



PANTHER JR. ENSEMBLE

THE OFFICIAL 6TH GRADE

AUDITION WELCOME PACKET | 2026-2027

Ready to train. Ready to perform. Ready to ROAR.

Welcome to the Panther Jr. Ensemble, the newest addition to the C.E. King Middle School Dance Department! This junior-varsity-style ensemble was created for motivated 6th-grade dancers who want to build confidence, performance skills, teamwork, and a strong foundation in pom, jazz, and hip hop. Remember, this is a quick audition, so we are looking for dancers who can pick up choreography quickly, retain material, perform with confidence, and show a willingness to learn! :) As the Dance Department Head, I created this new team to help prepare and develop our younger dancers. I am volunteering my time, along with support from KMSDC, to help **train, mentor, and mold dancers for future KMSDC and high school dance opportunities.**

POM

Sharp • Powerful

JAZZ

Technique • Style

HIP HOP

Groove • Energy

YOUR AUDITION STARTS HERE:

You will need a copy 2026-2027 PHYSICAL to Put on File

Bring your best attitude, biggest energy, and strongest work ethic. We are looking for dancers who are coachable, committed, and ready to grow!

Why Join Panther Jr. Ensemble?

- Build stronger skills in pom, jazz, and hip hop.
- Develop discipline, confidence, leadership, and teamwork.
- Represent KMS in high-energy performances.
- Train alongside dancers who support and challenge one another.
- Prepare for KMSDC auditions in 7th and 8th grade.



Audition Game Plan

Two days. One goal. Show us what you can bring to the Panther Jr. Ensemble!

Results will be announced in GOOGLE CLASSROOM on Friday, August 28th at 4:30 pm. All results will be finale.

WEDNESDAY • PREP DAY	THURSDAY • TRYOUT DAY
August 26, 2026 4:15 PM - 6:00 PM KMS Dance Room Learn short pom/jazz and hip hop combinations. You may record the combinations to review at home.	August 27, 2026 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM KMS Dance Room Perform the combinations learned during prep. Nothing will be retaught on tryout day.

What We Will Be Watching

- Attitude and coachability
- Ability to follow directives and expectations
- Effort and energy
- Execution and performance quality
- Appearance and preparedness
- Learning quickly and retain choreography and dances
- Additional skills: battements (high kicks), left split, and right split, stationary leaps and pirouette

Audition Look

- All-black dancewear: top and bottom
- Black jazz shoes or skin-tone Jazz shoes
- Hair secured neatly off the face in one ponytail

Tip: Your audition outfit should help you feel polished, confident, and ready to move

ATTENDANCE = REQUIRED BOTH DAYS

Both audition days are required. Attendance is not optional. Be sure you have transportation home after auditions.

Eligibility Check

- You must be a 6th grade student at King Middle School.
- You must be enrolled in a KMS Beginner Dance class.
- Turn in a COPY, not the original, of your completed athletic physical.
- Turn in Filled out Waiver
- Maintain good academic standing and good behavior on campus.



Audition-Day Checklist

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| ☐ All-black audition outfit | ☐ Copy of completed athletic physical |
| ☐ Black jazz shoes or skin-tone half soles/turners | ☐ Fill Out Form Online see- QR/ LINK |
| ☐ Hair in a neat single ponytail | ☐ Ride arranged for dismissal |

If you make Panther Jr. Ensemble... Now what?

Making Panther Jr. Ensemble means joining a performance-focused training team and exciting opportunities.

WEEKLY PRACTICE

TUESDAY or Thursday • 4:30 PM - 5:30- Sometimes both

Mandatory Parent Meeting: There will be a mandatory parent meeting immediately following the first team practice. If a parent/guardian does not attend the meeting and does not make contact with the director, the student will be removed from the team roster.

Commitment Matters

- Attend every scheduled practice and performance.
- **This program is designed to provide training and preparation for KMSDC, and it directly conflicts with Cheer practices, performances and events. Your student will need to choose which amazing program they would like to participate in.**
- Communicate conflicts ahead of time, not the day of.
- Represent the Dance Department with respect, teamwork, and enthusiasm.
- All practice days are mandatory and non-negotiable.
- If you cannot commit to all required days, you cannot remain on the team.

