

**DIAMOND BAR DANCE COMPANY**  
**2018-2019 AUDITION & APPLICATION PACKET**

**Important Dates to Remember**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
March 12-April 9		Application Packets available online
April 18		<b>Application packets due by 3pm</b>
Saturday, April 21	9:00am	Dance Room & Wrestling Room
Wednesday, April 25		Results posted on Dance webpage, by participant #
Monday, April 30	5:00pm	2018-2019 New Company Parent Meeting in LINC
Wed, May 2	3:30pm	New Company Meeting and Uniform Fitting;  Target Donation for Summer Camp deadline

Applications are available in Dance Room (903), DBHS Dance Team webpage or Mrs. Simonson's teacher webpage. After you receive an application, read it thoroughly and ask any questions if anything is unclear. Get your needed signatures on the application. Fill it out neatly, correctly, and completely. Pictures are mandatory and not returned. The judges use these pictures to help them remember who you are. Any size is acceptable so long as it looks like you.

***Please follow directions. It tells a lot about you.***

**ATTIRE FOR AUDITIONS**

**Girls:** All Black; must be in dancewear (avoid baggy clothes). Hair pulled back in ponytail or bun. Appropriate dance shoes based on style.

**Boys:** All Black; avoid over-sized clothing. Jazz or Tennis Shoes. Hair groomed for auditions.

***\*No current or past Dance Company uniforms will be allowed.***

**DANCE COMPANY MISSION STATEMENT:**

*To promote positive school spirit, execute the art of dance to a degree of excellence and maintain a positive reputation both at Diamond Bar High School and in the community at large by holding all members to high standards.*

Dear Parents and Dance Company Applicant:

DBHS is in the process of selecting members for its 2018-2019 Dance Company. We will be selecting three separate teams, which all comprise the Dance Company as a unified troupe. Despite the different teams, we only have one application process. The three teams will be:

1. **Varsity Dance Team:** 10-16 dancers will be selected and train in all areas of dance with advanced level ballet, jazz, and contemporary expertise. They will meet daily during period 0 only and some outside/after school rehearsals will be required. Dancers are required to have a yearlong commitment. ***Returning members are NOT guaranteed a spot.*** In addition to performing at school and community events (dance department concerts, rallies, football games, basketball games, club events, etc.,) this team also attends competitions in January – March.
2. **Girls Hip-Hop:** 6-10 dancers will be selected and train in all areas of dance with hip-hop being area of expertise. They will meet daily during period 0 period with some outside/after school rehearsals required. Dancers are required to have a yearlong commitment. ***Returning members are NOT guaranteed a spot.*** In addition to performing at school and community events (dance department concerts, rallies, football games, basketball games, club events, etc.,) this team also attends competitions in January – March.
3. **All Male Dance Crew:** 6-10 dancers will be selected and train in all styles, specifically various hip-hop techniques. They will meet daily during 0 period with some outside/after school rehearsals required. Dancers are required to have a yearlong commitment. ***Returning members are NOT guaranteed a spot.*** In addition to performing at school and community events (dance department concerts, rallies, football games, basketball games, club events, etc.,) this team also attends competitions in January – March.

#### AUDITION PROCESS OVERVIEW

Auditions will be held Saturday, **April 21 9am – 4:00pm** (approximate end time) at Diamond Bar High School.

***Candidates can expect cuts to take place during the audition process.***

***Candidates can expect to be interviewed by judging panel.***

Candidates will be taught choreography, movement and/or technique by outside instructors as well as go through an interview process. Dancers will audition with short dance combinations of jazz, hip-hop, and/or contemporary styles. A professional panel of judges as well as the Director and coaches will serve as the selection team, basing results on dance scores, and past class work ethic if it pertains to that candidate.

#### TIME & SUMMER COMMITMENT

After auditions, the new 2018-2019 Dance Company will meet a few times prior to the dismissal of school. Some of these dates are on the tryout calendar located in this packet. Other dates will be given at a later time.

There is the expectation that Dance Company members will continue to train with studios in technique for their respective style. There may be technique classes or workshops held at DBHS throughout the summer; students are strongly encouraged to participate.

