

Murrieta Mesa Dance Team
2013- 2014

Audition information
& application.

Please read all information
carefully.

MMHS DANCE TEAM AUDITIONS

WANTED: GREAT ATTITUDES * HARD WORKERS * TEAM DANCERS

WHEN: 5/20 ~ Dance clinic ~ Learn jazz dance audition combination - turn in paperwork
5/21 ~ Dance clinic ~ Learn hip hop dance audition combination - turn in paperwork
5/22 ~ Dance clinic ~ Review/Practice day - Paperwork Deadline
5/23 Formal Audition ~ 3:30 - dismissal
5/29 - Mandatory parent/dancer meeting for all 2013-2014 dance team members ~ 6:00pm - Room C 106 (Impact Center)
6/7 - August Dance Intensive payment in full due to book keeper

WHERE: MMHS DANCE ROOM

TIME: Upperclassmen ~3:10 - 5:30 each day
Incoming freshmen arrive as soon as possible to the 3:10 time.

WHAT TO WEAR: Everybody wears all black for auditions, including clinics
Dancewear must follow MESA dress code (no short shorts or cleavage)
Hair secured neatly out of face /no jewelry
Jazz shoes
No GUM

WHAT TO BRING: Completed Audition Packet

*Current 12 week Progress Report

*You must have a 2.0+ to audition

*You must maintain a 2.0+ and post no F's on a progress report or semester report card to perform during the 2013-14 school year.

AUDITION

REQUIREMENTS: 1) Audition packet is complete and turned in by the May 22nd deadline
2) Learn the required jazz and hip hop audition combinations at the clinics on May 20th & 21st.
3) Attend the May 22nd review/practice clinic day

"Dance team gave me the opportunity to do what I absolutely love, I made amazing friends, and was able to perform and show my talents."

"It made me a better dancer. I've loved the experience; it's something I can look back on and can be proud of."

"Being on dance team has made me a better dancer and a better friend. Being on team and working with all the girls has been so rewarding."

???MORE QUESTIONS???

Contact Mrs. Chidester by email: pchidester@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Dear Dance Team Applicant & Parents:

Thank you for your interest in the Murrieta Mesa dance team program. Mesa dance team is a performance/entertainment group that participates in rallies, assemblies, & sporting events. This is our primary purpose. The team will be chosen through an audition process and will practice for the “dance year” (August-May). The size of the team will be determined by the audition process and will be comprised of highly skilled, well rounded dancers, with advanced dance skills. All potential team members must already be officially enrolled in Murrieta Mesa High School at the time of the audition. The audition in May will be the only audition for the 2013-2014 dance team. Private auditions will not be held. All applicants must be evaluated by the same panel of judges to ensure a fair audition process.

Things to consider before you proceed with the audition:

- You must be officially enrolled in MMHS by audition day to audition – will be verified with MMHS guidance tech.
- Dance team is a yearlong commitment. The coach will expect you at every rehearsal and performance. Dance team will not have part time members. Participating on another competitive dance team is discouraged. You cannot be in two places at the same time...physically impossible. By auditioning, you are making MESA Dance the priority over any other team or group.
- All members of the team will be placed into a dance class at Mesa as part of their 7 period schedule (fills VPA/elective requirement). Any freshman who makes the dance team is still required to take PE 9. The dance class they will be put into does not take the place of PE 9.
- Team practices afterschool Mondays & Thursdays from 3:10 – 5:30 beginning when school starts in August. Certain practices will be extended until 6:30 when guest choreographers are hired to work with the team. Games and performances will be on any night of the week and you will be expected to be in attendance performing with the team.
- School behavior and attendance records will be part of the application/audition process. Points will be deducted from applicants score per guidelines on application page. Team seeks only exemplary behavior and attendance from its members.

Included in this packet is a dance team application, an overview of the dance team handbook 2.0 & F policy, voluntary excursion/field trip waiver, medical authorization form, consent to participate form, and dance acceptance/permission agreement form. These items must be signed by both student and parent along with a **copy of the most recent 12 week progress report attached.** An ABI printout will not be accepted. There is information regarding team requirements, the time commitment necessary to be a successful member of the MMHS Dance Team, uniforms, summer dance classes and intensives. **RETURN THE COMPLETED PACKET TO MRS. CHIDESTER ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO AUDITION ON MAY 23RD. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The formal audition will be held on Thursday, May 23rd @ 3:30 in the MMHS Dance Room. Please be prepared to stay until we dismiss everybody.

Auditions are closed to all spectators and parents.

