



**San Clemente High School Dance Team
2026-2027 Team Informational Meeting
Tuesday, April 21st 2026**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Encore Club, I wish to extend a warm welcome to our organization as we prepare to support our fabulous Dance Team for the 2026-2027 school year. It will be an exciting year with many tremendous growth opportunities for your dancer as well as a lot of fun. As members of the Encore Club, we provide funding and volunteer support to the Team, its Advisor, and Coaches.

The Dance Team is an extraordinary and challenging program that will become a meaningful part of your dancers' high school experience. Your participation in the Encore Club will be a fun and rewarding way for you to stay connected to your dancer during this school year. Over the course of the year, you will have the opportunity to learn about the many different aspects of the Team as well as volunteer your time and talents. Our program is designed so that all parents have a chance to provide behind-the-scenes support in specific areas while working together with other parents. We rely on everyone's participation. The goal of the Encore Club is to involve everyone as much as possible and distribute the workload, with every parent involved in a meaningful way.

This packet is a useful tool for you to refer to when you have a question or are unclear about a policy, the Team timeline, etc. Unlike many sports, which are seasonal, the Dance Team is a year-round team and you will want to review the enclosed materials to really get a sense of what to expect.

Keep in mind that the top priority of our Coaches is to make the time on the Dance Team an amazing experience for each dancer. It is our role to be supportive of their decisions, with the understanding that their focus is to always do the best for the team. With such a tight-knit group, it is important to remain positive and supportive of one another.

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Encore Club 2026-2027

The Encore Club is the parent booster club of the San Clemente High School Dance Team that assists in providing funding and volunteer support to the Team, its Advisor, and Coaches.

Parents and families contribute their time and talent to help raise funds for the Team, work with the Head Coach and Assistant Coach to provide volunteer support throughout the year, and provide manpower for team events.

Encore Club does NOT make decisions on choreography, costumes, performances, competitions or any other elements of curriculum. The role of parents and family members is to be helpful behind-the-scenes and support decisions of the Coaches.

Monthly Meetings

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend monthly meetings to hear from our Head Coach and Advisor about calendar updates and program information, and other Encore Club members regarding fundraising and volunteer support needs. The President, Advisor, and Head Coach make every effort to keep the meetings brief and informative.

Encore Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month year-round, unless otherwise specified.

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

The Encore Club has Board positions, along with a number of opportunities that are designed to suit the many talents of our families. One parent of each dancer is recommended to commit to a position for the year. In addition, families participate in all events by providing manpower and/or donated goods. We are a small organization and one of the keys of our success is strong parent participation.

Costumes

Costumes purchased for competition or concerts are property of the Dance Team unless otherwise specified. Costumes owned by the Team will be returned clean and in good condition by the dancer. If a costume is lost or damaged, the dancer will be responsible to replace the costume. In most cases, costumes to be kept by the Team will be paid for by the Encore Club. In cases where the costumes are to be kept by the dancer, the dancer will be asked to pay.

Concerts

The Dance Team will produce two concerts: Winter 2026 and Spring 2027. Attendance is mandatory for all dancers for all shows. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in a support function.

Other Events

The Dance Team participates in many on-campus events over the course of the school year, including Spirit Assemblies, Football Games, 8th Grade Expo, Basketball Games, and Homecoming. We are looking to perform at a few more SCHS athletic events throughout the school year. We have also been invited to participate in community events such as the Sheriff's Red Ribbon Parade. Parent volunteers may be needed to provide transportation to these events, and are always welcome as fans.

Additional Information

The Dance Team is a year-round commitment on the part of each dancer. Your family's enthusiastic commitment to the Encore Club is what makes it possible to provide such an elite program for our dancers.

Family Fundraising and Target Dates

SCHS Dance Team is fully funded through member donation, no district funding is provided. In order to maintain the current standards and level of accomplishment of the Dance Team, annual and monthly fundraising drives and monthly installments have been created. The fundraising drives and installments are established to ensure a steady cash flow to the team to cover cost of choreography, coaching, costuming, competition entry fees, concert expenses and other associated team costs.

Family Fundraising

Opportunities are available to help each dance team family raise money to achieve their participation donation of the season. Fundraisers currently include: concert program ad sales in the form of business ads and Dancer Dedications, and letter writing/direct donations from businesses or other family members. Direct donations from participant families are always welcome as well.

