



**South Texas Championship
Mission Veterans Memorial H.S
February 22, 2025**

Hosted by the VMHS Patriot Stars

Director: Mrs. Yajaira Ortiz

Asst. Director: Ms. Crystal Rojas



Directors,

The Veterans Memorial H.S Patriot Stars and Booster Club would like to welcome you and your team to the very first Rio Grande Valley HTE Dance Contest! It is our pleasure to host and bring HTE Dance back to the Rio Grande Valley.

In this packet you will find information relating to the school, the contest, and surrounding areas.

Please make a special note of the team arrival and registration areas, spectator entrances, and availability for parking. Share make any of the directions or general information contained in this packet available to your team members and their families in order to make their arrival and departure as smooth as possible.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. NO FOOD OR DRINKS are allowed in the SCHOOL CLASSROOMS, hallways or dressing areas. These are classrooms, so please respect the area you are assigned to. ANY ROOM FOUND WITH FOOD/DRINKS OR STAINS WILL BE CHARGED A \$125.00 CLEANING FEE!

*See attached Guidelines & Cleaning Agreement form

2. NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE GYM AREA. Our Booster club will have a full concession stand for your teams and spectators. FOOD BROUGHT IN FOR LUNCH WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED IN THE OUTSIDE COURTYARD AREA OR CAFETERIA
PLEASE USE TRASH CANS TO THROW OUT ALL ITEMS.

3. All props must be properly covered so that no marks are made on the gym floor. Props will be checked by VMHS host staff.

Dressing Rooms:

Each team will be assigned a private classroom . Teams with 20+ students will be assigned two classrooms to ensure dancers have sufficient space. Please keep in mind our teachers are being generous by allowing us to use their classrooms. Do not turn on any electronics/smart boards in the classrooms. Separate area will be set for male dancers as needed.

*Absolutely NO men are allowed in dressing room areas or hallways. Separate dressing room will be assigned for male dancers. Any male directors/dancers must remain in lobby area.

*PLEASE remind your team that the restrooms are NOT to be utilized as dressing rooms.

Practice Area:

We will have our Small Gym available for warm up. Please bring your own portable speaker. This is located behind our main gym. Signs will be posted and Patriot Star members will guide you if needed.

Registration/Team Check In: 6:00 AM . Please do not plan to arrive before this.

Performances will begin in the Main Gym approximately at 7:00 AM

Solo Finalist are expected to perform in the Main Gym and awards ceremony will follow.

Due to time constraints you **MUST** “clean and clear” your assigned dressing room area prior to awards. Your team may leave items in bus or in the assigned bleacher area for dancers.

Video cameras are allowed in performance areas. However, due to fire code regulations, tripods and electrical extension cords are **NOT** permitted. All recording devices must be hand held and work off battery packs. In addition, this will help maximize seating as well as minimize complaints from audience members about obstruction of view.

Meals:

No meal plans will be available. Please make accommodations for your team individually. Our cafeteria will be open for all teams to eat. You may also use the courtyard if you would like. Ensure that your team leaves all trash in the trash cans provided. If trashcan is full or if there is any spills please advice a Patriot Star or janitor to get it taken care of.

Please email all necessary signed forms back to me for documentation. If anything is missing you will be asked to sign off before your team is escorted to their dressing area.

Once again thank you for choosing HTE Dance this contest season, the Patriot Stars, booster club and myself are excited to have you!

Should you need anything before or the day of, please contact me. See you soon!

Yajaira Ortiz

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Cell: (956) 424-5665 - mostly available through text

Office: (956) 323-3037

Dressing Room Guidelines

Each team will be assigned a private dressing area. Rooms will be assigned according to registration and in consideration of the size of your team. We are asking for your assistance in assuring that your dressing area is clean after the contest. Please understand that the dressing areas are classrooms and that the teachers are being gracious in allowing us to use them for this purpose.

***NO food or drink allowed in the classrooms. Please do not bring in any outside food or drink. ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED.**

*The dressing areas are not secured. Each team is responsible for the care and keeping of all personal and team items. Mission CISD, the Patriot Stars Organization and HTE Dance will not be held responsible for lost or damaged items.

*Please "clean and clear" your dressing area to the best of your ability BEFORE awards and departure, due to time constraints on the janitorial staff. This includes picking up ALL discarded bobby pins, safety pins, trash, etc.

*A cleaning fee of \$125.00 will be charged for each room that is not considered "clean and clear" by the custodial staff and myself upon final walk through after the contest. It is imperative that all rooms be left in EXACTLY the same condition as you found them in the morning.

*Absolutely NO ONE other than dancers on your team, are allowed in dressing room areas or hallways. If you require extra assistance from parent(s) they must have your permission to be there. NO MALES allowed in the general dressing room area. Male dancers must remain in their designated room.

*PLEASE remind your team that the restrooms are NOT to be utilized as dressing rooms.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation with the above guidelines. I believe we can all agree that it is more convenient to have your own dressing area rather than having to share with several other teams.

Thank you in advance!

Cleaning Agreement Form

Veterans Memorial High School has secured custodians to assist in keeping the school clean during this contest, but we are in need of your assistance in keeping the areas as clean as possible, in order to minimize the amount of cleaning that will need to be done after this event. In order to continue to use the facilities for this event, it is imperative that all participants abide by the policy of not having food and beverages in the academic hallways, classrooms, and areas being used as dressing rooms.

Makeup/lipstick stains, destruction of VMHS property or vandalism will result in a fine.

*Please refrain from the use of glitter indoors. Please understand any team who does not abide by this policy will be fined a \$125.00 fee or the replacement cost of damaged items.

Please share these rules with your team and parents as well so they are not surprised when they arrive.

Name of School:_____

Director's Name:_____

Administrator's Name:_____

School/Company Phone number:_____

Director's Signature

Date

Please email this back to me before the day of contest to: ylopez55@missioncisd.org

Thank you,
Mrs. Yajaira Ortiz
Patriot Stars Director

Concession and Hospitality Room

**concession stand prices will be available in all dressing
room areas.**

Cash and cashapp will be accepted.



*just relax*_____



**There will be a Director's hospitality room
with lots of goodies and a relaxing environment.**

**Find some time during your busy day
and visit us in room 123!**

This is only available to Directors and HTE Staff.

Please do not invite students in.

Thank you!