



MOORPARK HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM 2026-2027 TRYOUT INFORMATION



Dear Dance Team Applicant and Parent:

The MHS Dance Team will select approximately 20 - 30 dancers for the 2026-2027 season. Team members are required to have a yearlong commitment from July 2026 – June 2027. The team will consist of freshman-senior dancers. Returning members must try out and are **not** guaranteed a spot.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES:

The team will have the following performance opportunities: football and basketball halftimes, winter and spring dance showcases, Dancing with the Stars, and rallies.

COMPETITION SEASON:

The team will be attending **high school dance team competition(s) starting in January 2027**. We are excited to represent Moorpark High School among several other dance teams across Southern California. We will be entering competition(s) as a team; all team members will perform in at least one routine. Competition schedule will be set by November 2026.

TRYOUT PROCESS

LOCATION: MHS DANCE ROOM (D2)

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Several years of dance training in technique, ballet, jazz, lyrical, and hip hop
2. Incoming freshman to senior
3. At least 2.0 GPA
4. Excellent school attendance
5. Completed tryout application

PART 1 PRELIMINARIES

When: Wednesday, April 8th

3:45-4:30pm **Incoming Juniors and Seniors**

4:30-5:15pm **Incoming Freshmen and Sophomores**

Tryout components: Across the floor technique and an across the floor combination

- Bring half soles for pirouettes – at least a double pirouette on right and left to make it past Prelims

****Prelim Results will be posted Friday, April 10th at lunch on D2 doors and our website: moorparkhsdance.com***

PART 2 CLINICS – ONLY FOR THOSE WHO MADE IT PAST PRELIMS

When: Monday, April 13th – Friday, April 17th from 4:00-5:00pm

Monday: hip hop routine

Tuesday: jazz routine

Wednesday: hip hop routine

Thursday: jazz routine

Friday: review both routines/technique

What to bring: half soles and sneakers

What to wear: Dance attire – no club or studio attire, minimal jewelry

PART 3 JUDGES TRYOUTS

When: Saturday, April 18th from 9-2:00pm

- Each dancer will be given a 15-minute time slot in groups of 3-4.
- Dancers should come 45 minutes prior to their time slot to warm-up and if tryouts run early.
- Dancers will perform technique, as well as the jazz and hip hop routines they learned at clinics.
- Dancers must remain at the tryouts until excused by the coach - larger groups may perform each routine again.

TRYOUT COMPONENTS

Technique

1. Splits (right and left)
2. Grand battements (right and left)
3. Pirouettes (clean double or triple on the right and left)
4. Grands (right side only) *optional
5. Leaps (right and left)
 - Front leaps
 - Middle leap
 - Leap of Choice (one side only): *Calypso, Firebird, Switch Leap, etc.*

Special Tricks *optional

Turning discs, Aerials, Back handsprings, Headsprings, etc.

Routines

1. Jazz Routine: execution, technique, musicality, showmanship, improvisation
2. Hip Hop Routine: execution, movement quality, musicality, showmanship, improvisation

2x8counts of improv for both routines

PART 4 STUDENT-DANCER TEACHER FORM

This form will be passed out on the first day of Clinics. Part of your total tryout score will be feedback from your current teachers (2025-26 school year). The form needs to be filled out by Friday, April 17th and turned into to Coach Lee at Clinics. To participate in the Judge's Audition, you must turn in this form before your time slot begins. If any of your teachers are absent, please go to your assistant principal to help complete the form.

They will score you 1-5 on each of the following: (5- excellent, 1- poor)

1. Daily Work Ethic
2. Respect for others
3. Participation & Engagement
4. Overall Behavior
5. Overall Attendance

***Team Results will be posted Friday, April 24th at 3:30pm on D2 doors and our website: moorparkhsdance.com**

Note: If needed, selection of any additional member during the school year will be at the discretion of the coach. They will audition in a similar way to the original team selection.

OTHER SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

ACADEMIC: Each applicant is required to have a 2.0 GPA or higher.

ATTENDANCE: School attendance may be reviewed through the school office. Attendance history of current team members will be considered during tryouts.

CONDUCT: The applicant's names will be given to administrators to verify satisfactory conduct in the school. If there are concerns about discipline issues, the student will be denied final membership on any team.

