



Auditions for the 2018-2019 PSHS Dance Team!

This is your audition packet. It contains all of the important information that you need to know if you are chosen to become a member of the team. It is very important that you carefully read all aspects of the packet and turn in all completed and signed items by the deadline date given. If this packet is not completed and turned in by the deadline date, then you will not be permitted to try out!

Here is what must be turned in on **Wednesday, May 16:**

Failure to have completed paperwork on this date means you may not participate.

1. Audition application
2. Signed acknowledgment of the PSHS Dance Constitution.
3. Release Form
4. Waiver Form
5. Teacher Evaluation Form

Audition Expectations & Procedures

- The Palm Springs High School dance teacher will conduct clinic and tryouts.
- Attendance at the clinics is expected, as you will be taught the material necessary for tryouts.
- Participants shall wear a white t-shirt (no tank tops) and black spandex shorts (Lyrical)/sweats (Hip Hop) to the audition. No jewelry. Hair must be pulled back.
- Each participant is assigned a number before tryouts and will perform for the judges in small groups. The judges will be evaluating the number, not the name.
- The judging panel will be comprised of the coaches as well as other dance professionals.
- Tryouts are closed to spectators other than those trying out for the team.
- Casting decisions will be made based on the individual dancer's strengths.
- The team selection will be based on entirely on the tryout. Candidates will be scored based on a score sheet in the following categories:
 - Technique (lyrical, hip-hop, pirouettes, a la second turns, calypso, jete, second leaps, etc.)
 - Flexibility (splits, tilts, extensions)
 - Rhythm and timing
 - Presentation of choreography (learning and retaining movement)
 - Projection (personality, eye contact, showmanship, attitude, energy, and facial expressions while dancing)
 - Overall Appeal



Palm Springs High School Dance Team Constitution

I. Palm Springs High School Dance Team

- A. This constitution has been written and adopted for the Palm Springs High School Dance Team. PSHS and the PSHS Dance Team members govern the team and its Constitution.
- B. Henceforth, the name of the organization shall be PSHS Dance Team.
- C. The purpose of the PSHS Dance Team is to:
 - i. Create school spirit, pride, good sportsmanship, and loyalty within school and the community.
 - ii. Promote interest in school activities and perform at school assemblies, games, and functions.
 - iii. Develop responsibility, teach self-respect, encourage honest effort and a drive for personal excellence, and develop character.
 - iv. Teach teamwork and pride in a quality performance through maintaining high standards.
- D. There will be a primary instructor and other consultants
 - i. The primary instructor will be responsible for the daily running and activities of the PSHS Dance Team.
 - ii. The will be responsible for administering all disciplinary procedures.
 - iii. The primary instructor may place certain restrictions on team members.
 - iv. The primary instructor may dismiss any team member or captain from their position at any time.
 - v. Team members must adhere to all safety rules.

II. Eligibility

- A. Each member must maintain a 2.0 GPA at all times.
 - i. Failure to maintain a 2.0 GPA at quarter/semester grading period will result in academic probation and benching during games until grades have improved. Bi-monthly progress reports will be required.
 - ii. Failure to maintain a 2.0 GPA for a second time will result in removal.
- B. Each member must submit a completed application form, acknowledgement of constitution, and parental consent/medical release Form **BEFORE** the annual auditions take place.

III. Attendance

- A. All students who participate in school activities must adhere to the attendance policies as outlined in the student/parent handbook.
 - i. Student not in full uniform the day of a performance or activity will have to forfeit that performance or activity (including hair and make-up).
 - ii. Students that have to forfeit a performance or activity will need to be present in regular street clothes and sit with the primary instructor.
- B. To participate in a practice, a student must adhere to attendance policies outlined in the student/parent handbook.
 - i. This must be fully documented with the attendance office.
 - ii. If a medical appointment is scheduled during the day it will be excused as long as it is fully documented.
- C. If a member is ill and misses ANY activity, he/she must be at HOME or seeking medical appointments.
- D. All doctor appointments, other activities that the student is involved in, and/or jobs should be scheduled so they do not interfere with PSHS Dance Team activities and performances. Emergencies would be the *only* exception. The definition of "emergency" will be left to the coaches' discretion.
- E. All team members will attend all performances and activities in their entirety.
- F. Work is not considered an excuse for missing any activity or performance.
- G. Homework is not an excuse for missing any practice, activity, or performance. You are expected to organize your time effectively.

H. Begin grounded and/or any other punishment by a parent is NOT a reason to miss practice, an activity, or performance. Dance is a team sport and when one person is missing it affects the entire team.

IV. Uniform and Dress Code

- A. Each member will be expected to come to practice in appropriate and/or required attire. The workout attire must meet school dress code guidelines.
- B. Members will be expected to fundraise to pay for their uniform/attire and supplies.
- C. Each member will be required to maintain good condition and cleanliness of his/her uniform/attire and supplies.
- D. Members are required to wear the designated uniform on game and/or performance days. Uniforms must be worn with team shoes.
- E. No person outside of the team is allowed to wear any portion of team uniforms or costumes at any time. Team members will only wear uniforms and costumes when required to do so.
- F. NO excessive amounts of jewelry should be worn during any practice, game, or performance.
- G. Makeup should be natural and not excessive.

