

Riverton Dance Company AUDITION PACKET 2019-2020

Audition Meeting: Wednesday, March 13th at 7pm

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<https://rivertondancecompany.wordpress.com/auditions-2/>

Dear Dancer:

Let me start by telling you how thrilled I am at the prospect of working with you next year in Dance Company. It is my hope that as you read the qualifications necessary to tryout for Dance Company, that you are indeed eligible to proceed with the audition process.

Please read this entire packet carefully. You must meet all of the requirements for membership, and be prepared with all the necessary forms and paperwork to audition.

Let's get started...

Eligibility Requirements

1. You must be a registered student at Riverton High School for the upcoming school year; 2019-2020.
 2. You must have earned a 3.0 G.P.A. for the third quarter of the present school year.
 - a. Once chosen as a member of the Dance Company you must maintain a G.P.A. of 3.0 each and every quarter during your time on the Company.
 1. If your G.P.A. drops below a 3.0, you will be dismissed from the Company—there is no probation period to raise your grades.
 2. You cannot end the quarter with a NG in any class—again you will be dismissed from the Company.
 3. You will be selected by a panel of judges; experts in the field of dance. The auditions follow the format of a master dance class.
 - a. Only those dancers completing the April auditions will be considered for membership on the Company. No private auditions, nor videotape auditions allowed.
 4. Students must remain in good standing within the community of RHS, and be an example of integrity.
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Dance Company Involvement and Commitments

1. Dance Company is a full year class that you must audition for, and is held during 1st period. This team will contain 16-20 dancers, and you will be required to participate in our Spring Dance Company Concert on April 2nd-3rd, 2020 (date may change).
2. **Dance Company comes first, before work, before other school activities, and before your private dance studios!** This organization requires enormous amounts of time. Rarely can other interests come first: two exceptions: family, and academics (You will be required to get approval for absences related to family or academics).

3. As a Company we are given opportunities to perform at various venues: football halftimes, basketball halftimes, assemblies, and our annual spring show: Dance Company in Concert. You will also compete in 2-3 Dance Company Festivals in the spring.
 4. There will be a two-weeks of summer dance workshops*. These will take place at the beginning of August. The first camp will be held **July 29th-August 2nd**, and the second camp will be held **August 5-9th**. The dance workshops will take place at Riverton High School from 8am-2pm. The dancers will be learning all of the routines for the beginning of the year, as well as bonding as a team. The cost for camp is \$150/dancer.
 4. The Company holds class every A day, which begins at 6:00 a.m. In addition to the early morning rehearsals, the Company holds 1-2 after school rehearsals per week based on need. Attendance to practices is mandatory in order to perform with the company.
 5. The required cost for each member will be **\$600.00**.
 - a. The \$600.00 breaks down as follows:
 1. \$125.00 Participation Fee: Goes to the school for buses, building use, etc.
 2. \$150.00* Summer Dance Workshops: Goes towards camp expenses and food.
 3. \$250.00 Company clothing, i.e., warm ups, dance/rehearsal clothing, dance bag
 4. \$25 Club Fee for lunches and dinners when at RDC events
 5. \$25 Choreography Fee
 - b. All **additional** expenses will be taken care of through team fundraising, unless it is a travel year. **Travel is optional, and therefore, is not included in the overall cost.**
 6. Each dancer is required to contribute their fair share of time and effort in all team fundraisers (no individual fundraising).
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Audition Schedule and Procedures

1. A mandatory clinic will be held **Wednesday, April 10th from 3:30-6:00pm**. Auditions will be held **Thursday, April 11th at 3:30pm** and will finish no later than 10pm.
 - a. Dancers will do technique at the clinics as well as learn one routine that will be performed in front of judges at the audition. Although it is not an official audition, dancers will be watched and critiqued during this time period. Dancers will arrive at 3:30pm in the small gym. RDC members will

warm them up, after which, the clinic will continue in the form of a master class.

b. On the day of auditions, the dancers will do technique and the routine learned at clinics, then watched and critiqued in small groups by a panel of experts in the field of dance. 1st cuts will be made after this portion of the audition. For the second half of the auditions, the dancers will learn ballet and hip hop and audition it on the spot. Dancers will be judged on technique, style, and performance quality in ballet, hip-hop, and improvisation.

2. Individuals wishing to audition will begin the registration process in the hall in front of the Dance Studio beginning at 2:45pm on **Thursday, April 11th**. The audition will begin around 3:30pm, or as soon as all applicants have checked in. The actual audition will take place in the small gym. **If the dancer did not attend the clinic, he/she will not be allowed to audition.**

a. Dancers need to wear all black to the audition. Please choose clothing that is in accordance to RHS dress code. No camisole straps, or bare midriffs. I suggest dance pants, rather than shorts. Also, no previous RDC clothing if you are a returning member. Footwear is up to the dancer. I recommend bare feet, dance socks, foot paws or pirouettes. I DO NOT recommend gore boots.

b. No jewelry, and hair pulled back out of your face. I DO NOT recommend a bun.

c. Clothing for the hip-hop portion should be comfortable and loose. Please bring appropriate shoes for hip-hop as well (tennis shoes, converse, vans, etc).

3. The clinic and audition is closed to spectators—this eliminates noise and distractions to the dancers.

4. As the audition progresses on Thursday, there will be several callbacks and 2-3 cuts. The new dance company will be announced at the conclusion of auditions on Thursday evening or Friday if any time issues arise.

2019-2020 Dance Company Events

***Dance Company Tour to Shakespeare Festival:** October, 2019. The dancers will travel to Cedar City with the Theater Department to compete in the festival. They will take dance classes; see some plays, and tryout for scholarships. The travel cost is paid by the students (approx. \$200); however, fundraising will be applied wherever possible.

Dance Company Festivals: February or March 2019. The Dance Company will compete against other Dance Companies as well as have opportunities for scholarships.

***Dance Convention:** The Dance Company will attend one National convention in 2020 (NUVO, JUMP, 24/7)

*** Optional items**

Riverton High School Dance Company Constitution

Mission Statement

The mission of the Riverton High School Dance Company is to increase an understanding of and an appreciation for the art of dance; and to improve members' ability in using their body as an instrument in expressing oneself. We seek to improve the technical and performance skills of its member. We emphasize responsibility and member unity as we strive to build one's self-esteem and work ethic.

I. Requirements & Policy Guidelines for Potential Members of Dance Company

A. Membership shall be based upon the following criteria:

1. Candidates must be a registered student at Riverton High School.
2. Members will be chosen through a closed audition process in front of a panel of judges.
3. There will be one audition held in the spring of 2019—no fall auditions.
4. A candidate must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 for the 3rd quarter of the present school year: not a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0.
4. A member of Dance Company must maintain a 3.0 each and every quarter during membership on the Dance Company.
5. A member cannot end the quarter with a NG in any class; a NG has to be resolved before the last day of the quarter.
6. All members are expected to keep themselves in good physical condition, well groomed, and performance ready.
7. Membership may be terminated for the following reasons:
 - a. Poor grades—falling below a 3.0 GPA any quarter during the school year.
 - b. Disregarding Company Policy: attendance, and excessive tardies.
 - c. Exceeding two [2] unexcused absences per quarter
 - d. One [1] unexcused absence from a performance
 - e. Exceeding five [5] tardies per quarter
 - f. Being disrespectful towards Company Director and or team members
 - g. An illegal act
 - h. Disruptive behavior or influence
8. All members must actively participate in every aspect of the Company: fund raisers, socials, rehearsals, and performances
9. Members are encouraged to enroll in a reputable dance studio during the

year to keep their bodies well trained, flexible and conditioned.

10. It is important that members understand their choices reflect on the overall reputation in the school and the community

II. Time Commitment

A. All members must attend and be on time to all rehearsals & performances scheduled by the Director.

1. Absences and tardies are unacceptable; your attendance affects the entire Company.

2. Rehearsals begin at 6:00 a.m. each A day and continue through 1st period—unless otherwise stated

3. After school rehearsals will become necessary according to our performance schedule: Advance notice of one-week minimum will be given when possible.

4. Absences must be cleared prior to the absence: contact the Director through email: brynn.perkins@jordandistrict.org

a. Excused Absences include: severe illness, death in the family, vacations, and emergencies.

b. Unexcused Absences: work, sleeping in, private studio conflicts, appointments

III. Consequences Regarding Absences and Tardies

A. Loss of performance privileges result when the following occurs within a quarter:

1. 1 unexcused absence = Full grade drop or out of the next Company performance

2. 3 excused personal absences = Half grade drop or out of the next Company performance

3. 3 excused sick absences = Half grade drop or out of the next Company performance

4. 3 Tardies = Half grade drop or out of the next company performance

B. Members must attend all performances—even if they are not in that particular performance.

IV. Selection of Concert Routines

- A. All members will be required to audition a piece for concert as part of the Core Curriculum.
 - 1. Director will select the routines as well as the dancers for the various routines.
 - 2. If the dancer's routine is selected, they will be required to complete the choreography, help clean, light and design costumes for their routine.

V. Grading Scale

- A. Attendance -----25% of grade
 - 1. This class will abide by the RHS Attendance Policy
 - a. You will earn 20 points each day for attendance
 - 1. 10 points earned for being in class
 - 2. 10 points for being on time
- B. Participation -----25% of grade
 - 1. Each rehearsal the dancer earns 10 points for their participation during rehearsal
- C. Performances.....50% of grade
- D. Grading Scale

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| A 100-93% | B 86-83% | C 76-73% | D 66-63% |
| A- 92-90% | B- 82-80% | C- 72-70% | D- 62-60% |
| B+ 89-87% | C+ 79-77% | D+ 69-67% | F 59% or lower |

VI. Dance Company Financial Responsibilities

- A. Dance Company costs begin with an amount of \$600.00.
 - 1. The District mandates a fee of \$125.00 for a Participation Fee
 - 2. Club Fee of \$25 for class materials-food for RDC events
 - 3. Choreography fee of \$25

4. \$150.00 Summer Workshops*
5. \$250.00 buys the dancers Company clothing
 - a. Company warm ups (jacket, sweats, shirt, shoes)
 - b. Company performance dance pants
 - c. Company dance top (tank top, sports bra)
 - d. Company hip-hop shoes
 - e. Company dance bag

B. Dance Company members are asked to make payments on the \$600.00 on a payment schedule:

1. **\$ 250.00 due Friday, May 10th for all members.** All money is received in the Main Office in the Dance Company account: specify for *spirit pack*. Bring your receipt to the Director.
2. **An installment of \$150.00 is due Monday, July 29th (if attending camp).** Receipt money in Front Office: specify *Summer Workshop*. Bring your receipt to the Director.
3. **A \$125 Participation Fee, \$25 Club Fee, and \$25 choreography fee is due Friday, August 31st.** Receipt money in Front Office: specify *participation fee and club fee*. Bring your receipt to the Director.

VII. Company Officers

A. Company Officers will be created on a year-to-year basis. Interested dancers should complete an application. The application can be obtained from the Director.

1. A potential officer must have previous RHS dance company experience.

VIII. Membership Expectations

A. Being selected as a Company member is only the beginning of the work you will be putting into this organization. Members must continually earn their place within the organization by observing the following:

1. Displaying integrity
2. Maintaining a great attitude
3. Maintaining a G.P.A. of 3.0 each quarter
4. Team unity and team support is a must
5. Good attendance and punctuality to all functions
6. Prepared—meeting all deadlines
7. Participation to the fullest in fundraisers as directed

8. Be a 'team player'
9. Showing respect for the Director
10. Putting forth your best effort each and every day in every rehearsal

On the following page you will find the 'agreement/contract' that needs to be signed prior to auditioning for the Dance Company. *With your signature you are in agreement with the procedures of this organization and will abide by these expectations and requirements of the Dance Company.*

Your parent/guardian needs to sign this 'contract' also. With their signature they are giving their consent and support of you and the Director in this adventure you are undertaking.

Without the signed Contract presented at the time of registration, you will not be able to audition.

Riverton High School Dance Company Constitution

I have read the entire Dance Company Audition Packet, including the Constitution. I understand the requirements, expectations and the policies of the Riverton High School Dance Company. I will do my best to abide by the rules and regulations of this organization. My parent(s)/guardian understands the 'rules' of this organization and support me in my endeavors within this program at Riverton High School.

Dancer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Audition Application

Please complete the following application.

This application, along with the following items is due as you register for the auditions on **Thursday, April 11th.**

- *Dance Company Audition Application
- *An official copy of 3rd Quarter grades
- *Signed copy of Dance Company Constitution
- *Faculty Recommendation from a current school teacher, signed and sealed
- *Typed or hand written Letter of Recommendation from a dance instructor, signed and sealed (Please staple both envelopes to this form).

You will NOT be allowed to audition without ALL of the completed forms!!!

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| Name: | DOB: | Grade Next year: | GPA (3rd Quarter): |
| Full Address (with city and zip code): | | Dancer Cell Phone: | |
| Dancer Email Address (make sure it is current): | | Dancer T-shirt size: | |
| Parent (s)/Guardians(s): | | Parent Cell Phone | |
| | | Mom: | |
| | | Dad: | |
| Parent(s) Email address: (use an email that is checked regularly. This is for all communication) | | | |

Briefly explain why you want to be a member of the Riverton High School's Dance Company, and what will be your contributions to the program:

Description of dance training:

Riverton Dance Company

Faculty Recommendation

Dancer's Name: _____

School Currently Attending: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Signature: Subject: _____

Core or Elective Class: _____

Read each statement below and rate the student by circling one response for each description.

| Does/Is This Student... | Excellent | Good | Average | Fair |
|--|-----------|------|---------|------|
| Attends class regularly & on time | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Demonstrate good character skills | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Adheres to School Rules (dress code, etc) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Demonstrates Respect for Authority | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Works Well with Others | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Completes Class Work On Time | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Respectful of Teachers & Peers | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Maintains a Positive Attitude | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |

Additional Comments:

Teachers: If you will complete this form and return it to the dancer. The dancer should provide you with an envelope. Please seal the envelope and sign the envelope across the seal. The dancer is responsible to retrieve this form from you prior to auditions. This Form Is Confidential!!!!