

CHS DANCE

2024-2025

**DANCE TEAM
AUDITION PACKET**



2024-2025 CHS Dance Team Tryout Timeline

- March 27th: Mandatory informational meeting to review expectations, explain the audition process and answer questions.
6:00pm – CHS Lecture Hall
- May 10th: Dance Team Application Due
Email to calabasasdanceteam@gmail.com
Include Dancer Headshot with Application
Label your email with the subject: **APPLICATION – YOUR NAME**
- May 16th: Across-the-Floor combinations will be posted on the website at 3:45pm
www.chsdance.com
Click on Auditions
Click on Dance Team Auditions
- May 17th: Tryout Workshop to learn choreography
Bring your \$10 Suggested Judge's Donation
Dancers will learn a jazz routine and a contemporary routine.
4:00-6:30 in the CHS Dance Room
- May 18th: In-person Auditions in the CHS Dance Room
8:00am-1:00pm
- May 19th: Announcement of 2024-2025 CHS Dance Team
www.chsdance.com
Program Levels – Teacher Webpage - Dance Team – Announcements
- June 3rd: Mandatory First Team Meeting
3:45pm– Details will be emailed
- June 5th: First Parent Meeting
All Team Paperwork, Camp Fees and Uniform Donations Due
6:30pm - Details will be emailed

Dear Parents and Interested Students:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a position on the Calabasas High School Dance Team. Dance Team Tryouts will be held **Friday, May 17th 4-6:30pm** and **Saturday, May 18th 8am-1pm** in the Calabasas High School Dance Room. Prior to tryouts, it is important to review the many responsibilities and commitment involved in being a member of the team.

I. Commitment:

As a member of the dance team, you will be required to attend all home varsity football and basketball games, both winter and spring dance concerts, all scheduled competitions, before/after-school rehearsals, weekend choreography rehearsals, and a few other school and community events. January, February and March are the busiest weekend commitments for competition.

It is not yet determined which period Dance Team will be next year but the team will most likely meet during the school day and will require additional after-school practices weekly. Once the schedule is finalized, we will send out an update so you can make an informed decision prior to auditions. Your attendance is vital towards allowing the team to perform their duties at school events to the fullest. Therefore, appointments, after school jobs, other extra-curricular activities, and social plans must be scheduled around all team practices and performances. Agreeing to be a member of the dance team means you are making it your first priority after academics.

Team practices will begin on July 16th to prepare for camp, and mandatory rehearsals will be held during registration week and the first few days before school. The CHS Dance Team will attend 1 local summer dance intensive where we will take classes from highly esteemed master teachers as well as learn dance routines to take home for school performances. The camp is a *very important* opportunity for the new team to get acquainted and build unity. Summer camp is not required but is ***highly encouraged and a team expectation***. The camp will be held **July 19th – July 21st**.

Choreography/Training week will be held **August 12th – 16th** from **11am-4pm**. This week will prepare the team for half-time performances and/or competition routines and is MANDATORY for all team members. We may also bring in a guest teacher and plan team bonding activities this week. More info to come!

Outside technique classes are highly encouraged for all team members, with emphasis given to ballet. ***The more technical the dancer is will directly affect how many competition routines he/she is in.***

Parent meetings are held once a month on Monday nights to discuss team events and fundraisers. Parent involvement is **essential** in helping make our program successful and families should be prepared to participate at team events including concerts, competitions and fundraisers.

II. Expenses:

The CHS dance program relies completely on outside contributions, donations and fundraising. In an effort to keep the program healthy, we run many fundraisers throughout the year and ask families to contribute to the team. Family contributions are on average between \$1,500 - \$3,500 per student over the course of the year. Costs increase with the participation level of each dancer. Uniform items will be purchased at the first team meeting and summer camp fees will be collected. Loaner items are available upon request. A \$200 suggested transportation donation will be collected in the fall. More details on program costs will follow after auditions.

