

Saratoga Dance Team



Audition Packet 2021-2022

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Dear Prospective Dancer:

Thank you for your interest in joining the 2021-2022 Saratoga Dance Team. The audition process is time consuming, so allow yourself a sufficient amount of time to complete all of the paperwork before your audition. Follow directions carefully, and submit all of the completed paperwork with a recent picture and resume. The completeness of your paperwork is part of the audition process and will be evaluated. All paperwork must be submitted by Wednesday May 5th. You will then receive the link to the parent/dancer zoom meeting. If paperwork is not received you will not be auditioning.

The Performance Dance Team is a huge commitment for you and your families. First and foremost, search your heart, to make sure you can handle the pressure of a demanding workload for an entire year.

On May 17, 18, 19, and 20, you will be learning everything you need to know for the audition. You will be learning two combinations and will be asked to perform technique across the floor. We will start promptly at 4pm in the Dance Studio. You will submit a video (instructions to follow) by May 22 at 11am. You will receive an email the following Monday with the results of the audition.

Mark your calendars early; uniform fitting is on May 26 at 4:00 in the dance studio. We will be sizing for uniforms and camp clothes. First team practice will be TBA.

Don't forget to attach a recent photo, updated dance resume, completed and signed Parent Information form, the tryout application, the dancer audition form, and any summer conflicts.

Best of luck!!!!

Maleia Fernandez - Coach
Julia Peck- Advisor

Philosophy and Expectations

Philosophy

The philosophy of Saratoga High School provides the foundation for the core values of the dance team. In addition to the beliefs and values expressed therein,

Dance Team strives to:

- Represent the school and community through a variety of public performances that are characterized by strong technique, positive attitudes and high moral standards.
- Encourage a strong commitment to high personal growth and standards, self-esteem and school spirit.
- Emphasizing a strong sense of teamwork. We bring together a group of advanced dancers that train together, take weekly classes together and learn choreography for competitions and performances together.
- Foster self-discipline, respect for others, and a spirit of hard work ethics and sacrifice.

Expectations

Team structure:

After the team has been selected, each dancer will receive and sign our constitution, which outlines specific rules and commitment. If unwilling or unable to adhere to any part of the constitution, membership will be denied. All dancers are expected to remain committed to the team for an **entire year**.

Other activities must be scheduled around dance team practices and events, conflicting obligations will not be excused. (Excused absences include: family funeral, emergency medical treatment, and illness with a note from doctor or parent)

There are team auditions throughout the year for certain competition categories.

A 2.0 must be maintained throughout the year.

Fundraising:

The school expects the team to generate a certain amount of fundraising dollars each year. Each member of the team is required to support all of the major fundraising campaigns throughout the year, which includes:

- Bake sale at football games
- Baked potatoes fundraiser
- See's Candy
- Chipotle
- Sponsorships
- Showcase
- Direct Donations
- Corporate Match

School Year Overview

June 11-12, 2021 8am-5 pm Camp (day home camp) MANDATORY

August 12 School Starts

Every Monday-Thursday Practice 2:30 – 5:30 pm

Saturdays Practice times will vary

This is the schedule for the entire school year with exceptions for finals week first semester.

- There will be additional mandatory practice on Saturdays beginning in September.
- Each Dancer must attend team building events throughout the year and the End of the year banquet

First Semester Performances

- Freshman Orientation
- Football games
- Rallies
- Toga Events

Second Semester Performances

- Basketball games
- Electives night
- Talent Show

Competition Season

The months of January, February and March/April are full of competitions. The team will attend the following competitions within these months. **Others may be added.**

Valley Christian- January

Homestead - January or February

Monta Vista- February

Lincoln- February

Nationals- March/April

Parent Information

Please take this home for your parent's approval. It contains important information for both of you to review if you are considering applying for a position on the dance team.

Important Dates:

It is important that the student be available on these dates. Permission must be obtained from the director if the student cannot fulfill this obligation.

***Parent meeting May 10 Zoom 6 pm**

Link to be given. This is a mandatory parent and student meeting. Attendance is required to make your dancer eligible for the Dance Team. Please submit the signed Dance Team Agreement prior to the meeting.

*Tryout Clinics	May 17-20	3:00 PM – 6:00PM
* Tryouts	Audition Video	Submitted by May 22nd.
*Uniform Fitting	May 26	4:00PM (\$600.00 donation deposit)
* First Practice	TBA	
* Summer Camp	June 11-12 (day camp 8-5)*MANDATORY*	

Parent Involvement

Parent Involvement and support are critical to the success of the team. Each family is required to give 20 hours of volunteer time throughout the year. There are plenty of ways for parents to get involved in areas that interest them and utilize their time and talents.

- * Parent Meetings
- * Participation in fundraising activities
- * Carpooling when needed
- * Costumes – sewing and embellishing
- *Provide lunches at day camps/competitions
- * Enthusiasm and spirited spectators at performances

Fundraising and Donations

We will be asking for donations and fundraising during the year. There are anticipated expenses for the year. We will be attending camp, purchasing costumes, competition fees, choreography fees, uniforms, We also will be traveling to Nationals either in Anaheim or Florida. We will fundraise but this only covers a fraction of the cost. We rely on the support and donations of our dance families. At the parent meeting we will go over anticipated expenses for the year.

TOGA Dance Team Agreement

Below are the Goal and Objectives, General Rules, and Code of Conduct that you will be expected to abide by as a member of the TOGA Dance Team. Please read them closely and submit the signed agreement page to jpeck@lgsuhd.org .