Each dancer will be evaluated by a team of unbiased dance professionals.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the auditions begin. You will need to stretch and warm up on your own. The list of those making the team will be posted by audition number Friday, May 24th after 4:00pm on Mrs. Chidester's welcome page on her website.

Parents please discuss the psychological repercussions of not being selected, and some of the problems your student might have. Unfortunately not everyone trying out will make it -- No one is guaranteed a spot on dance team.

Parents please discuss the impact of this leadership position and the changes it will make in your student's life should your student make the team. It will require the enormous sacrifice of time. There is no other way to say it. Your student's personal satisfaction and feeling of involvement will bring many rewards as being a member of the Dance Team is considered a leadership position on campus. This involvement, however, also carries with it a great deal of responsibility. Your student will be expected to attend afterschool practices, games, pep rallies, evening events, and be an exemplary student in the classroom. Being a member of the Murrieta Mesa Dance Team requires a great deal of time, effort, and sacrifice, a lot of hard work; but it gives back fun, excitement, self-confidence, incredible personal rewards and many other positives in a young person's life.

Dance Team is an extracurricular activity; not a requirement. If you cannot agree with the information in this packet and the expectations, then the dancer should not go forward with the audition!

Thank you again for your interest in the MMHS Dance Team Program.
Mrs. Chidester

Dance Team Uniform Information

Below is the information regarding uniforms for the 2013/2014 school year. The Mesa dance team is a school sponsored team and no student will be denied the opportunity to participate in the MMHS dance team program based upon the student's purchase of a uniform. The team uniform will remain the same as the 2012/2013 season. All returning team members can reuse the 2012/2013 uniform. You can also ask to borrow or purchase a used uniform from a former team member. Dancers may elect to purchase their own custom fit uniform and keep it as a high school memory. Team members not purchasing a custom fit uniform will have a comparable performance uniform available to check out under a contract to return. Dancers purchasing their own custom fit uniform will be paying for the uniform in full on the day that the uniform is fit and ordered, unless other arrangements are made with the vendor. In order to ensure delivery for the first home football game performance, there will be two order dates, June 3rd and July 1st*. The Varsity representative will be at Mesa on June 3rd @ 3:00 for custom uniform fittings and measurements. July 1st is the deadline for all payments for dancers purchasing their own custom fit uniform through Varsity. Murrieta Mesa High School and its employees are not involved in the purchase and do not receive any commission from the sale. Below is the approximate cost for the dance uniform and accessories. All pricing is based off of last year's prices rounded up. They probably will be slightly higher.

Custom Fit Team Performance Top – \$85.00 ~ Paid directly to Varsity Representative at June 3rd fitting* – 3:00pm

Custom Fit Team Performance Skirt – \$60.00 ~ Paid directly to Varsity Representative at June 3rd fitting* – 3:00pm

Custom Team Jazz Pants with "Rams" screened on leg - \$36.00 – Paid to Mesa book keeper -

Team Jazz Shoes - \$35.00 - Purchased directly at Discount Dance on Jefferson Ave. in Murrieta (Brand and color given out at parent meeting).

Team Tights - \$15.00 – Purchased directly at Discount Dance on Jefferson Ave. in Murrieta (May need to purchase additional pairs throughout the season if they develop runs or holes)

Team Warm up - \$80.00 – Ordered and paid directly through Tri-Lakes Sports in Murrieta – Ordering opening and closing dates announced at the parent meeting.

Team Duffle Bag – \$35.00 – Ordered and paid directly through Tri Lakes Sports in Murrieta - Ordering opening and closing dates announced at the parent meeting.

Team Tee Shirt – \$20.00 – Paid to Mesa book keeper in August..payment date to be announced.

Program Fundraising/Voluntary Contributions

As you may already know, the budget dollars provided by the state to Murrieta Valley Unified School District do not fund the dance team program including the following expenses: special costuming for performances, professional choreography, letters, rhinestones, team jewelry, accessories, end of the year party etc... Through fundraising and voluntary contributions we will be able to cover the above expenses associated with the dance team program and continue to offer these expanded opportunities. All team members are expected to participate in every fundraising opportunity which include, but not limited to recycling at all home football games, weekly on campus ice cream sandwich sales, fall holiday ice cream pie sales, dinner fundraisers at local restaurants, corporate sponsorships, and family voluntary donations.