Competition Expenses: Each team member is guaranteed to compete in 2 competition routines; one is required (free) and the other is optional. For all additional competition routines, the choreographer of each routine will choose the dancers through an audition process. Each optional competition routine will have its own required fee for registration and choreography. The cost will be announced prior to the audition and a signed permission slip is required. Team members will also have the option to audition for a solo. If selected, each individual family is responsible for all costs associated with the solo.

The dance team's participation in scheduled competitions and events is completely dependent upon having the funds to provide these experiences. If Dance Team is unable to raise sufficient funds to maintain its programs, it may need to scale back or cut these programs altogether for this school year.

III. Selection:

The number of team members is not predetermined, but approximately 15-20 dancers will be chosen for the team. They will be selected by a natural break in the scores. All applicants will audition before a panel of three independent judges. Team members will be placed on the team based on their dance ability, attitude, and judges' scores. It is important to take into account the major commitment and responsibilities you will have if selected. Enthusiasm often fades when the hard work of practice starts and other activities must be left out due to the commitment of being on the dance team. Parents are encouraged to prepare their student for the possibility that he or she may not be chosen. Not all students who try out will make the team. All new and returning members are required to audition every year.

We are in search of those dancers who are **motivated**, hard-working, committed, confident, poised, genuine, **respectful** and have positive attitudes. We are looking for dancers who have **initiative** and **want to improve**. Once members have been selected to the team, they and their parents/guardians will sign a constitution outlining specific rules and commitments. If unwilling to adhere to any part of the constitution, membership will be denied.

Applications are due **Friday, May 10th** to Calabasasdanceteam@gmail.com. Please label your email with the subject: **APPLICATION - YOUR NAME**. If you have any questions, please email Calabasasdanceteam@gmail.com. Good luck to all and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Kristen Furino
CHS Dance Director

May 16th– 18th Procedure

Tryout Procedure:

On Thursday, the **across-the-floor combinations** will be posted on the website for the dancers to learn and review at home. On Friday, the dancers will learn a **jazz routine** and a **contemporary routine** in person. The dancers will not be judged as they learn these routines. On Saturday, three independent adjudicators will be in attendance to judge the actual tryouts. The judges' scores will be based on technique, performance skills, knowledge of routines, and clean appearance. The judges will not know the routines the dancers have learned. Each dancer is to perform each combination to the best of his or her ability. A supplemental **solo video** will also be reviewed and considered in the dancers' scores.

***All dancers must have a 2.0 grade point average and good attendance to be eligible for dance team.**

Thursday, May 16th: Across-the-Floor Videos posted to www.chsdance.com (Auditions – Dance Team Auditions)

Friday, May 17th: CHS Dance Room

3:45-4:00 Sign-In & Warm-Up
4:00-5:00 Jazz Choreography
5:00-5:15 Break
5:15-6:15 Contemporary Choreography
6:15-6:30 Review All

Saturday, May 18th: CHS Dance Room

8:00-8:30am Sign-in/Self Warm-up
8:30-1:00pm Perform Across-the-Floors & both combinations for the judges in groups of 3-4

*Dancers must stay until the end of the audition

*Dancers should wear tight fitted dance clothing. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail or bun and tightly secured. Jazz shoes or half soles are recommended. Athletic shoes are also recommended for potential outdoor practice.

Results will be posted on the CHS Dance Website. Upon posting results, a follow up email will be sent to all selected dancers and their parents with information about team meetings, upcoming dates etc.

To access results:

Go to www.chsdance.com - Program Levels – Teacher Webpage - Dance Team – Announcements

Application Requirements:

A. ACADEMIC:

- Each applicant must have a 2.0 GPA or higher from the fall semester 2023.
 - Attach a copy of your grades from Aeries (fall semester)

Note: If a student's grades ever fall below 2.0, they will be put on probation and pulled from performances. If grades do not improve, they will be dismissed from the team.

B. ATTENDANCE:

- Each applicant must have good attendance (90% or higher with no more than 2 truant in one semester).
 - Attach a copy of your attendance for the '23-'24 school year (Aeries)
 - If a student does not have a 90% or higher, a *written explanation* must accompany the application along with a parent or guardian's signature and phone number. You will be denied the opportunity of auditioning if this requirement is not met.
 - A *current member's past attendance record* **will be a consideration at tryouts**. If a dancer is selected for team with poor attendance, they will be placed on probation until attendance is acceptable.