Events or fundraisers may be added or dropped, as determined by the budget. To provide the same quality program as we currently have, the participation donation for each dancer is \$4500 in installments over 10 months for 2026-2027.

Costs associated with mandatory team activities are covered by family fundraising and team fundraising. Optional fundraising activities will be charged on an activity by activity basis as needed to cover costs. *Note that donations cannot be required for participation in the Dance Team.*

Timing of Family Fundraising

Like many sports, our program's cash demands are heaviest at the beginning of the season and are needed for choreography, costuming, competition entry fees and related expenses to get our season off to a strong start. Therefore, we request that each family donate or fundraise as much as they can as early as possible. Please reach out to the Encore President, or Treasurer, if you have any questions or need help with fundraising. We realize that each family's financial situation is different. Accordingly, attached is an example of the various ways each family might accomplish its fundraising donation. Individual Dance Team Member Suggested Monthly Donation per fundraising drive: June 2026 through March 2027: \$450 per month.

Monthly Donation Target Dates: The first of each month

- Venmo: TBC-Encore
- Mail Check: Encore Treasurer

Each dance team family may use a combination of up-front, monthly donations and personal fundraisers to achieve its annual donation/fundraising. See attached worksheet entitled *Annual Fundraising Examples*.

Team Fundraising

In addition to Family Fundraising, the Team is supported by Team Fundraising events. Dancers are required to participate in team fundraising programs including kids dance clinics, skills workshops, community restaurant “Dine Outs”, Clothing for a Cause collections, product sales, boutiques give backs, and other events sponsored by the Encore Club. Proceeds for team fundraisers go to the team program as a whole and do not count towards an individual dance team member’s fundraising donation.

Soloist Opportunities

Competition soloists will be given the opportunity to audition for a solo for the competition season. They will audition with a 2-minute or less solo along with having an interview with the Coaches. Soloists will then be selected by the Coaches based on exceptional technical ability and character. As this is an optional program, all targeted fundraising/donations must be current and all expenses relating to the solo (choreography, rehearsal time, costuming, and competition entry fees) will be donated by the soloist’s family.

USA Elite Dance Team Camp (4 days - Renaissance Esmeralda Indian Wells)

The United Spirit Association, the organization under which we compete, hosts an elite dance camp each summer that we are invited to attend. This is an optional but strongly encouraged activity, not just because of the opportunity for team bonding, but dancers learn material we will use all season for football games, spirit assemblies, and basketball games. The cost is approximately \$700 per dancer and covers registration, camp instruction, lodging, and food for all 4 days. Amount is subject to change based on team size.

A La Carte Items (Spirit Wear, Transportation, Banquet, Memory Book)

Costs are to be determined in advance of each item and must be donated by each dance family separately. Once the team is selected, team members will receive a Spirit Wear order form for Spirit Wear ordering information. Other items will be communicated to the Team as they become available.

Master Classes

Guest artists are sometimes invited to hold a Master Class for the Team and other dancers in the community during the summer. Donation is typically \$30 per Master Class depending on the guest and their teaching rate. Master Classes are included in dancers’ participation donation.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EXAMPLES					
Fundraising examples 04/2026	Example A	Example B	Example C	Example D	Example E
Personal Donations					
06/01/26	\$450		\$475	\$400	\$2,250
07/01/26	\$450		\$390	\$400	
08/01/26	\$450		\$390	\$400	
09/01/26	\$450		\$390	\$400	
10/01/26	\$450		\$390	\$400	
11/01/26	\$450		\$390	\$400	\$2,250
12/01/26	\$450		\$390	\$400	
01/01/27	\$450		\$390	\$400	
02/01/27	\$450		\$390	\$400	
03/01/27	\$75		\$390	\$475	
Personal Fundraiser					
Auntie May		\$100			
Nellie Neighbor		\$100			
Friends and Family		\$150			
Company Charitable Match		\$375		\$300	
Company Paid Volunteer Hours			\$390		
Letter Writing Campaign					
Granny		\$150			
Generous Relatives		\$375			
Concert Program Ads					
July		\$1375			

August		\$750			
September	\$125	\$1000			
Dancer Dedication (½ page - 2 dedications max)	\$250	\$125	\$125	\$125	
Total Fundraising 2026-2027	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500

Constitution of the State of California

Please note that the Constitution of the State of California requires that we provide a public education to you free of charge. Your right to a free education is for all school/education activities, whether curricular or extracurricular, and whether you get a grade for the activity or class. Subject to certain exceptions, your right to a free public education means that we cannot require you or your family to purchase materials, supplies, equipment, or uniforms for any school activity, nor can we require you or your family to pay security deposits for access, participation, materials, or equipment.