Time Commitment

SUMMER

August Dance Intensive @ Mesa with the United Spirit Association Dance Program
Rehearsals for Back to School Assembly*

FALL

All practices both in class and afterschool 3:10 – 5:30
Varsity Football Pregame performances at select home games
Breast Cancer Survivor Dinner *
Pep Rally *
Red Ribbon Pep Rallies @ our feeder elementary schools

WINTER

All practices both in class and afterschool 3:10 -5:30
Preseason varsity boys/girls basketball tournament games at Mesa
ALL HOME league varsity boys and girls basketball games - halftime
Pep rally *
Night on Broadway
8th grade pep rally * (Welcome to Mesa)

SPRING

All practices both in class and afterschool 3:10 – 5:30
Pep Rally *
Mr. Mesa *
Mr. Murtown*

Other activities and events will become available throughout the years that are not on this list – they will be added to the calendar as they become known.

*By USB invitation to perform

August Dance Team Dance Intensive Information

Summer dance intensive, presented by the United Spirit Association Dance Program, is a voluntary activity in which dance team members may choose to participate. Intensive is an opportunity to learn new material, the latest in dance choreography, receive instruction from professional dancers, and is in general an awesome team bonding experience. Intensive is not mandatory, but is recommended for every dance team member. Non participation in intensive does not affect participation in dance team performances. All monies for intensive are to be paid in full to the Mesa bookkeeper by Friday June, 7th. USA requires one check to be sent from Mesa for payment to them in full. Individuals cannot send monies on their own for payment to the United Spirit Association.

Cost ~ \$169.00 Dates ~ August 6th, 7th and 8th Location ~ Mesa dance room Time ~ 9:00am – 4:30 pm

August Dance Team Rehearsals

The team will rehearse on the following dates to prepare for the rally on the first day of school. These rehearsals are **MANDATORY**. Dancers missing any of these rehearsals will not perform on the first day of school.

August 5th ~ 9am – 12 noon

August 12th ~ 8am – 11am

August 13th ~ 8am – 11am

MMHS Dance Team Application

Please print information neatly

Attach recent picture here

REQUIRED

Name_____

Current Grade_____

Parent/Guardian Phone_____

Student Cell Phone_____

Student email address_____

School you currently attend_____

Why do you want to be a member of the Mesa Dance Team?

Participation is expected in every aspect of the dance team program. Participation on another other team while you are a member of the MMHS Dance team is discouraged due to time conflicts. It cannot interfere in any way with the MMHS dance team program. If you are not here we have a hole in the routine and it is not fair to the rest of the team. Choosing another group over participation in scheduled team events will result in disciplinary action and be grounds for dismissal from the MMHS dance team. Taking outside technique class is strongly recommended if you have the time, but it is **NOT** an excuse for missing any practice, a performance, or team event. If the student chooses to go forward with the audition and is selected for the Mesa dance team; Mesa is the priority!

_____ **Student Initial** _____ **Parent Initial**

This dance team applicant will not be considered unless the following items are included with the audition application and turned in by the deadline of May 22nd.

******NO COMPLETED PACKET-NO TRYOUT-NO EXCEPTION – DUE No Later than MAY 22nd, 2013******

- 1) A copy of your most recent 12 week progress report. An ABI printout will not be accepted. 2.0+ GPA is required to audition.
- 2) Current year behavior file – dance program is seeking positive behavior from all of its members. To that extent for any 6 documented of the following; trancies, OCD, Saturday school, caught with electronics, dress code, or defiant at any time will result in 5 points deducted from score. Documented suspension will be a point deduction of 10 points. **If no behavior problems, counselor or administrator may sign here**_____.
- 3) Current year attendance file – dance program is seeking positive attendance from all of its members. To that extent any 6 unexcused absences or 6 tardies will result in 5 points deducted from score. **If less than 6 tardies/absences counselor or administrator my sign here**_____.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE and F POLICY

Murrieta Mesa High School requires that all students who are a member of dance team maintain a 2.0 grade point average or higher and be earning D grades or higher in all classes at all times.

- All dancers on the Mesa dance team **MUST** maintain a 2.0 + grade point average. If their grade point average falls below a 2.0 in any 6 week grading period, they will be placed on probation and deemed ineligible and will not be allowed to perform in any dance team activities until the next 6 week progress report grading period has been officially posted. If the grade point average has not been brought up by that time the student will be dismissed from the team.

_____ (initial) _____ (initial)
Parent Student

- No dance team member will be allowed to perform with dance team, at any time, while carrying an F grade on any 6 week, 12 week, or semester report card. The participant will sit out of performances and events until the grade returns to a D or above as documented by a grade check or the next 6 week progress report or semester report card. The dancer will still be required to attend all rehearsals with the intention of rejoining the team in performances as quickly as the grade improvement documentation is official.