INTERVIEW: If needed, applicants may participate in a brief, informal interview with the coaching staff. The interview helps assess each dancer's motivation, work ethic, attitude, commitment, and passion for growth. Responses, along with demonstrated effort and behavior in class (when applicable), will be considered as part of the final evaluation score.

AFTER SELECTION EXPECTATIONS

COMMITMENT & ATTENDANCE: Attendance is essential to the success, stability, and growth of the team. Dancers are expected to attend all scheduled practices, camps, performances, and competitions, as choreography, formations, and cleaning rely on full participation. Absences must be communicated in advance and may affect performance placement or participation. Repeated or unexcused absences may result in loss of performance opportunities or further consequences as determined by the coach.

BEHAVIOR & PROFESSIONALISM: Team members are expected to demonstrate respectful behavior toward coaches, teammates, staff, and event personnel. Positive attitude, cooperation, and coachability are required. Dancers represent their school and dance program both on and off campus.

EFFORT & WORK ETHIC: Dancers are expected to arrive on time, prepared, and ready to work at every practice. Consistent effort, focus, and personal accountability are required. Dancers are responsible for learning and retaining choreography.

PERFORMANCE & PLACEMENT: Performance roles and routines are assigned at the discretion of the coaches. Placement may change throughout the season based on attendance, effort, attitude, and skill progression.

ACADEMICS & ELIGIBILITY: Dancers must remain in good academic standing and meet all school eligibility requirements. Academic concerns may impact participation in practices or performances.

COMMUNICATION: Dancers and parents are expected to check and respond to team communications in a timely manner. Questions or concerns should be addressed respectfully and privately with the coach.

APPEARANCE & UNIFORMS: Dancers are responsible for maintaining required uniforms, costumes, shoes, and accessories. Hair, makeup, and performance appearance guidelines must be followed as directed.

SAFETY & HEALTH: Dancers must follow all safety guidelines and report injuries or physical concerns to the coach immediately. Medical clearance may be required for continued participation.

CONSEQUENCES: Failure to meet team expectations may result in corrective action, including reduced performance opportunities or removal from the team.

OFFICERS SELECTION

Applications for Dance Team Officer positions will be available beginning **May 1, 2026**. Candidates will be evaluated through an application and interview process conducted by the coaching staff. Officer selection is based on leadership ability, responsibility, communication skills, work ethic, attitude, and commitment to the team. Officer positions are subject to a **year-long evaluation**, and officers are expected to consistently uphold team standards, fulfill all assigned duties, and serve as positive role models. Failure to meet officer expectations, demonstrate professionalism, or complete required responsibilities may result in removal from the officer position at the discretion of the coaches.

OFFICER POSITIONS

Captain
Co-Captain
Social Officer(s)

TIME COMMITMENT: SUMMER

Dancers are required to attend all summer practices and camps in preparation for team performances and competitions.

TENTATIVE SUMMER SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

This schedule is provided for planning purposes and may be adjusted as needed. Families will be notified of any changes as early as possible.

WCE SUMMER DANCE EXPERIENCE

All members are expected to participate.

(if families are interested in staying overnight, let Coach Lee know to get discounted hotel rate – groups of 4 or more)

Dates: July 18-20, 2026

Location: Burbank Marriott

Burbank, CA

Cost: \$296

Brochure: <https://westcoastelitedance.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/SDE-2026-Brouchure-2page.pdf>

SUMMER PRACTICES

This week is auditioning and learning competition routines. All members are expected to participate and audition.

Dates: August 3-7, 2026

Times: 9:00-12:00 PM

Location: MHS Dance Room

Set Schedule: 2026 Summer Schedule

DANCE TEAM CAMP

This week is learning football halftime routines. All members are expected to participate.

Attendance will impact placement in forms or ability to perform.

Dates: August 10–14, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: MHS Dance Room

Tentative Schedule: 2026 Summer Schedule

*Additional details and final schedule will be provided after team placement.

TIME COMMITMENT: SCHOOL YEAR

Each team member on the Dance Team will receive PE, Fine Arts, or CTE pathway credit during the school year for their class participation. They will also receive a class syllabus that includes expectations, objectives, and grading policy will be provided on the first day of school August 19, 2026.