C. ATTITUDE:

- Each applicant needs to have 4 teacher recommendations.
- **New** dance team applicants may give the recommendations to the teachers of their choice. This can include one outside dance instructor. The others should be from school teachers.
- If you have Mrs. Furino for dance, you must include her for one of your recommendations.
- **Current** members who are re-auditioning must give their four recommendations to:
 - #1 Mrs. Furino
 - #2 Dance Teacher, Coach or School Teacher of their choice
 - #3 School Teacher of their choice
 - #4 School Teacher of their choice
- We are in search for those dancers who are **motivated**, hard-working, committed, confident, poised, genuine, respectful and have positive attitudes. We are looking for dancers who have **initiative** and **want to improve**.

D. SOLO ROUTINE - VIDEO SUBMISSION:

- Submit a video of a solo routine that is a minimum of 0:45 seconds and a maximum of 3 minutes. The solo can be in the style of jazz, lyrical, contemporary or hip hop. Choose a style that suits you best.
- Judges will be evaluating each dancer on technical proficiency, style and performance quality.

Skills to work on:

Triple pirouette
Three a la seconds into a double pirouette
Kip up
Fire bird
Second Leap
Right and Left Saut de Chat
Chaine Jete
All Three Splits
Leg Holds and Side Tilts
Head Spring
Style/Dynamics/Performance Quality
Choreography Retention
Musicality

Dance Team Tryout Application Checklist:

DUE: Friday, May 10th

Email to calabasasdanceteam@gmail.com with subject **APPLICATION - YOUR NAME**

- Tryout Application
- Tryout Agreement
- Pre-season Tryout Form
- Copy of Grades and Attendance off Aeries from Fall Semester 2023
- Solo Video Submission
- Dancer Headshot
- 4 Teacher Recommendations (submitted by teachers)

Dance Team Audition Checklist:

DUE: Friday, May 17th

- \$10 suggested Judge's Donation (bring cash or check payable to CHS Dance)

CHS Dance Team Tryout Application 2024-2025

Applicant Name: _____

Trying out for (circle all that may apply): Dance Team Dance 3 Dance 2

Grade Level (2024-2025) _____

Current School: _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Applicant's Cell Phone #: _____ Home Phone #: _____

Applicant's Birth Date: _____

Parent/Guardian (1) Name: _____

Parent/Guardian (1) Email: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Home Phone # (if different from above): _____

Parent/Guardian (2) Name: _____

Parent/Guardian (2) Email: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Home Phone # (if different from above): _____

Applicant's Previous Dance Experience: (be specific: age, studio, style, years danced)

A. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY: Attach a copy of your 2023-2024 Fall Semester Grades from Aeries.

B. ATTENDANCE RECORD: Attach a copy of your 2023-2024 Attendance from Aeries.

C. ATTITUDE: Verify with your 4 teachers that they have submitted your recommendation forms.

D. SOLO ROUTINE: Attach a video of a solo routine in the style of your choice.

Tryout Agreement

I/We, the parents of _____, have read the tryout information packet and understand all the requirements for participation on the Calabasas High School Dance Team. We are aware that all final tryout scores are kept confidential and are not disclosed to the students or the parents. We realize that Dance Team is a team effort and that we may be called upon to help throughout the year. We will make our best effort to do our share of assisting on behalf of our daughter/son.

X _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN (1)

X _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN (2)

I, _____, have read the tryout information packet and understand what is expected of me if selected to be a member of the CHS Dance Team. I will do all I can to uphold the honor and tradition of the CHS Dance Team, and respect my teammates, my school, my choreographers, my advisor, and all persons associated with Calabasas High School.

X _____
APPLICANT

PRE-SEASON ONE TIME TRY OUT ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM

I authorize my son/daughter, _____ to participate in the District
Please Print

sponsored activities of athletics, Cheerleading, and/or any other extra-curricular activities.