_____ By initialing here, I authorize Encore Club to track donations and funds submitted in my dancer's name and will receive a summary of those items for use in sending acknowledgment thank you's to those supporters as well as monitoring fundraising and donation goals.

Dancer Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

SCHS Dance Team 2026-2027 Tentative Calendar of Events

*Tentative Schedule, Date/Time May Be Subject to Change

May

2025-2026 Spring Concert	May 2nd-3rd	
2026-2027 Dance Team Auditions	May 20-22nd	
2026-2027 Dance Team Announced	May 24th	
2025-2026 First Team Practice	May 26th	4:00-5:30pm
Rose Ceremony	May 26th	5:30-6:00pm
New Parent Meeting	May 26th	6:00-6:30pm

July

USA Officers Camp (26/27 Officers Only)	July 18-19th	TBA
USA Elite Dance Team Camp (Indian Wells)	July 25-28th	TBA

August

SCHS Registration	August 3-4th	
Home Camp (Mandatory)	August 3-7th	9am-5pm
Team Showcase	August 7th	12:30pm-1:30pm
SCHS Dance Family Meet and Greet	TBA	
Team Bonding Event	TBA	
First Day of School/First Practice	August 18th	
Competition Choreography Sessions		

September*

Competition Choreography Sessions

October*

Homecoming Football Game Performance	October 2nd	
Homecoming Parade	October 2nd	
Fall Kids Dance Clinic		
Fall Spirit Assembly		
Football Game Performance		
Red Ribbon Week Parade		
Competition Choreography Sessions		

November*

Team Fundraiser
Fall Skills Clinic

December*

Winter Showcase

January*

Regional Competition Season Begins
Winter Spirit Assembly
Basketball Game Performance

February*

Basketball Game Performance
Regional Competition Season
8th Grade Expo
Dance on Film February 15th
USA Dance Nationals (Anaheim) February 18th-20th

March*

Spring Kids Clinic
Team Bonding Event
School Performances

April*

Skills Clinic/Interest Meeting
Unity Dance Day at SJHHS
Spring Spirit Assembly

May*

Spring Concert
Team Banquet
Auditions

*Encore Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month year-round (unless otherwise specified)

Dance Team Audition Checklist

The SCHS Dance Team audition process will consist of completion of all required paperwork, a short interview with the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, and Advisor, two days of learning audition material, and a formal performance audition in front of a panel of judges. Missing items or incomplete paperwork could uphold or affect your audition consideration.

- I. Day One of Auditions** - Check in will begin at 3:30pm at the SCHS Dance Room. Please bring the following completed items on May 20th, 2026.
 - Dance Team Application
 - Dance Team Code of Conduct
 - Current Unofficial Transcript (contact your Academic Advisor at your school)
 - Current Semester Progress Report (Print from School Loop within one week of interview. Academic GPA must be at least 2.0)
 - Media Usage and Release
 - Athletic Packet/Physical Examination Clearance
 - SCHS Dance Team Applicant Questionnaire
 - Headshot/School Photo
- II. Teacher Recommendations** - Due May 20th, along with all other required paperwork
 - All auditioning dancers are required to have teacher recommendations submitted via google forms prior to May 20th. All new dancers are required to have recommendations from 2 academic teachers and 1 dance teacher. Returning dancers are required to have recommendations from 2 academic teachers other than Mrs. Pekarek (only applicable for SCHS students). Please give your teachers plenty of notice in order to ensure completion of all recommendations. Link for the teacher evaluation: <https://forms.gle/E6zRVhXKY41Ezfig6>
- III. Physical Examination and Clearance** - Due May 20th, along with all other required paperwork
 - All auditioning dancers are required to provide both medical clearance and history of health in order to participate on the Dance Team. Clearance from family doctors or the SCHS Athletic Department (if offered prior to auditions) are accepted. Clearance packets are available on our website (www.schsdanceteam.com/team-forms).
- IV. Audition Breakdown**
 - Wednesday, May 20th
 1. Check-in will begin at 3:30pm at the SCHS Dance Room
 2. Dancers will learn audition material from 4:30-6:30pm
 3. Interviews will be from 6:30-7:30pm. Dancers can leave once they have completed their 5 minute interview with the Coaches.
 - Thursday, May 21st
 1. Learn/Review Audition Material 4pm-7pm
 - Friday, May 22nd
 1. Formal Performance Audition 4pm-7pm - audition time slots assigned