Practice Times (Times may slightly change based on MHS Bell Schedule)

1st period everyday

Practice Expectations: Dancers must come to practice and change into dance clothes immediately for warm-up and attendance. Dancers must participate the entire practice time. All devices must be put away during practice time.

Team Performance Calendar: Each team member will receive a calendar of all performances and events. School performances include but not limited to football and basketball halftimes, rallies, and showcases.

Team Competition: The team will compete at high school dance team competition(s) through United Spirit Association and/or West Coast Elite Dance. These competitions are 1-day events that could be on a Saturday or Sunday. Dates will be set no later than November 2026.

DANCE TEAM UNIFORMS

| ITEM | BRAND | APPROX. COST |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Tops | | |
| Jazz Shell top | Varsity Spirit | \$138 |
| Green Baseball Jersey | Varsity Spirit | \$120 |
| Pom Dress | Varsity Spirit | \$190 |
| Basketball Tank Jersey | Varsity Spirit | \$51 |
| Bottoms | | |
| High waisted black leggings | Any Brand | |
| Black Biker shorts | Any Brand | |
| Black Sweatpants | Any Brand | |
| Warm-ups and Outerwear | | |
| Team Jacket | Varsity Spirit | \$151 |
| Team Pants (optional) | Varsity Spirit | \$ |
| Sweat Set (optional) | Varsity Spirit | \$176 |
| Sherpa Jacket (optional) | Varsity Spirit | \$103 |
| Fitted Jacket (optional) | Varsity Spirit | \$145 |
| Accessories | | |
| Team Backpack | Varsity Spirit | \$142 |
| Metallic gold poms | Varsity Spirit | \$61 |
| Footwear | | |
| White Nike Air Forces 1 | Nike | \$100 |
| White crew socks | Any Brand | |
| Tan Half Soles | Any Brand | |

*Rentals may be available for any non-custom Varsity Spirit item (shell top, pom dress, basketball tank jersey). All rentals must be returned by the end of the season.

*Financial assistance is available to all team members, as well as payment plans. Please contact the coach ASAP if you need financial assistance.

TEAM DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP: BRIEF OVERVIEW

MHS Dance Team is seeking support from parents and families to help cover several key expenses including the following:

- Dance team uniforms
- Showcase expenses
- Costumes and Rhine stoning
- Competition expenses
- Assistant coach stipend
- Professional choreography
- College scholarships

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

- A great opportunity for a small business to gain recognition and new customers
- Different levels of sponsorship to choose from ranging from \$100-\$1,000.
- Email Coach Lee if you are interested and want to learn more information about the Sponsorship program at ljarjour@mrpk.org

SNAP RAISE FUNDRAISER

This fundraiser will take place in Fall 2026 to help raise funds for the above expenses. This provides an additional opportunity to receive donations from dancers' friends and families.

2026 - 2027 DANCE TEAM APPLICATION CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

Tryout packets/applications will be available on our website WWW.MOORPARKHSDANCE.COM

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Completed applications are due. Applications can be turned in to Mrs. Jarjour (Coach Lee) in the Dance Room D2, Front Office, or at ljarjour@mrpk.org.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

PRELIMINARIES – Results posted Friday, April 10 at lunch on D2 doors and website.

MONDAY, APRIL 13 – FRIDAY, APRIL 17

CLINICS

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

JUDGES TRYOUTS – Results posted Friday, April 24 at 3:30pm on D2 doors and website.

SUNDAY, MAY 3 AT 11:00AM

Uniform Varsity Fittings with Varsity Representative, Jennifer Griffin

Time: 11:00AM

Location: MHS Dance Room D2

All members selected for the 2026-27 Dance Team will receive a packet of Moorpark High School paperwork to be turned in by Friday, June 5, 2026.

- 1. DANCE TEAM HANDBOOK**
2. MHS Code of Ethics
3. Field Trip or Excursion Authorization
4. School Athletics: Physical Contact Acknowledgment
5. Extracurricular Event or Activity Assumption of Risk Form
6. Student Transportation Permission Form
7. VCOE Student Transportation Authorization (optional for student drivers)
8. MUSD Volunteer Registration Form (for parents driving students to field trips)

***** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT *****

MHS DANCE HEAD COACH LEE JARJOUR

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Thank You for your interest!!