The majority of new team's commitment will begin during the summer. Students are expected to attend summer rehearsals and camps in preparation for the start of the year performances. Company members are strongly encouraged to attend all summer practices. If a member misses a practice, they risk their position in a routine or performance. Students will be learning rally routines and competition choreography during Training Camp.

#### SUMMER CAMP DATES:

- **WCE DANCE EXPERIENCE:** \$230. July 20-22; Great Wolf Lodge, Anaheim

- **DANCE COMPANY TRAINING CAMP:** \$275/student. July 30-August 2 AND August 6-9; Tentative time 9am-3pm. Final dates and times subject to change based upon funding. Must register by May 1, 2018. Contributions must be received in order to attend camp.

### DURING THE YEAR PARTICIPATION & COMMITMENT

Each Dance Company member will receive PE or Fine Arts Credit for their enrollment in period 0 year-round as determined between the student/parent and their GLC.

**The Dance Company** will meet during one class period each day. Outside technique classes are strongly encouraged, specifically ballet. More or fewer rehearsals will be scheduled depending on performance schedule. The Dance Company will perform at rallies, community events, fall/spring dance concerts and competitions (if funding allows). The Dance Company will meet 1-4 days after school during the year and may increase as competition season approaches, including Saturdays and/or 6am practices. If funding is available, the Dance Company will enter 2-6 competitions from January-March. The exact competition will be provided by November 2018, possibly sooner. The months of January-March are the busiest weekend commitments. **The first priority of Dance Company will be to enhance school and community activities and events with a focus on competition being a second important priority.**

### FUNDRAISING & CONTRIBUTIONS

- Fundraisers and contributions are essential throughout the year in order to help fund a high-quality program that exceeds expectations. Expenses include professional coaching, competition costumes, industry leading choreography, and competition entry fees. **If the program is unable to reach the various donation goals to fund team expenditures, experiences and opportunities offered to the students will be adjusted to reflect budget constraints.**
- Fundraisers include, but may not be limited to, Bingo, Food Fairs, Dance Workshops, Ad Sales, restaurant nights and other fundraising events.
- Fundraisers and contributions are voluntary and will not be tied to a student's successful participation in the program. However, the opportunities provided to the students will be directly impacted should fundraising/donation goals not be met.

**The Dance Company program anticipating incurring costs this year of approximately \$60,000 in order to provide the highest caliber program for our students.** The Dance program plans to achieve this goal through both fundraising and contributions. If the goal amount is not reached, the quality of the program will be impacted. For this reason, we are requesting fundraiser participation and will accept voluntary donations to the program. The donation may be monetary, or it may be an item needed by the program.

### PROJECTED TARGET DONATIONS

Based on overall projected expenses for the program minus any fundraising or sponsorship efforts. Actual target donation amount will be determined based on the number of members selected for Dance Company.

Items Included	Per Student Contribution	Deadline
Summer Camp	\$275.00	April 2018
WCE Dance Experience *commuter camp	\$230.00	May 2018
Uniforms	\$400.00	June 2018
Competition Choreography	\$250.00	July 2018
Year-Round Coaching	\$275.00	September 2018

Competition Entry Fees	\$200.00	October 2018
Solo Competition Fees <i>*if selected as a Competition soloist</i>	\$100-\$400	October 2018
Competition Costumes	\$125-\$500.00	November 2018

## **DANCE COMPANY PROGRAM INFORMATION**

### **PURPOSE**

- To perform at school and/or community events (i.e. football, basketball, club, dance concerts)
- To perform at selected school Pep Rallies.
- To represent DBHS at Dance Team competitions (if funding allows)
- To promote school spirit.
- To promote positive team spirit and camaraderie.

### **HONOR**

- Being a member of the DBHS Dance Company is a great honor and comes with a tremendous amount of commitment, dedication, and responsibility.
- Students must be willing to give the time and effort necessary to be a member of the DBHS Dance Company.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- In order to remain eligible throughout the year, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA at the end of each grading period.
- Students will be placed on suspension and/or removed from team if GPA falls below at 2.0 and risk placement in Company.