Please arrive on time and ready to dance! Bring both half shoes all audition days. Dancers should be dressed in fitted solid black dance attire (no team/studio wear and no logos). Hair should be in a neat ponytail. No jewelry! Only dancers will be allowed in the dance room during auditions and there will be no photography or videotaping allowed. **Audition results will be posted to schsdanceteam.com on Sunday, May 24.**

If you cannot attend our in person auditions, there is an opportunity to submit a video audition for consideration. All video applicants must submit all paperwork required above along with videos of audition material given in person. Video applicants must inform Coaches of their absence at least one week prior to May 20th in order to receive instructional videos in time. All video submissions will be due and emailed to tritonsdanceteam@gmail.com no later than Thursday, May 21st.

SCHS Dance Team Application

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Current School/Grade: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Current/Previous Dance Experience (Studio/School, Years of Training, Instructor Name)

Ballet: _____

Lyrical/Contemporary: _____

Hip Hop: _____

Jazz: _____

Unique Dance Skills: (Gymnastics/Tumbling, Tap, Musical Theater, Pointe, etc.)

Special Dance Awards: _____

What interests you about being part of the SCHS Dance Team? _____

I hereby give consent for the dancer named above to audition for the SCHS Dance Team for the 2025-2026 school year. I understand there is a risk of injury in all physical activities. To my knowledge, this dancer does not have any injuries or medical conditions that would put them at risk of further injury. I understand that Capistrano Unified School District, SCHS, SCHS Dance Team Encore Club, Coaches, Advisors are not financially responsible in the event of accidents or injury. I hereby give my consent for the SCHS Dance Team to publish photographs or videos taken during auditions. I give my permission to use these items for any promotional materials used by the SCHS Dance Team. I waive my right to inspect or approve any photographs or video, and I release the SCHS Dance Team and Encore Club from all liability which could result from use.

Dancer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

SCHS Dance Team Applicant Questionnaire

This form should be completed only by auditioning dancers. It is due along with the rest of required paperwork at auditions, May 20th. Please answer all questions honestly and to the best of your abilities.

- 1. What do you think it takes to be part of a team?**
- 2. Dancers who are selected to the SCHS Dance Team are only guaranteed to be in two routines during the competition season. How would you feel if you were only selected for two routines during the entirety of the competition season, regardless of grade?**
- 3. What qualities would you bring as a member of the SCHS Dance Team? (Leadership, positivity, inclusivity, professionalism, etc.)**
- 4. In what areas do you feel you can improve as a person and a dancer?**
- 5. If you are selected to the SCHS Dance Team, do you understand that the team requires a large time commitment throughout the school year that always comes before all other outside activities?**
- 6. Social media accounts are a direct reflection of both your character and the SCHS dance team. Any violation of the rules stated in the Code of Conduct, can result in immediate removal from the team or ineligibility to audition or perform. Do you acknowledge and understand this?**

- 7. As a member of the SCHS Dance Team, you are required to maintain a 2.0 GPA in order to audition and remain on the team. Do you understand this requirement, and how would you maintain this?**

- 8. Being on the SCHS Dance Team, there is a possibility of being placed in the back of formations for either competition or school routines regardless of grade. How would you respond to this?**

- 9. Smaller competition routines will require alternates in the event of sickness or injury, what do you think it means to be an alternate and what would you do if you were selected for this position? Do you understand and acknowledge alternates will maintain that position for the entire year?**

- 10. SCHS Dance Team is a team that strives to create a safe, positive, and inclusive environment for all dancers. How would you contribute to this type of environment?**

Dancer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

SCHS Dance Team 2026-2027 Media Usage and Release

I hereby give consent for the SCHS Dance Team and the Encore Club to release and post photographs, videos and name of Dance Team members.

I give my permission to utilize these materials on the SCHS Dance Team website (schsdanceteam.com), Instagram, Tik Tok, newspaper articles, and other promotional materials in both the community and on campus. I waive all right I may have to inspect or approve any photos or videos, and I release the SCHS Dance Team and Encore Club from any liability which could result from use.