Goals and Objectives

1. To support your school and your team, and to promote pride and spirit.
2. To perform at games, rallies and competitions as much as possible.
3. To serve as positive role models.

General Rules

1. In order to try out for a TOGA Dance Team position, you must have a minimum GPA of 2.0. If you make the squad, you must maintain a GPA of 2.0 in order to remain eligible for the Dance Team.
 - a. If at the end of a 6-week grading period your grades drop below a 2.0, you will be placed on probation for the next 6 weeks. You may still participate in Dance Team activities.
 - b. If your grades are below a 2.0 at the end of the next 6-week grading period, you are considered academically ineligible. You may not dress in uniform or participate in Dance Team activities.
 - c. If your grades are still below a 2.0 at the end of the next grading period, you will be dismissed from the team.
2. Attendance at a USA Dance camp is strongly recommended. Dance camp is very important for the development of dance skills and team building. Camp is held over the summer months.
3. Attend all scheduled practices. This season, regular practices are normally held on Monday-Fridays 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm Additional practices will be scheduled, normally on Saturdays between 8:00am-5:00 pm. Schedule is subject to change based on the current coach/director's availability.
4. Uniforms are part of the dance team experience and are required. Members of the dance team are required to wear the designated uniform or costume for competitions, school events, camps, other events as designated by the coach.
5. Team members typically participate in 5 competitions each year, including State and National Championships.
6. Membership in the Dance Team requires a full year commitment at 120% energy.
7. All Saratoga, CIF, DAL rules apply regarding conduct.

Code of Conduct

1. Personality conflicts within the team will not be reflected in the team's performance.
2. Attitudes toward other campus groups will be one of friendly support.
3. As representatives of Saratoga, Dance Team members are courteous to coaches, faculty, other members of the community, and other dance teams.
4. Dance Team members must have the poise and leadership ability, as well as the maturity, to remember who they are and what they represent at all times.

Toga Dance

Dance Team Agreement 2021- 2022

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES, COMMITMENTS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT APPLY TO THE POSITION OF A DANCE TEAM MEMBER, AND I WILL FULFILL THESE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR.

STUDENT NAME

STUDENT SIGNATURE

PARENT NAME

PARENT SIGNATURE

TOGA Dance Audition Permission Form

My child, _____, has permission to audition to be on the Saratoga Dance Team. I understand that she must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the advisor/coach and be present for all practices and competitions. I have read the rules and regulations and understand the violations of any of the rules may lead to temporary or permanent suspension from the team. I understand and give permission for my daughter to ride with any parent when necessary. I understand that my child must attend all practices (unless excused by the advisor) and tryouts sessions or my child will not be considered for the dance position.

I understand that my daughter will be evaluated by qualified judges and we agree to abide by the decisions of the judges.

I understand all costs involved as stated in the rules.

I have read, understand and accept the terms of the tryout process as stated above and agree to abide by the stated rules of the Dance Team Philosophy and Expectations agreement.

Parent or Guardian Signature

____/____/____
Date

Parent Email _____

Student

I am interested in being on the dance team at Saratoga High School. I understand that I am auditioning for a dancer's position on the 2021-2022 Dance Team. Prior to tryouts, no one is guaranteed a place on the team. I also understand that giving a person an opportunity to try-out does not mean I will have a place on the team. The dance director and the selection panel are expected to be fair and thus meet the obligation of good faith and fair dealing.

If selected, I promise to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the advisor. I promise to cooperate and follow the instructions of the dance team director.

I have read, understand, and accept the terms of the tryout process as stated above and agree to abide by the stated rules of the Dance Team Philosophy and Expectations agreement.

Student Signature _____ Date: ____/____/____

Home Address _____

School Now Attending _____

Email _____ Cell phone # _____

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Application Form

Complete this form and submit it to Jpeck@lgsuhdsd.org. **The deadline to return this application is May 7, 2021.**

Also, please submit a pdf. headshot picture of yourself.

Dancer

Name _____

Dancer Email Address _____

Cell phone # _____

Grade During 2021-2022 School Year _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____ Home Phone _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Email _____

List All Dance Experience:

List Current Dance Training Schedule:

EXAMPLE OF DANCE RESUME

*****RESUME MUST BE ATTACHED TO PACKET FOR AUDITION WEEK!**

Dancer's Name

Address

Phone

[Email](#)

OBJECTIVE

To continue to show my true passion for dance and be able to learn from others along the way. Also, I want to strive to become a better dancer physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally.

DANCE EDUCATION

The American Musical and Dramatic Academy

Applied as a Dance Major February 2011

Accepted into BFA Dance Program

The Dance Zone, Inc. San Jose, CA

2 years instructor for children combo classes in Ballet/Jazz/Tap

Coach of the competitive competition team

Choreographed for annual recital – Jazz, Ballet, Modern, Lyrical, Hip Hop

Performances at West Valley College, Showstoppers, Nuvo, CoDance, LA Dance Magic

Jensen School for the Performing Arts

Present instructor for combination Tap/Ballet classes for 3-5 year olds

Coach for competitive competition team

Choreographed dance for annual recital

Presentation Dance Team, San Jose, CA

3 years on competitive performance dance team

Competitions at Granite Bay High School, Homestead High School, Lincoln High School, Monte Vista High School

Contest of Champions Nationals in Orlando, Florida

Presentation High School, San Jose, CA

In charge of after school dance while dance director was on maternity leave

Instructor of Jazz and Hip Hop classes