### **HEALTH, LIFESTYLE, COMPANY IMAGE**

- Dance Company requires a high level of physical fitness.
- Dance Company members are expected to participate in ALL strength and conditioning activities during rehearsals.
- Each Company member is expected to maintain a healthful and appropriate fitness level and lifestyle.
- Students should not have health conditions that would be aggravated by participation in team activities.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Any violation of the following shall be grounds for immediate disciplinary action and possible removal from the team.**

- As representatives of DBHS, Company members will reflect the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship and are expected to adhere to all school rules as regulations.
- Company members are prohibited from using tobacco, alcohol, and illegal substances.
- Company members are expected to treat each other with respect and courtesy, saying or doing nothing to discredit a teammate or DBHS.
- Company members shall cooperate and support other activity groups on campus.

## **APPLICATION EXPECTATIONS**

1. **ACADEMIC:** Each applicant must have a 2.0 GPA or higher from fall semester 2017 and from most recent grading period (12-week or trimester). ***Please attach copies of both report cards or transcript to application.***
2. **ATTENDANCE:** A list of prospective members will be provided to the office to confirm good attendance. If a student does not have a 90% or higher attendance at school, a written explanation must accompany the application, along with a parent or guardian's signature. ***Current members past team attendance will be a consideration at tryouts.***
3. **SKILLS:** Most of the skills taught will be in the form of movement combinations of various styles that are typically used by the Company throughout the year. This may or may not include a ballet class, freestyle and/or improv. You will perform these combinations in small groups for a panel of judges.
4. **ATTITUDE:** Each NEW application (non-returner) must have two teacher recommendations. New applicants may give those recommendations to the teachers of their choice. These can be a combination of school teachers, GLC's, or dance studio instructors. ***Returning members*** – you must receive one recommendation from your GLC and one from a Coach.

Some applicants will go through a short interview process with the judges. We are in search of dancers who are motivated, hardworking, committed, confident, poised, genuine, friendly, and will be the best representatives of the DBHS Dance Department. We want dancers who have a passion and love dance. We want dancers who never stop wanting to progress even when the going gets hard. These qualities will be assessed through interviews, recommendations, attitude and effort during audition process, and previous work ethic if student has been in class or company before.

5. **PARENT SUPPORT:** Each applicant must have a parent or legal guardian's signature signifying their support on your possible selection to the Dance Company. The parent or guardian signature serves as an acknowledgement of time commitment and program expectations.
6. **CONDUCT:** Prospective applicants' names will be provided to administrators and/or Guidance for any discipline problems a student may have had. If there are concerns by them, it may mean the student will not be eligible for final membership on the Company. This is to verify satisfactory conduct at school. After auditions, student's will be required to sign a Dance Company Code of Conduct and Constitution. This will be STRICTLY ENFORCED. No exceptions. Social networking guidelines will be enforced as well.

## SELECTION PROCESS AND EXPECTATIONS

The number of Dance Company members is not pre-determined, although we are looking at selecting approximately the top 24-26 dancers (amongst the three different teams). Final size will be determined from the scores and talent ability of the group that shows up to audition. Final decision and selection is at the discretion of Director.

The Dance Company will perform and participate in all activities and events listed in the packet. Each performance may include all members, or a selected group based on skill, preparedness, attendance, work ethic and commitment. Each performance will be pre-determined by Director, Coaches, choreographers, and/or possibly Dance Captain(s).

If the Dance Company has the ability to participate in competitions, competition dances will be selected between May and September by the Director, Coaches, and/or choreographers. Competition groups will be chosen based on skill level, attitude, work ethic, and experience.

Selection of soloists will be done at the end of summer. No predetermined number of soloists is set and they will be selected by an audition process. Not all selected soloists will compete at every competition. Most solo spots will be given to top skilled soloists who are selected and determined by the director. Part of that selection is based

on preparedness, work ethic, skill, past history, and commitment to improving. There is no promise of performance in either Fall or Spring Concert. If selected, costumes and music must be preapproved by director.