Dancer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Athletic Packet and Clearance

The 2026-2027 SCHS Dance Athletic Clearance Packet is available on the SCHS Dance Team website (www.schsdanceteam.com). The packet will be found under the “Forms” tab on the website. You may either choose to see your personal doctor or use the services of the SCHS physicals.

The Athletic Clearance Packet must be completed by a doctor and parent/guardian and submitted with all other required paperwork no later than Wednesday May 20th, 2026.

Dancers will NOT be permitted to audition for the SCHS Dance Team without submitting a completed Athletic Clearance Packet, no exceptions!

SCHS Dance Team 2026-2027 Code of Conduct

This document is designed to outline the rules, obligations, responsibilities, and consequences of all SCHS Dance Team members. The items mentioned in this contract will apply to each dancer equally. This document should be used as a tool throughout the entirety of the school year, should you have any questions or concerns. It is imperative that both students and parents review this contract thoroughly and acknowledge all aspects.

As a SCHS Dance Team member, I acknowledge and agree:

- Maintain a positive attitude during all dance team activities
- Be respectful to the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Advisor, Parents, fellow team members at all times.
- Maintain inclusivity among all team members at all times, creating a safe learning environment for all involved for the team. Probation and/or removal from the team will occur if you participate in or create exclusivity on the team.
- Maintain professionalism at all times as a member of the SCHS Dance Team. This entails all Dance Team activities, on and off campus activity and on social media.
- Arrive to all practices, events, competitions on time and in proper specified attire. Multiple late arrivals and missing supplies will lead to disciplinary action determined by the Head Coach.
- Accept and apply feedback given from all coaches, guest teachers, choreographers, captains, and in some cases fellow team members.
- Wear the appropriate SCHS Dance Team attire designated by the Head Coach to all games, events, competitions, and specific school days when not in costume.
- Remain with the dance team at all events, competitions, and games unless given permission by the Coaches or Advisor. In those cases, you must communicate with the Coaches or Advisor about your whereabouts.

Time Commitment

I understand and agree that Dancers must commit a large time commitment throughout the entire school year. Other outside school activities, social or family events, jobs/studio schedules cannot conflict or interfere with scheduled practices, performances, competitions, fundraising events, or community events. This may also include, but not limited to school field trips, club membership, classes that are scheduled during practice times, and participation in other sports or performance groups. I understand that my attendance and commitment is crucial to the betterment and success of the team. I understand that my attendance is mandatory unless otherwise stated by the Head Coach, which includes the team's Home Camp August 3rd-7th, 2026.

I have read and acknowledged all information outlined on this page:

Dancer: _____ Parent: _____

Academics/Demeanor/Social Media/Dress Code

I understand and agree that in order to keep a position on the SCHS Dance Team, I must maintain an academic GPA of a 2.0 or higher. I understand that I must also maintain work habits of “S” or better. Failure to maintain a GPA of 2.0 for two consecutive semesters will disqualify my position on the team and will make me ineligible to try out for the team the following year.

I understand and agree that creating and maintaining a positive environment is vital to the betterment and success of the team. I will treat every person involved with the SCHS Dance Team with kindness and respect at all times. I will maintain a professional demeanor at all times, as I am an ambassador for myself, my team, and my community. Failure to uphold this standard of behavior will lead to performance probation and/or removal from the team.

I understand and agree that my social media accounts and posts are a direct reflection of both myself and my team. Questionable posts are subject for review by the Coaches and Advisor. Team members will maintain and uphold social media rules set forth by SCHS. Social media accounts include but are not limited to, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tik Tok, Snapchat, etc. I will also not post pictures or videos of any competition dances or costumes during the competition season. Only after nationals, and after SCHS Dance Team posts on social media may I post pictures and videos from competition.

I understand and agree that I must adhere to the Capo District, SCHS, and Dance Team dress code. This includes all practices, competitions, performance events, and community events. All black is required for all practices. Uniformed practices will be determined and communicated by the Coach. During all practices, hair is to be pulled back. No apple watches, and minimal jewelry is recommended (No Hoop Earrings). In case of any outside guests or school administration visiting practice, only tops covering midriff are suggested. Proper ballet attire is expected every Tuesday (black leotard, pink tights, hair in buns, shorts allowed once a month). Dancers will lose participation points if in violation of dress code. During colder months, layers may be worn, however, they must be black or must be taken off after warm-up in order to not lose points. For competition season, hair must be able to be pulled back into a high bun, please no extreme hair styles or unnatural hair colors. All piercings other than ears must be removed for performances and competitions. All competition uniforms will be decided and communicated by the Coach.

