



2016 Rhythm Dance Company



Dear Prospective Rhythm Dance Company Members and Parents,

Attached are the necessary instructions and forms to be completed in order to tryout for the Rhythm Dance Company.

As a parent of a prospective RDC member, you should be fully informed about the requirements in becoming a dance team member. You and your child must also realize the commitment and dedication required of all students once they have decided to participate in a dance program at Rouse High School. Being a dance member is not only an outstanding achievement and great honor; it is also a tremendous commitment and responsibility that must be taken seriously. RDC will be participating in many events throughout the entire school year such as football half times, pep rallies, basketball games, spring sports games, competitions, Spring Revue and various community events. Because of the year-long commitment, the decision to participate on the dance team should be well thought out and discussed between you and your child.

If your child is selected for Rhythm Dance Company, he/she must abide by strict rules and regulations. The handbook is devised for the protection of the entire organization; therefore, each candidate and parent is asked to read and discuss it carefully and to keep it in a safe place for future reference. This will be the document upon which decisions are made, so please become familiar with the expectations of each member. Please go to the following link to view, read and print the handbook.

<http://classroom.leanderisd.org/default.aspx?RHSDanceTeam/LISDDanceTeamHandbook>

Thank you for your cooperation,

Amy McKee
Dance Director
Rouse High school



2016 Rhythm Dance Company Spring Audition Information



Who's eligible to audition?

-Current 8th and Rouse 9th-11th students who will be attending Rouse HS in the fall of 2016.

Where does Rhythm Dance Company perform?

Fall:

-RDC performs in the band halftime show in the fall. They are the visual ensemble of the band. Equipment and props could be used during the show as well, but the majority of their performance will be dance technical skills. RDC performs at all varsity football games and band competitions in the fall. -RDC also performs at events like Meet the Raiders, pep rallies, and iDance.

Spring:

-RDC is a competition dance team in the spring. They perform at basketball games, dance competition, and Royal Revue.

Time commitment?

Fall:

-RDC is expected to attend summer dance and band camp in July and August. They also attend all band rehearsals in the fall. At this time band rehearsals will be as follows:

- Monday 4:00-6:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 7:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m.

-A calendar will be given in August with all football game dates and competition dates for the fall semester.

Spring:

-The majority of RDC rehearsal is done during class time. A few after school rehearsals will be scheduled depending on contest routine needs.

Benefits of joining RDC:

- Extra Prep for Royals-RDC helps with technique and performance qualities
- Team work during the fall semester

QUESTIONS:

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2016 Spring Audition Information



Spring Audition Paperwork Due

Monday, April 5th

Turn into dance director on your campus

All PAPERWORK is due before you can participate in workshop:

- LISD Dance Team Application
- Consent Form
- Copy of latest report card

Rhythm Dance Company Clinic and Audition

Wednesday, April 13th 4:45-???

RHS Dance Studio

Clinic: 4:45-5:45 p.m.

- All participants will learn a short combo.
- Skills to prepare for:
 - Double pirouette
 - Leap
 - Calypso
 - Russian

Audition 6:00-??

- Auditions will start at 6 p.m. Participants will audition in groups of 4-5.
- Participants are encouraged to stay the entire time in case judges want to do call backs.

What to wear:

- All black dance attire (form fitting, no baggy clothes)
- Appropriate footwear
- Slick pony tail or bun (no flyaways!!)
- Pleasant make up with lipstick (reds/maroons are appropriate)
- No Jewelry

-Outside judges will score candidates based on appearance (grooming, carriage), flexibility, dance technique, execution, performance and showmanship.

-Be dressed and ready to go by 4:45 p.m. You will warm up on your own.

-Results will be posted online that night and listed by tryout number. All results are final.



2016 Rhythm Dance Company Upcoming Important Dates



Spring Audition Information:

Clinic and Auditions → Wednesday, April 13th 4:45 p.m.-???

New Parent Meeting:

Tuesday, April 19th 6 p.m. in the RHS cafeteria

Uniform and Band Fee Payments:

Dance Uniform and Fee portion: \$500.65

Band Fee portion: Estimated fees \$400 (covers band fee, meals, travel fees)

1st Payment of \$200 due April 12th → we will discuss payment plan options at parent meeting on April 12th

May Dance Camp:

May 24th -27th 5-8 p.m. RHS Band Hall

Exhibition performance May 27th 6 p.m. for parents

LISD Physicals:

Due-Wednesday, July 20th YOU WILL NOT DANCE WITHOUT A PHYSICAL!!!

Team Practice:

July 20th 1-4 p.m. Studio

*Bring practice clothes.

iDance Academy Line Camp:

July 27th-30th 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

*You get all the information you need at team practice on 7/20.

Summer Dance Hours due:

August 11th; Encouraging each team member to take 10+ hours of dance over the summer. Please document your training and turn in hours on August 11th

Band Camp:

August 1st-5th 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

August 8th-12th 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

August 15th-19th 4-8 p.m.

March-a-thon-August 6th

LISD Dance Team Audition Application

Please Print

Student's Information

Student's Name: _____ Student ID# _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year): _____ Age: _____

Classification for the 2015-2016 year: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Student's Doctor: _____ Doctor's Phone: (____) _____

Are you allergic to any medications? _____ If so, please list: _____

Do you have any prior dance experience? _____ If yes, How many years have you been dancing and where?

If you don't make it, would you be interested in a Manager position? _____

Mother's Information

Mother's Name: _____

Street Address (if different): _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Work Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Father's Information

Father's Name: _____

Street Address (if different): _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Work Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Please attach a typed or neatly handwritten paragraph describing why you wish to become a member of the Dance Team.

Place **recent** photo of yourself

HERE

Picture needs to be this size and professional looking.

Parental Audition Consent Form

_____ and I have read the LISD Dance Team Handbook and discussed the responsibilities of being a member of the Rhythm Dance Company, such as cost, time involved, physical requirements, and performance requirements. I understand his/her obligations and responsibilities as a member and I will help him/her in his/her assignment for the entire year.

I give permission for his/her participation in auditions and understand as well as agree that the decision of the judges will be final. Also, attached is his/her most recent copy of his/her report card.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Candidates Audition Signature Form

I have read the LISD Dance Handbook and understand the requirements for participation in the Rhythm Dance Company. I also understand the dedication and time it takes to be involved in such an organization. I intend to devote the time needed to make the Dance Team a success if I am selected. I am aware that the decision of the judges is final.

Candidate Signature