I understand and acknowledge that these activities, by their very nature, pose the potential risk of serious injury/illness to individuals who participate in such activities.

I understand and acknowledge that some of the injuries/illnesses that may result from participating in these activities include but are not limited to, the following:

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| 1. Sprains/strains | 5. Paralysis |
| 2. Fractured bones | 6. Loss of eyesight |
| 3. Unconsciousness | 7. Communicable disease |
| 4. Head and/or back injuries | 8. Death |

I understand and acknowledge that participation in these activities is completely voluntary and as such is not required by the District for course credit or for completion of graduation requirements.

I understand and acknowledge that in order to participate in these activities my son/daughter and I agree to assume liability and responsibility for any and all potential risks that may be associated with participation in such activities.

I understand, acknowledge, and agree that the District, its employees, officers, agents, or volunteers, shall not hold me liable for any injury/illness suffered by my son/daughter that is incident to, and/or associated with, preparing for and/or participating in this activity.

A signed PRE-SEASON/SUMMER ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM must be on file before a student will be allowed to participate. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this PRE-SEASON/SUMMER ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM and that I understand and agree to its terms.

CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT

I hereby give permission to a physician to administer emergency treatment to the above named student. In the event of any illness or injury, I hereby consent to whatever x-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical, dental or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care from a licensed physician and/or surgeon as deemed necessary for the safety and welfare of my child. It is understood that the resulting expenses will be the responsibility of the parent(s), guardian or participant.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION

I hereby give my consent for the above named student to compete in the Las Virgenes High School approved activity program (athletics, Cheerleading, pep squad, music, drama's, etc.) and travel with the school representative on authorized school trips. I, the undersigned, hereby release and discharge the LVUSD, officers, employees, agents, servants and volunteers (herein collectively referred to as "District") from all liability arising out of or in connection with the above described activity or all liabilities associated with any and all claims related to such activity that may be filed on behalf of or for the above named minor. For the purposes of this agreement, liability means all claims, demands, losses, causes of action, suits or judgments of any and every kind that I, my heirs, executors, administrators or assignees may have against the District, or that any other person or entity may have against the District because of any death, personal injury or illness, or because of any loss or damage to property that occurs during the above-described activity and that results from any cause other than the negligence of the District.

Parent acknowledges and it is highly recommended that your son/daughter has had a physical within the last 12 months and is not limited in his/her activities.

PARENT NAME: _____ PHONE NO. _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE NO. _____

INSURANCE CERT: COMPANY NAME: _____ POLICY NO.: _____

Teacher Recommendation Form

Student's Name _____ trying out for: CHS Dance Team

Dear Teachers,

Recommendations for each dance team applicant give an indication of their academic standing, motivation, character, and attitude. Your input will be averaged with the input of the candidate's other instructors and considered in their overall tryout score.

Please return this form by **Friday, May 10th**. Late or missing forms will not be included in the applicant's tryout scores and will therefore put the applicant at a disadvantage. **Do not return this form to the student.** All forms may be sent through intra-district mail Attention: Kristen Furino (Dance Team), or placed directly in my box.

Thank you for your time and input!

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| 8. Overall | Your feelings in general about how this candidate would represent CHS. |

Please rate this student in the following areas on a 1-5 scale:

(5) Superior (4) Above Average (3) Average (2) Needs Improvement (1) Poor

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2024-2025 Dance Team Summer Schedule

Summer Dates:

July 16th - 9:30-11:30am

July 18th - 9:30-11:30am

July 19th – 21st – WCE Summer Intensive Burbank

July 23rd - 9:30-11:30am

July 25th - 9:30-11:30am

July 30th - 9:30-11:30am

August 1st - 9:30-11:30am

August 6th - 9:30-11:30am

August 8th - 9:30-11:30am

MANDATORY CHOREOGRAPHY/TRAINING WEEK

August 12th-16th – 11am-4pm*

August 19th – 1-4pm

August 20th – 1-4pm

SUMMER SCHEDULE AND TIMES ARE TENTATIVE

2024-2025 Dance Team Competition Schedule

March 14-16, 2025 - WCE Nationals

Regional Dates TBA