Fees & Dance Apparel

- A nonrefundable membership fee. A QR code will be provided.
- Parents will receive ordering links dance ensemble apparel
- Family and friends support gear will also be available.
- Required attire will be ordered through the provided links and shipped directly the school for distribution.

Possible Performance Opportunities

- Community parade with KMSDC and Panther Jr. Ensemble
- Guest district performance for Hispanic Heritage OR Black History
- TDEA DEAL Assessment beginning February 2027
- Spring Dance Concert in May
- Possible opportunity to audition for a district performance and to perform with KMSDC



IMPORTANT: PJE DOES NOT AUTOMATIC MEAN KMSDC MEMBERSHIP

Panther Jr. Ensemble helps prepare dancers for future KMSDC auditions, but it does not guarantee a spot on the 7th/8th grade varsity team.

You cannot participate in multiple after- school programs. If you are selected for the dance program, you are expected to commit to dance

Auditioning does mean guarantee acceptance onto PJE or KMSDC

THE PANTHER STANDARD

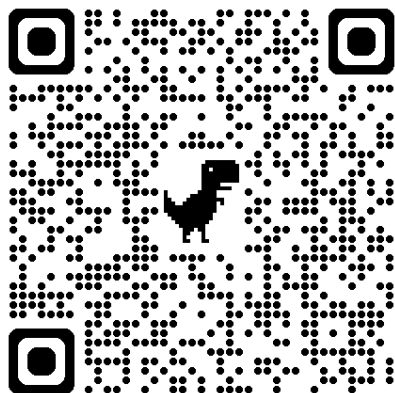
CONFIDENT	I perform with purpose.
COACHABLE	I listen, apply corrections, and keep growing.
COMMITTED	I show up prepared and on time.
RESPECTFUL	I represent my team and school well.
ENERGETIC	I bring performance energy every time.

6TH GRADE, THIS IS YOUR MOMENT.

Fill out this form and turn in the waiver at audition NOT in class.

QR Code for Audition Form

LINK FOR Interest Form:



<https://forms.gle/wsvvnu8kjd7nedd6A>



PANTHER JR. ENSEMBLE

2026-2027 EXPECTATION & COMMITMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Panther Jr. Ensemble is a dance ensemble created to provide additional training, mentorship, performance opportunities, and service to our students in 6th grade. The Dance Department Director is volunteering additional time to provide this opportunity and help prepare dancers for future KMSDC and high school dance experiences.

BY SIGNING BELOW, WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND:

- ☐ We have read and understand the Panther Jr. Ensemble audition packet, team expectations, and commitment requirements.
- ☐ Participation in Panther Jr. Ensemble is voluntary and is separate from the student's regular KMS Dance class and the KMSDC which is the 7th and 8th varsity group.
- ☐ If selected, the dancer is expected to attend all required practices, performances, meetings, and scheduled team events. If they conflict directly with another group, we will need to make a decision.
- ☐ Practice days are mandatory. If a dancer cannot meet the required commitment, they may not be able to remain in the ensemble. This will NOT affect them being in the KMS beginner Dance class
- ☐ Panther Jr. Ensemble directly conflicts with other after-school programs. Students selected for the ensemble are expected to commit to the dance program.
- ☐ Students must maintain good academic standing, good behavior, and represent the KMS Dance Department with respect, teamwork, responsibility, and enthusiasm.
- ☐ Parents/guardians and dancers are responsible for communicating conflicts in advance and arranging transportation after practices and events.
- ☐ Participation in Panther Jr. Ensemble is designed to prepare dancers for future opportunities, but does not guarantee future membership in KMSDC or high school dance groups.

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Our signatures confirm that we understand these expectations and agree to support the commitment required for participation in the Panther Jr. Ensemble.

Student Name (Print)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Phone Number

Parent/Guardian Email



Date

Student ID Number