



Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you for your interest in joining the award-winning Esperanza Dance Team! The Esperanza Dance Team is a competition team. We compete at local, state and national level competitions. The team also performs at school assemblies, sporting events, community events, and produces a show in the spring.

The purpose of this packet is to familiarize you with the try-out process for the EHS Dance Team and also to explain the EXPECTATIONS for each dance team member and family. .

- As a member of the team you must commit a great deal of time and energy throughout the entire school year.
- We practice during the summer and attend a four day overnight camp.
- You must be able to register for zero (6:50am) and first period. You will receive a grade for these classes, **PE credit** for 0 period and **Fine Art** credit for 1st period. You must be available as early as 6:30 am for some rehearsals.
- You must attend all competitions and performances. We generally attend five to seven competitions during the year which fall on Saturdays with some Fridays and Sundays. Competitions begin in December and conclude in April.
- We also host a competition at Esperanza as a fundraiser where all team members and all parents are expected to work.
- We produce a Spring Show typically in May. The show is two nights, Friday and Saturday, and parents are expected to work one of those nights.
- Social plans, vacations, job schedules, and your studio cannot interfere with these requirements.
- Incoming freshmen, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the commitments for summer, please feel free to email or call me to discuss.
- Parents are also expected to commit time to the team, including driving carpools for competitions, participating in all fundraisers, and working hosted events.

Requirements for Auditioning **IN-PERSON for the 2022-23 Dance Team**

1. Complete the attached application and Dance Team Contract and return it to Shea Runge at Esperanza by **May 18th** via the following options:
 - By mail - Attn - Shea Runge 1830 Kellogg Dr Anaheim, CA 92807
 - By dropping it off at Esperanza HS in the school office

By email to srunge@pylud.org

2. Attend informational meeting on Wednesday, May 4, at 5pm (Attendance is not required but highly recommended.)
3. Applicant must carry an unweighted GPA of 2.0 to be eligible to audition for the Dance Team.
4. Turn in the **PHYSICAL FORM** and a copy of the front and back of your insurance card to Shea Runge or have a current physical on file (for current members) in the Esperanza office **BEFORE** tryouts begin (**by 4PM on May 20**). Physical forms are also available at **ehs.org** (click on Athletics and then “physical form”). The complete Athletic Packet is not due until summer practices begin.
5. **Attend IN-PERSON Dance Team try-outs on May 23rd- 25th** in the dance room at Esperanza HS
 - **May 23 and May 24 (Mon-Tue) 4:00-6:00pm: Practice days**
 - learn 2 tryout dances and an across the floor combo
 - **May 25 (Wed) 5:00-8:00pm: Try-out day**
 - Please arrive at 4:45pm. Dancers will call their parents when tryouts are complete.
 - Jazz shoes or half soles will be required for the try-out. Bring water each day.
6. COVID guidelines:
 - Applicants must be free of any Covid symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath)
 - Applicants must not have had contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid in the last 10 days.
7. Applicants will learn two dances at try-outs: one lyrical and one jazz. Dancers will also be evaluated on an “across the floor” combination. Independent judges are hired for scoring. Judges scores will be based on technique, style and showmanship.
8. Those who make the team will be eligible to participate in all school performances and will be on at least **two** competition dances.
9. Auditions for additional competition dances and solos will be held in August. We will have a total of 5-7 competition dances. These styles will include, but are not limited to: jazz, lyrical, contemporary, hip hop, and pom.
10. The number of soloists is determined at the August auditions.

Team Commitment

1. Team members must attend morning practices held during 0 and 1st period Monday through Friday. Failure to do so will affect your grade in the class and your status on the team.
2. Team members are required to participate in all performances, including assemblies, sporting events, shows, etc.
3. All team members must be able to commit to every weekend December through April for competitions. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** Team members are also required to stay through awards

at all competitions. We will set our competition schedule as early as possible so you will know which weekends you have a commitment. Until then please keep all weekends open.

4. All team members are expected to take dance classes to improve their skills throughout the year in addition to dance team practices.

Summer Commitment

Being a member of the dance team is a year-round commitment. This commitment begins in the summer. All members are expected to adhere to the following schedule:

1. **Dance Camp** Tentative location and dates are Palm Desert July 31-Aug 3 This is an overnight camp. The contribution towards camp is approximately \$550 per dancer. For returning members, if you miss camp you will not dance in up to the first four school performances. (If you miss all 4 days you will sit out the first 4 performances, 3 days, the first 3 performances, etc.) If you must leave camp early, the last day, you will sit out for the team's first performance.
2. **Summer Practices**
 - Dancers must complete the online Athletic Clearance packet BEFORE the first day of practice. More details regarding this packet will be provided at a later date. Returning members must have a new physical on file by the first day of practice.
 - Practice Tuesday and Thursday from 8am-10am beginning July 5, 2022.
 - Summer practices include learning choreography for competition and game day routines. These will be on the summer schedule. It is extremely important that team members attend these practices.
 - We will take a little over two weeks off from August 4 - August 17th. Please try to schedule family vacations during that time.
 - Dancers can miss a total of two practices (for compelling reasons) without a consequence.
 - The contribution towards summer coaching and summer expenses is approximately \$200 per dancer.

Team Trip

The dance team traditionally travels to one competition each year for an extended overnight stay. The team will fundraise to defray the cost of the trip for the dancers; contribution per dancer is approximately \$500-\$2000, depending on the destination, length of the trip, etc. In the past we have traveled to Florida, San Francisco, Las Vegas and San Diego.

