

Mannion Middle School Dance Team Constitution

I. Purpose

- A. The primary purpose of the Mannion Middle School Dance Team is to develop a sense of teamwork, responsibility, self-discipline, and self-esteem, while, at the same time, promoting school spirit and increasing knowledge of dance skills and technique.
- B. The Dance Team will also provide students with opportunities to gain performance experience at various school events (pep assemblies, games, parades, etc.) competitive settings could also be included.

II. Membership

- A. Any student expressing an interest in becoming a member of the Dance Team and who demonstrates advanced dance skills and techniques, as well as the ability to work cooperatively with others in a positive manner can become a member of the team.
- B. In-coming sixth graders may audition for the team, but their placement on the Dance Team is at the coach's discretion.
- C. All participants must re audition every year. The previous year's membership DOES NOT guarantee a position for the following year.

III. Auditions

- A. To audition for the MMS Dance Team, the student must have a 2.0 grade point average with no F's or U's in citizenship for the current school year.
- B. Auditions are held in the spring and consist of a three day audition procedure in which participants learn one routine and will be required to demonstrate technical skills. Participants could also be interviewed and will be given the opportunity to practice.
- C. Participants will audition in groups and be required to perform the routine taught, as well as all technical skills. Recommended (not required) skills include a double pirouette, toe touch, kicks, leaps, splits, headsprings, and kipups.
- D. During the actual audition, participants will be judged on the following: Execution, Showmanship, Memory, Fundamental Skills, Dance Techniques, Choreography, and a possible Interview.

IV. Apparel/Accessories

- A. Jewelry is not to be worn at anytime during practice or performances. This includes jewelry for body piercings.
- B. Glitter shall not be on hair, face, uniform, costume, or the body.
- C. Hair is to be up and out of face for practices and performances. No unnatural hair color.
- D. Nails should be free of nail polish for performances and kept at a moderate length for practices and performances.

V. Behavior

- A. Students will represent Mannion Middle School and promote school spirit in a positive manner on- and off-campus, in and out of uniform. This entails following all school rules (including but limited to: dress code, punctuality, off-campus privileges, public displays of affection, profanity, alcohol and drug use etc.). Any violation of such rules that requires disciplinary action (including but not limited to: RPC, suspension, etc.) will result in the individual suspended from the team for a period of at least two weeks and possible removal from the team. Two such suspensions will result in expulsion from the team. Any alcohol and/or drug use at anytime, anywhere will result in immediate expulsion from the team.

VI. Social Media

- A. All Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. accounts can be monitored by the coaching staff. All pictures and posts must be taken off if deemed “inappropriate” by coaching staff. Possible suspension or expulsion from the team will be at the discretion of the coaching staff.

VII. Attendance

A. Absences

- a. Students are expected to attend all practices. A combination of 10 excused and unexcused absences will result in expulsion from the team.
- b. An absence from the practice the day before a performance will result in the individual not participating in the performance.

c. Four unexcused absences will result in a one-week suspension from the team. During this time, team members must still attend all practices and performances. They will be required to sit on the sidelines with the coach. Unexcused absences are those in which students have not spoken with the coach (at least 24 hours in advance).

B. Tardies

a. Students are expected to be on time to all practices and performances.

b. Two unexcused tardies will result in a one-week suspension from the team. If a student is more than 10 minutes late to a practice, they are considered tardy. An unexcused tardy is one in which the student has not spoken with coach beforehand (24 hours in advance).

C. Students are expected to participate in fund raising activities in order to raise money for camp, clinics, uniforms, costumes, competition fees, traveling expenses, etc.

D. Students are expected to attend school functions, in addition to sport events that are requested by Student Council and MMS Administration.

E. Games/Performances

a. Students are expected to attend boy's and girl's basketball games at the discretion of the coach.

b. Students will have opportunities to perform at various Foothill High School events as well. Possible performance include a football game, basketball event, winter dance concert, spring dance concert, etc.

Constitution Signature Page

I/We have read the Dance Team constitution and understand what is expected of the Dance Team member throughout the course of auditions and year.

Parent/Guardian agrees to do all in their power to support their student's membership on the Mannion Dance Team.

Please sign detach this page and return with your application packet

Applicant Name_____

Applicant Signature_____

Parent/Guardian Name_____

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