monday, April 15th OR Tuesday, April 16th 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. in the MMHS dance studio, you will learn a movement combination that emphasizes torso control, flow, balance, leaps, turns, and rhythmic coordination. You are welcome to stay and work on your individual solo and the group piece until 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17th, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. will be the final audition in front of judges. In addition to the group combination, you also need to prepare a solo performance using a **minimum of 64 counts (or one minute of movement)**. This will be performed with or without music. Here is your chance to show your personal strengths. Be confident! Project! Smile!

Auditions are closed to the public. Selection of Dance Company members and Dance Excel (Dance 3) will be posted on the door by the studio and a group text will be sent to all applicants shortly after the audition.

Rehearsals for the new dance company (MMDC 2019-2020) are scheduled for Friday April 19 and from 3-5 in MMHS dance room and Tuesday April 23 3-6 in the auditorium. The new team (MMDC) will perform in the 10th Annual MMHS Dance Concert Friday, April 26th at 7:00pm.

Maple Mountain Dance Excel members (MMDX) will have photos taken during the last week of April. Times will be announced at the audition.

Audition Rating Rubric

Scoring will be done on a 0-5 scale (zero being no ability, 5 excellent ability)

Criteria	What excellence looks like
Foot Articulation	Proper use of foot extension and flexion including use of the metatarsal muscles. Pointing the feet from lift-off to landing. Maintains proper connection with the floor. Uses clear distinction between parallel and turned out position.
Core-Distal Connection	Uses core to support movement. Demonstrates controlled balance. Awareness of the hands, feet, and head. Shaping of movement is apparent. Shows clear connection between the core and distal edges.
Spine Mobility	Proper use of head tail connection. Spine continues with movement line – it is an active part of the movement. Awareness of how spine assists in movement and flow. No signs of rigidity or restraint.
Sequencing	Dancer can observe the movement taught, be able to learn quickly, and then perform the movement correctly. Ability to successively move in a sequence without pause or hesitation. Transitions properly through movement actions. Inhabits a balance between axial and locomotor movement as well as with gestures, turns, leaps, and floor work.
Jazz - Specifically	Correct performance of leaps, turns (pique, pirouette, fouette), leg extension, and body isolation. Understands dance vocabulary. Performance is enjoyable and entertaining.
Modern - Specifically	Correct use of fall and release, creativity and efficiency in movement, groundedness, clarity of movement, improvisation creativity.
Overall Impression	Has a good performance quality. Ability to perform with confidence. Maintains focus while learning new movement. Is fully engaged in the audition process.

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Audition Application 2019-2020

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____ Birthday_____

Cell_____ Email_____

Grade next year (2019-2020) _____

Please answer the following questions.

What do you have to contribute if chosen a member of the MMHS Dance Company?

Briefly describe your dance experience.

Will you attend all spacing, technical and dress rehearsals the last week in April 2020?

Will you attend rehearsals outside of class time if needed?

Will you make MMDC a priority, in addition to upholding your school responsibilities?

Do you have any limiting conditions, physical or otherwise?

If chosen a member of the MMHS Dance Company, I will commit myself to regular class attendance, a positive attitude, and genuine effort toward personal and group improvement. I am aware of the time and financial commitments required.

Student signature_____

As a parent/guardian, I give my support and permission for my student to audition for the MMHS Dance Company. I am aware of the time and financial commitments required.

Parent signature_____