_____ (initial) _____ (initial)
Parent Student

- If my dancer is dismissed from the team or quits on their own accord, I am aware that all payments made toward uniforms, dance intensive, accessories etc. are non-refundable and my dancer will keep all items paid for. _____ (initial)
Parent

By signing the statement below, you are acknowledging the no refund or deposit payment policy, as well as understanding the Murrieta Mesa High School dance team eligibility grade point average and F policy.

As the parents of _____ we fully understand that if our son/daughter's grade point average drops below a 2.0 he/she will be placed on probation and deemed ineligible to perform with possible dismissal from the dance team. We fully understand that our student must also earn D grades and above in order to be an eligible, active performer/participant on the dance team. We fully understand that we will not receive any refund for purchases or deposits if my dancer is dismissed from the team or quits on their own accord.

STUDENT: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT: _____ DATE: _____

2013-2014 Dancer Acceptance/Permission Agreement

My dancer, _____ has my permission to audition to be a member of the Dance Team at Murrieta Mesa High School. I understand that he/she must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the director and administration, and that he/she will be present for all required events, including, but not limited to all practices, performances and activities. I understand that upon making the team, I will be provided with the MMHS Dance Team Handbook which includes all rules and regulations my dancer will be required to follow if they are selected as a member of the Mesa dance team and I further understand that the violation of any of the rules in the handbook may lead to a temporary suspension or permanent removal from the dance team. I agree to complete in full and return all attached forms by **May 22nd, 2013** or my dancer will not be allowed to try out for the team. I understand that my dancer must attend the dance audition clinics on May 20th, 21st & 22nd in order to be eligible to audition on May the 23rd. _____ (parent/guardian initial)

- **I understand that my dancer will be evaluated by qualified judges and we agree to abide by the decision of the judges** _____ (parent/guardian initial)
- **I understand that if my son/daughter is selected for the team by the panel of qualified judges that there is a mandatory parent/guardian/ dancer meeting on Wednesday, May 29th @ 6:00 in the PE classroom C 106 where information regarding uniforms, summer dance activities, the dance team handbook, the parent code of conduct and a *calendar will be discussed and I further understand that any dancer who does not have a parent or guardian attend the meeting will no longer be considered for a position on the dance team.** _____ (parent/guardian initial)

I understand that the very nature of the activity of dance carries a risk of physical injury no matter how careful the participant and director are. The risk of minor injuries includes muscle soreness, muscle pulls, dislocation and broken bones. The risk also includes catastrophic injuries such as permanent paralysis or even death from landing from falls on the back, neck or head. I understand these risks and will not hold Murrieta Mesa High School or any of its personnel responsible in the case of accident of injury at any time.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I am interested in being a Dance Team Member at Murrieta Mesa High School. I understand the risks stated above. I promise to abide by the rules and regulations in the dance team handbook, and the rules set forth by the director and the administration of Murrieta Mesa High School. I promise to cooperate and follow the instructions of the team's director at all times.

Student Signature

Date

Grade Next year _____

*Calendar is preliminary. It is subject to change and the dancer will be expected to make all changes as well.

VOLUNTARY EXCURSION/FIELD TRIP WAIVER
AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FOR MINOR STUDENT

Dear Parent/Guardian:

_____ has my permission to participate in the following voluntary activity.

Destination: Murrieta Mesa Dance Room – Dance Team Auditions
Date & Time: May 20, 21, & 22, 2013 – 3:10 to 5:30pm.
May 23 - 3:30 to approximately 5:30 pm

In the event of illness or injury, I do hereby consent to whatever x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care considered necessary in the best judgment of the attending physician, surgeon, or dentist and performed by or under the supervision of a member of the medical staff of the hospital or facility furnishing medical or dental services. _____ (initial)

As stated in California Education Code, Section 35330, I understand that I hold Murrieta Valley Unified School District, its officers, agents and employees, harmless from any and all liability or claims, which may arise out of or in connection with my child's participation in the activity. _____ (initial)

I fully understand that participants are to abide by all rules and regulations governing conduct during the trip. Any violation of these rules and regulations may result in that individual being sent home at his/her parent/ guardian's expense. _____ (initial)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Address

Phone

Signature of Student

Date of Birth

Family Insurance Carrier

Policy Number

SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENT/GUARDIAN;

1. All drugs must be registered on this form
2. All drugs, excepting those which must be kept on the student's person for emergency use, must be kept and distributed by the nurse.
3. (____) Check here if there are NO special problems that the staff should be aware of and NO drugs are required.
4. If any medications or drugs ARE to be taken by the student, list them here:

Name of drug and reason: _____

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A SPECIAL MEDICAL PROBLEM THAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FOR THIS ACTIVITY. PLEASE ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THAT PROBLEM TO THIS SHEET OR DESCRIBE BELOW:

