



HTE Dance - Rio Grande Valley Championship

Hosted by:

Veterans Memorial H.S

Patriot Stars

February 28, 2026

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Dear Directors,

The Veterans Memorial H.S Patriot Stars and Booster Club would like to welcome you and your team to the Rio Grande Valley Championship with HTE Dance! 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. **Team Drop off and registration/check in will be at the FRONT entrance of the school.** Spectator parking and entrance will be on the EAST side of our campus through Mayberry Rd.

Entrance Fee: \$15.00 General Admission, Children 5 and under - Free.
CASH ONLY!

Please 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 NOTE:

Dancers will enter on Judge's right (top, back corner) & exit on Judge's right (lower, right corner)

The Warm Up area will be in our Small Gym. All teams/soloists are allowed 5 minutes at a time. Lineup will be the same as performance order. Please ensure your dancers are in the warm up area with sufficient time.

All Props must be approved by the prop coordinator or it will not be allowed on the floor. We realize you have already paid an HTEDance entry fee so make sure your prop is appropriate. Please take care of the bottoms of your props to ensure they do not mark or scratch the wood floors.

CONTEST SCHEDULE, CAMERAS AND FOOD RULES

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

Professional video cameras will be allowed in the performance area; however, due to fire code regulations, tripods and electrical extension cords are not permitted. All cameras must be hand held and work off battery packs. In addition, this policy will help maximize seating as well as minimize complaints from audience members about obstruction of view due to cameras and their operators. Please inform your team's parents of this policy to avoid any problems.

We have planned many things for you and your team in order to help the day run smoothly.

Concessions will be offered throughout the day. Pre-order meal forms are included as well, for lunch. Director's, please visit our Director's Lounge for drinks, treats and gifts!

**** NOTE: ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS WILL BE ALLOWED. THOSE ATTEMPTING TO DO SO WILL BE DENIED ENTRANCE INTO THE SCHOOL. PLEASE INFORM ALL PARENTS OR GUESTS FROM YOUR SCHOOL OF THIS. ****

Each team will receive a private classroom to be used as a dressing area. PLEASE keep your area clean and remember no outside food or drink allowed in the building.

We look forward to seeing you on February 28th!

VETERANS MEMORIAL H.S DRESSING ROOM GUIDELINES

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, do not write on boards or take any belongings. Refrain from using the teacher desk area as well.

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

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

*The dressing areas are not secured. Each team is responsible for the care and keeping of personal and team items. The VMHS Patriot Stars, the VMHS Volunteers, and HTEDance cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged items.

NO FOOD OR DRINKS are allowed in the SCHOOL CLASSROOMS or dressing areas. These are classrooms, so please respect the area you are assigned to. Snacks purchased at concession may be eaten in the hallway, lobby or courtyard ONLY. **ANY ROOM FOUND WITH FOOD/DRINKS OR STAINS WILL BE CHARGED A \$125.00 CLEANING FEE!**

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Our Booster club will have a full concession stand for your teams and spectators. Team meal orders will be available for pickup in the cafeteria. Director's please visit the Director's Lounge throughout the day for drinks, snacks and meals.

PLEASE USE TRASH CANS TO THROW OUT ALL ITEMS.

*Clean and clear your dressing area to the best of your ability. This involves picking up all discarded bobby pins, safety pins, trash etc. There will be extra trash bags in each dressing room for your convenience.

*Due to time constraints on the janitorial staff, you will need to **clean and clear your dressing area prior to awards.**

*A cleaning fee of \$125.00 will be charged for each room that is not considered clean and cleared by the custodial staff and myself upon final walk through after the contest. It is imperative that all rooms be left in good condition so that I may continue to offer private dressing areas to our team participants in the future.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please fill out the forms using the links below!

Director Questionnaire

Cleaning Agreement Form

Contact Information

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TEAM MEALS Pre-Order Form

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PLEASE SUBMIT THE GOOGLE FORM BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH!

Link to the google form for Meals

Team Lunch Order Form

MEAL OPTIONS

Lunch beginning at 11:30 am

Chick-fil-A Sandwich Meal (chips, cookie & water) \$10.00

Chick-fil-A 8 count Nugget Meal (chips, cookie & water) \$10.00

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED UPON ARRIVAL.

Meals will not be provided without payment.

Checks made payable to Veterans Memorial HS Patriot Stars.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS MAY BE BROUGHT
INTO THE SCHOOL**

Concession Stand will be provided. We appreciate your support of our
concession stand!



- Please note that the team drop off has changed from previous years.

VMHS Gym Floor for Spacing Reference



***Note: There is a “tan” line between the 3 point blue line and the white line closest to the center.**