#### APPLICATION TIMELINE

- March 12-April 9:** Applications available via DBHS Dance webpage, Mrs. Simonson's teacher webpage or in Dance Room.
- April 18 at 3pm:** Completed applications are due to Mrs. Simonson in either the Dance Room or DBHS Front Office. **No late applications will be accepted. No exceptions.**
- April 21:** **9:00am:** Dancer check-in. Located in front of Dance Room. If dancer does not have completed application on file, audition score will be reduced. Teacher recommendations are the ONLY exception.
- Dancers are expected to remain throughout the entire audition process or until director and judges dismiss them. Callbacks may occur and if dancer is not present for call back, they forfeit their audition.
- 4:00pm:** Approximate end time for auditions. Subject to change based on final number of applicants and judge pacing.
- Wednesday, April 25:** **1pm:** Posting of 2018-2019 Dance Company by participant number. Will be posted Dance Team page on DBHS Website. New Company Welcome Newsletter will be emailed to new Company members.
- Monday, April 30:** **5pm:** 2018-2019 Parent/Student Meeting in LINC. Attendance by student and one or both parents is strongly encouraged. ***Payment for DBHS Summer Camp AND WCE Summer Experience is due at this time.***
- Wednesday, May 2:** **3:30pm:** Uniform Fitting in Dance Room. All Company members are expected to attend. Final deadline to register for Summer Training Camp and WCE Camp.
- July 20-July 22:** WCE Dance Experience; Great Wolf Lodge Anaheim; Commuter Camp.
- July 20 – August 2:** 9am-3pm: Dance Company Summer Training Camp\*
- August 6-9:** 9am-3pm: Dance Company Summer Training Camp\*
- \*Final camp dates/times are subject to change based on available funding.***
- August 13:** **First Day of School – Rally Performance!**

**Parent Permission to Participate:**

Dear Parents,

The opportunity to join the Dance Company grows more competitive every year; **therefore, we cannot guarantee a place on the team even though they have been on the team previously.** Talent alone will not determine who makes the Company. **The Dance program is searching for students who can represent Diamond Bar High School as excellent members and superior role models for the student body.** Dance Company students must prioritize their activities prior to trying out.

The Diamond Bar High School Dance Program is treated as a sports activity. It is therefore, **highly competitive** and the overall commitment expected from both parents and students is tremendous. In order to reach the goals of the Dance program, it is imperative that all candidates understand exactly what they are committing to.

If both parent and student agree to the following terms, please sign (both parents where applicable) along with your student and return the permission form with the completed packet no later than **April 18 at 3:00pm.**

1. We have reviewed our student's academic performance.
2. We have read the guidelines for Dance Company tryouts and have discussed its implications with our student.
3. Our student has no health problems that would be aggravated by participation in Dance activities.
4. We acknowledge, accept, and understand that Dance is a non-for-profit program and fundraisers and donations are helpful in order to fund this high-quality program.
5. We consent to having our student tryout for the 2018-2019 Diamond Bar Dance program and will help him/her fulfill their responsibilities in every way.
6. We understand the time commitment required for our student to participate in Dance and that participation is required for all events.
7. We have read the Dance Company Application Packet and will adhere to it fully if chosen as a member of 2018-2019 DBHS Dance Company.
8. We also understand that all decisions of the judges at tryouts are final. All participation numbers of students who make the team will be posted on the Dance page of the Diamond Bar High School website on Wednesday, April 25. If we do not see our student's number, we will know that our student did not make the program. The first meeting for all parents and Dance members for next year will be held Monday, April 30 at 5pm.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the enclosed information and understand that being a member of the Diamond Bar Dance Company requires a major time commitment. I am aware that rehearsals begin in the summer and continue throughout the year. I understand that Dance will need active support of the program through fundraisers and donations in order to maintain a high-quality program and if donation and/or fundraising goals are not met than the opportunities offered to students will need to be reduced.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## DANCE COMPANY APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade you are in now: \_\_\_\_\_ DBHS GLC: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am interested in being considered for the following team:

**ALL MALE** \_\_\_\_\_

**HIP HOP (Girls)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jazz/Contemporary** \_\_\_\_\_

### Experience

I have been training in dance for \_\_\_\_\_ (years/months) at: (List studio/gym training)

Why do you want to be a member of the DBHS Dance Company?

What qualities do you have that would make you an exemplary candidate for the DBHS Dance Company?

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