Financial Contributions

There are many necessary expenditures associated with running a competitive, award-winning dance team. Members of the team will be required to participate in all fund-raising activities. Some possible fund-raisers are: online fundraiser campaign, clothing drive, and Golf Tournaments . In addition, we host a dance competition at Esperanza to raise funds to support our program. All dancers and two of his/her family members will be expected to be available and work the competition for the entire day. Any financial concerns should be brought to the Director's attention. We don't want anyone excluded from participation due to financial difficulties. In the past, the booster club has been helpful in offsetting any differences.

The following is an estimated breakdown of some financial contributions the team will need per dancer:

Expenses	Info	Approx. Amt
Team Uniform	team sweats & performance dress *Payment due June 1st	\$650
Team gear and shoes	shorts, tanks, hoodie, cover up, team shoes,duffle, garment bag, and poms	\$550
Costume Rental Fee	\$150 if only in 1 routine other than pom	\$300
Camp**	**A down payment of half will be due June 1st	\$550
PYLUSD Summer Fees	This covers summer coaching	\$200
School Year Coaching	approximately \$100 per month	\$1000
Nationals Competition Trip	Florida Contest of Champions	TBD
Approx Total		\$3250

Nationals Competition Trip	Based on location and fundraising efforts	\$400-\$1200
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The following table shows the approximate costs per month. This table is based on traveling to Florida which is considered a "big trip" year. We have not determined if this will be a big trip year or a small trip year.

- **The below cost estimate does not include costs for competition makeup, dance shoes or parent travel costs that dancers/families must purchase on their own.**
- **For those that make the team, we will ask you to pay for your uniforms by June 1st so production of our team gear can be started immediately.**

- **Half your camp balance will be due June 1st and the other half on July 1st. Other costs will be spread out over the summer and fall.**

Month	Parent Donations
June	\$650 camp , summer, team gear
July	\$600 uniform, camp, team gear
August	\$481 uniform, team bags, coaching
September	\$316 coaching, costumes, technique
October	\$316 coaching, technique, costumes
November	\$140 coaching, technique
December	\$140 coaching, technique
January	\$140 coaching, technique
Feb	\$140 coaching technique
March	\$140 coaching, technique
April	\$140 coaching, technique
May	coaching

Please feel free to email if you have any questions, email me at srunge@pylusd.org or call me at (714) 287-5710. Please do not leave a voicemail message, text messages only. (Please continue reading for the last two documents.)

Sincerely,

**Shea Runge
Dance Team Director**

2022-2023 EHS Dance Team Contract

Policies and Expectations

1. All students must attend all days of clinics / try-outs if we are having an in-person tryout.
2. All students must submit a physical in order to try-out BEFORE clinics begin; all team members must athletically clear BEFORE summer practices begin. *For returning members, new physicals are due before the first day of summer practice.*
3. All team members must register for 0 and 1st period dance and be available for practices before school each morning. All team members must also maintain good attendance to morning practice. You will not be excused from practice to make up assignments for other classes or participate in other activities.
4. All team members must attend summer practices and camp in the summer.
5. All team members must participate in fundraising events.
6. All team members **must attend all competitions (including awards) and performances.** Competitions and performances will be scheduled in advance and dancers will be expected to arrange **all other commitments** around this schedule. All team members must attend practice the **week** before a competition. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
7. All team members must ride to and from **all** competitions and performances in assigned carpools.
8. All team members must wear specified uniforms to competition and when asked to at school and other events.
9. All team members must agree not to possess or use tobacco, alcohol, or other dangerous drugs **AT ANY TIME.** There will be a zero tolerance policy with regard to these substances – any infraction may result with immediate removal from the team.
10. All team members must agree not to behave in any manner that brings dishonor or shame to the school or the community.
11. All team members will sign a social media contract.
12. All team members will set a good example on campus and in the classroom. All team members will maintain a “C” (2.0) grade point average.
13. I understand that the only excuse from any dance team activity is illness or serious family business, per the Director’s approval.
15. Attendance is MANDATORY at all tech rehearsals for our spring show. Failure to attend will result in removal from your dances at the discretion of your Director and Coach.
16. **All team members must respect the decisions of the coach and director. Team members must understand that they are not guaranteed the opportunity to perform with the team, and may be “benched” at any time at the discretion of the coach/director.**

I have read these statements thoroughly and agree to abide by them. I understand that failure to comply with the above guidelines may result in a lower academic grade and/or removal from performance routines and/or the Dance Team. *Dancer and parent signatures will be collected on this document once an applicant has made the team.*

Esperanza High School

2022-2023 Dance Team Application Form

- 1) Please fully complete all parts of the application below in legible writing.
- 2) Please attach a current picture and a copy of your current report card to your application.

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION			
NAME	First	Middle	Last
CURRENT GRADE LEVEL	Circle one: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> 8 9 10 11 </div>	BIRTHDATE	
CURRENT SCHOOL		T-SHIRT SIZE	
ADDRESS			City
HOME PHONE		CELL PHONE #	
EMAIL	<i>(not a PYLUSD email as songs & videos cannot be sent to school emails)</i>		
Have you had any dance experience? If so, when and where?			
Have you ever been a member of a school or studio dance team? If so, when and where?			

PARENT'S INFORMATION		
	MOTHER'S INFO	FATHER'S INFO
NAME		
CELL PHONE #		
EMAIL		

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