

# 2019-2020 Dance Team Tryout Information



DancEd will be offering fantastic performing opportunities at various dance venues and competitions during the 2019-2020 school year. Dance Team members are groups of kids that love to dance and perform and are highly committed to dance class and team rehearsals. *All parents who were not part of the 2018-2019 team must attend a Dance Team parent meeting in order for their dancer to be eligible to audition.* Dance Team is for the dancer who has decided that dance is her one true interest. The cost and time commitment for a dance team is much greater than that of a regular dance class or dance company. Being a part of a team at DancEd would bring with it a significant change in culture and approach to dance for participating families. If you and your dancer are interested in Dance Team, please continue to read. Thank you!

## Things you should know about Dance Team before you consider having your dancer audition:

1. Dance Team dancers will need to take about 5 hours of dance classes per week plus rehearsal.
2. Dance Team rehearsals are typically held on Fridays right after school or Saturdays. Each Team will rehearse about 1.5 hours per week.
3. Dancers who miss a rehearsal will have to pay for a private lesson to learn anything they missed at rehearsal.
4. Dancers are allowed 4 excused absences August-June. Dancers missing 5 rehearsals for any reason will miss a competition and/or possibly be dismissed from the Team.
5. Dancers will have mandatory weeknight rehearsals during the week before each competition.
6. Dancers will compete in 2-3 competitions per year. These competitions can be up to 2 hours away.
7. DancEd wants strong committed dancers who have a great work ethic and are willing to go the extra mile. Dance Team is more selective than Dance Company.
8. Dance Team parents will be in charge of doing dancers make up and hair at each competition.
9. The cost of Dance Team is much more significant than Dance Company.
10. Dance Team will be a performance team that also competes. The overall objective for Dance Team is to share dancing talent with others. Dance Teams will have about 4 performances and 3 competitions per year.
11. *Dance Team is a ton of fun, but your family has to be willing to go the extra mile!!!*

**What do I have to do to get more information?** Information will be at the parent meeting. All questions about Dance Team are welcomed, and parents only need to attend ONE of the meetings. All new families auditioning MUST attend one of the meeting times below to be eligible to audition.

**Tues, Feb 26th @ 5:15pm or Fri, March 1st @ 5:30pm**

## When are auditions for DancEd Dance teams?

Sunday, March 17

Dancers in 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade during the 2019-2020 School Year 1:30-3pm.

Dancers in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up during the 2019-2020 school year 2:45-4:45pm.



\*Sunday March 17 is the ONLY day to tryout for Dance Team. Due to hiring judges and keeping the audition process fair, if one cannot make the March 17 tryout then one will not be able to audition.

\*Please come early and stretch, as a warm-up will not be part of the audition process. Hair must be pulled back, with black leo, tan tights & booty shorts, jazz shoes and your SMILE! 😊 😊 😊

**\*\*NEW – Dance Team Audition Choreography will be posted on Vimeo the night of March 14! The link will be included in the email sent with the application form.**

## What type of Dance Teams will there be?

There will be a jazz, hip hop and older lyrical team. When your dancer auditions, there will be a choice as to what style OR styles she would want to compete. The audition routine will cover all genres. Please come to the meeting to get all the information!

**Audition Clinics** - Dancers wanting more information about the tryout can sign up for a Dance Team Audition Clinic March 1, 6:30-7:30pm or March 3, 1:00-2:00pm. Please sign up online at DancEd.com under Special Event. The two clinics will be exactly the same.

## **Basic Information about DancEd. Dance Teams**

**Being a part of Dance Team** - Team is for dancers who ONLY want to dance! They are dancers who can devote 5-10 hours per week to dancing including Friday or Saturday and a couple Sunday rehearsals plus several weekends a year (Friday-Sunday) for Competition and performances.

- They are hard working kids who have a good work ethic; a great attitude and can take corrections! Kids who argue or cannot take corrections are not good candidates for Team! All dancers need to work together in a positive atmosphere.
- Dance Team is a performance team that also competes.

### **Rehearsal/practice/competition schedule 2019-2020 Season**

- Rehearsals will begin in late August for all Dance Team members. Each team rehearsal will be about 1 ½ hours in length.
- Dates of performances will be given out in September and dates of competition weekends in December. The actual day & time will not be given until 1 week before each event. Each family will have to block off a whole weekend for competition. The same dancer could compete on 2 different days on the same weekend at the same competition.

### **Goals for being a part of Dance Team**

- Help dancers strengthen technique and grow
- Form a strong team bond
- Become a better and more serious dancer
- Learn to work in and as a group



### **Requirements**

- Must be able to attend all performances & competitions
- Must be able to attend all rehearsals. For any rehearsal missed one may need a private lesson at own expense. Dancers missing 5 rehearsals for any reason will miss a competition or may be dismissed from the Team.
- Must sign up and take a specified Dance Camp in August or take summer dance classes at DancEd.
- Must take 4-5 hours of dance classes at DancEd per week (depending on Team) Sept - June. Dancers will have to take certain classes depending on Dance Team(s) and then fill the gap with other dance classes or company classes.

### **Forming the Teams (after auditions)**

- Teams will be based on level and age. All groups are FINAL. Do not even ask to switch groups. Turquoise Team is generally 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Gold Team is 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade and Onyx is 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade. \*Depending on how many dancers (per age group) audition, will determine how many Teams we will have. Lyrical is for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders who are TOTALLY into team and is considered an "extra" team. Dancers auditioning & participating in Lyrical MUST be on a Jazz and Hip Hop Team.

## **Fees/Cost – Please understand Dance Team is costly!!!**

- Estimated cost of rehearsal, costumes, Dance fees, make up, and needed items will be about \$950 per dance per Team.
- Non-refundable \$150 deposit** per team is due in May, \$500 due by 8/21, and the remaining amount due in November.
- Above fee does not include: dance class tuition, shoes, tights, make up, costume alterations, transportation costs, etc.
- Dance Team Fall registration packet will be passed out the end of April. Dance Team sign ups will be early May.

## **Calendar of Events**

**March 1, 6:30-7:30pm or March 3, 1:00-2:00pm** – Dance Team Audition Clinic (Sign up online prior)

**Tues, Feb 26th @ 5:15pm or Fri, March 1st @ 5:30pm** – Mandatory Dance Team Parent Meeting

**Feb 15-March 13** – Sign up online for Dance Team Audition

**March 14** – DancEd will email Dance Team Candidate Sheet to dancers who signed up online and Vimeo Link to learn tryout choreography

**March 17** – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Audition 1:30-3:00pm; 6th Grade & up Audition 2:45-4:45 pm. Turn in candidate sheet at audition (please do not turn in sheet before audition).

**March 23 – 25**– Sometime during that time period audition results will be sent via email

**Early May** – Sign up and pay \$150 Dance Team Deposit per dance

**June- July** – Summer Dance - Each Team member is required to take a dance class/camp over the summer.

**August** – Dance Team Rehearsal & Parent Meeting

**September – December** - Rehearsals on Friday or Saturday & performances

**January – February** – Rehearsal most weekends & performances

**February 1- May3** - Competition Dates/Mandatory Practices TBA – Mandatory Rehearsals and/or Competitions will be scheduled between February 1 and May 3. **February 14-17 and March 20-29 are the only weekend dates during this time period that team members have free.** All other weekends will be performance, competition and/or mandatory practice weekends. Wait to plan any family travel during these months until competition dates/mandatory practice dates are given in October (except dates listed above).

**June Recital**