V. Character

- A. Team members should be leaders within the school and set a good example at all times.
- B. Team members must follow the PSUSD and PSHS Code of Conduct at all times.
 - i. Smoking, drinking, and/or drug use are grounds for immediate dismissal by the coaches.
 - ii. Team members not following school rules and regulations could be placed on probation, suspension and/or dismissal by the coaches.
- C. A team member must be courteous and friendly to all other team members as well as the student body and staff.
- D. While at games, events, and performances, members are expected to remain with their team.
- E. Personal grooming and applying of makeup should be done prior to any event and never at the event or in front of a game/performance crowd.
- F. When using social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.), team members need to make sure that what is posted represents the program – and more importantly, themselves – respectfully. What is goes online becomes public property. The posting of inappropriate pictures and/or behavior may result in suspension and/or removal.

VI. Team Captains

- A. Captains will be seen as the leaders of the team.
 - i. Captains will lead stretches and conditioning during practices, as well as help lead at games.
 - ii. Captains will lead by example.
 - iii. Captains will have constant communication with the coaches and their teammates.
 - iv. Captains will be held responsible for extra work that may be needed for performances or other team involved activities.
 - v. All team members shall show respect to the captains.
 - vi. All captains shall show respect to all team members.
 - vii. The primary instructor may dismiss captains of their position at any time.

VII. Fund Raising

- A. Members are required to participate in fundraising.
- B. Any funds raised by a member will go directly into the dance account and is nonrefundable in the event that a member quits the team or is dismissed.
- C. If a team member quits or is removed from the team for any reason, any owed money is still the responsibility of the dancer and parent(s)/guardian(s).

VIII. Financial Obligation

- A. Being a member of the PSHS Dance Team includes various financial obligations that include items that members will keep.
- B. Cost should NOT be a deterrent, as every effort will be made to provide all members with assistance through fundraising.
- C. Financial concerns and/or issues should be addressed with the primary instructor, so that arrangements can be made.

Palm Springs High School
Dance Team
Audition Application

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Street Address: _____ Grade in Fall **2018**: _____

City: _____ Zip _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Parent(s) Cell: _____

Parent(s) Email: _____

Dancer Cell: _____ Dancer Email: _____

List your dance, cheer, and/or gymnastics experience:

Why would you like to be a PSHS Dance Team Member?

List your involvement in school/extracurricular activities for the 2018-2019 School Year:

We have a family vacation planned for the following dates over the summer:

Palm Springs High School Dance Team Release Form

Applicant Release:

I, (applicant name) _____, have read all rules and regulations that govern the Palm Springs High School Dance Team. As a representative of my school, I understand and agree to abide by them if selected as a dancer for the **2018-2019** school year. In addition, I grant Palm Springs High School Dance Team the right to take photographs of me and my property. Such photographs of me with or without my name may be used for any lawful purpose, including such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____

Parental Release:

I, the undersigned, have read and fully understand the rules and regulations, which will govern my son/daughter if he/she is chosen to represent Palm Springs High School as a dancer. I further understand that this is a co-curricular activity and that regular attendance at all practices, games, special functions/events, and summer training camp is an expectation of each dancer. In addition, I grant Palm Springs High School Dance Team the right to take photographs of my child and their property. Such photographs of my child with or without their name may be used for any lawful purpose, including such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I hereby give consent to my son/daughter, _____, to tryout for Dance Team at Palm Springs High School and recognize his/her responsibilities and requirements as a leader of his/her school. I understand that if chosen, my son/daughter will be required to fundraise and/or secure funding for all related and required uniforms, attire, and supplies. I understand that if my child is removed or quits the team, the financial responsibility still must be met. Further, we understand that school and/or personal insurance must be paid for or on file in the office to cover our son/daughter, in case it is needed. We give our permission for our child to receive medical attention in the event that we cannot be present or reached for any reason.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Palm Springs High School
Dance Team Waiver/Release Form

As the parent or legal guardian of _____,
Name of Son / Daughter

I agree to the following terms for participation with the Palm Springs High School Dance Team Program:

1. I grant permission for my son/daughter to participate in Palm Springs High School Dance Team clinics / practice sessions / games / competitions / camps. I realize that dance is an activity where physical illness or physical injury (minimal, serious, or catastrophic) can occur; therefore, any medical / accidental expenses or liability that possibly results from an illness or injury to my son/daughter during the PSHS Dance Team clinics / practice sessions / games / competitions / camps will be my responsibility. I further acknowledge and understand that my son/daughter is assuming the risk of such physical illness or injury by his/her participation, and I further release Palm Springs Unified School District, Palm Springs High School, and its representatives from any claims for personal illness or injury that my son/daughter may sustain during participation in this activity. My son/daughter is properly covered for any accident by the following insurance:

Insurance Provider / Policy Number

2. Palm Springs High School, its officers, regents, employees, and agents assume no responsibility for supervision of students outside of clinics / practice sessions / games / competitions / camps.

3. I hereby authorize the dance coach (es), athletic trainer, or any other supervising adult to obtain medical treatment for my son/daughter for such an illness or injury during the activity.

My son/daughter and I have read and understood the above Palm Springs High School Dance Team Waiver and Release Form.

Dancer Signature / Date

Parent/Guardian Signature / Date

Palm Springs High School

Teacher Evaluation Form

Please have each of your teachers fill out this teacher evaluation form.

Student Name: _____

CLASS	1 st Semester Grade	Current Grade	Behavior	Attendance	Teacher (print)	Teacher Signature
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1.						
2.						
3.						
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Comments:
