

The Dance Connection

NHSDA Active Membership Handbook

Active Membership Requirements

1. Maintain Good Standing through consistent attendance, respectful behavior, positive sportsmanship, and adherence to studio policies.
2. Earn Annual Leadership & Service Points: Junior Chapter (Grades 6–8): 15 points annually
Secondary Chapter (Grades 9–12): 25 points annually
3. Complete Required Service: Junior Chapter: 1 service project
Secondary Chapter: 2 service projects
4. Attend 2 NHSDA meetings per year.

Point Distribution Requirement

To encourage well-rounded leadership, members must earn: At least 5 points in Leadership/Mentorship
At least 5 points in Service
Remaining points may come from any category

Leadership & Service Point System

Studio Leadership

- Assist a teacher during class (2 points)
- Lead warm-up (3 points)
- Demonstrate skills during class (1 point)
- Welcome a new student (2 points)
- Serve as NHSDA Officer (15 points)
- Organize a chapter project (10 points)

Mentorship

- Big Sister/Big Brother mentor (5 points)
- Help younger dancers backstage (2 points)
- Write encouragement notes (1 point)
- Assist at auditions (3 points)

Studio Service

- Organize costumes (1 point/hour)
- Organize props (1 point/hour)
- Clean and organize studio spaces (1 point/hour)
- Decorate bulletin board (5 points)
- Create welcome display (3 points)

Recital & Performance Support

- Backstage volunteer half day (5 points)
- Backstage volunteer full day (10 points)
- Assist with recital check-in (3 points)
- Help with flowers/program sales (3 points)

Community Service

- Community performance (5 points)
- Nursing home performance (5 points)
- Donation drive participation (5 points)
- Organize donation drive (10 points)
- Lead children's dance activity (10 points)

Dance Advocacy

Newsletter article (5 points)

Approved social media content (3 points)

National Dance Week participation (5 points)

Represent NHSDA at community event (5 points)

NHSDA Member Pledge

As a member of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts, I will strive to lead with integrity, serve with kindness, and inspire others through my love of dance. I will represent The Dance Connection with respect, responsibility, and excellence both inside and outside the studio.

Student & Parent Agreement

By signing below, we acknowledge the expectations of NHSDA membership and agree to uphold the values of leadership, service, responsibility, and excellence throughout the year.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____