



MMHS

Dance Company

2020-2021

The Maple Mountain High School Dance Company is the most advanced level performing group at MMHS. MMDC is part of the Fine Arts Department and 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 2:55pm.

A dance company fee of \$200.00 is required to help pay for costumes, conferences, choreographers, etc. Participation fee is \$60 and a player pack fee is also \$60 for a total of **\$320**. Fees are due September 1, 2020.

Additional/optional costs include Shakespeare High School Competition trip to Cedar City \$170 October 2-3, 2020 and Southern California Dance Tour \$1350 in late October 2020.

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

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 20th OR Tuesday, April 21th 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 22nd, 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 on our instagram page shortly after auditions. mmhsdancecompany

Rehearsals for the new dance company (MMDC 2020-2021) are scheduled for Friday April 24th from 3-5pm in MMHS dance room and Tuesday April 28th from 5-7pm in the auditorium. The new team (MMDC 2020-2021) will perform in the 11th Annual MMHS Dance Concert Thursday, April 30th at 7:00pm.

New members are also required to work at the Amplify Dance Competition fundraiser Friday May 1st and 2nd.

MMDC and Maple Mountain Dance Excel members (MMDX) will have photos taken during the last week of May. 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 2020-2021

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____ Birthday_____

Cell_____ Email_____

Grade next year (2020-2021) _____

Please answer the following questions.

What do you have to contribute if chosen as 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 2021?

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 as 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 including the mandatory fundraiser May 1st and 2nd, 2020..

Student signature_____Date_____

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 including the mandatory fundraiser May 1st and 2nd, 2020..

Parent signature_____Date_____