I understand and agree that Team Spirit Wear is to be worn only by SCHS Dance Team members. I will not loan any current Team Spirit Wear to any non-member of the SCHS Dance Team at any time. I will not wear any Team Spirit Wear in any personal social media posts that contain inappropriate material.

I understand and agree that if I decide to quit or am dismissed from the team for any reason at any time, that decision will be immediate and final, and will therefore exclude me from all dance team activities and events. There will be no refunds should I be dismissed or quit the team and all material owned by SCHS Dance Team will be returned in good condition.

I have read and acknowledged all information outlined on this page:

Dancer: _____ **Parent:** _____

Attendance

I understand and agree that the practice schedule is subject to change periodically and is flexible, but will include Mondays 2:30-4:30pm; Tuesdays 1:30-4:30pm, 7:30-9pm; Thursdays 1:30-4:00pm; Fridays 3:30-5:30pm. I understand extra practices on evenings and weekends are scheduled prior to competitions and performance events. All extra practices will only be decided and communicated by the Head Coach and will be treated as mandatory. Obligations include various weekend commitments for choreography sessions, concert performances, and competitions.

Seniors will be allowed a maximum of three excused absences from team practices for college visits with no less than 30 days prior notice and with approval by the Head Coach.

Senior Dancers: _____ **Parent:** _____

I understand that all practices, performances, and events are mandatory. Allowable excused absences **only** include illness with fever or vomiting, death of an immediate family member, or AP/IB reviews and tests. **All other absences will be considered unexcused.** Excused absences will require documentation (i.e. doctor's notes) submitted to the Coach and Advisor within 48 hours of absence.

- In the case of injuries or minor illnesses, dancers are still required to be at practice. Dancers are expected to take observation notes on classes/rehearsals. They will note any cleaning and/or changes to competition routines and submit them to Coaches for future reference. Dancers can observe practices in a mask. Injuries and illnesses that need 3 or more days of observation will require a doctor's note.
- During competition season, all practices are mandatory - no exceptions. Any dancers missing practice for an unexcused absence during that time, will lose performance privileges determined by the Coach
- Dancers must submit unexcused absence requests to the Coach at least 30 days prior to absence. Requests made less than 30 days, especially given the day of will result in a team time determined by the Coach. Dancers must specify the reason for the unexcused absence in their request. Untruthfulness in requests can result in disciplinary action determined by the Coach.
- Dancers that have unexcused absences are expected to complete a conditioning circuit each day they will be absent from practice worth half of dancer's daily participation credit. Time-lapse videos of circuits should be submitted to Coaches and Advisor within one week of absence.
- Dancers with excessive unexcused absences or multiple consecutive unexcused absences could result in team times, loss of leadership roles within the team, loss of consideration of leadership roles, and/or suspension of competition/performance privileges.
- Practice schedules will be determined and communicated by the Head Coach. The Coaches reserve the right to call extra practices as often as needed.
- Competition choreography sessions are mandatory for the entirety of the time determined by the Coach. Dancers missing any part of choreography sessions can result in replacement by alternates for the entire year or removed from the routine altogether.
- All appointments such as doctors, dentist, orthodontist, chiropractor, DMV, work, family vacations, or outside studio practices/competitions are considered unexcused absences. Please schedule them for non-practice days.
- Any alternate for smaller competition routines should be ready to step in for any absent team members at any given moment.

I have read and acknowledged all information outlined on this page:

Dancer: _____ **Parent:** _____

Competition Season Expectations

I understand and agree that all competitions are mandatory. I understand the importance of my attendance throughout the school year but especially during the competition season in case of any choreography changes.

- All competition decisions are determined by the Coaches. Decisions include but are not limited to: choosing competition schedule, competition routine divisions, changing competition divisions, dropping competition routines, changing the number of dancers in routines, choreographers, costumes, etc.
- For smaller competition routines, a specified number of dancers are chosen through an audition process by that given choreographer along with the choosing of alternates. In the case of illness or injury, dancers may submit a video audition to be considered for an alternate. These routines are a privilege not a right, and these dancers will have longer rehearsal time than the full team routines.
- In order to audition for smaller competition routines, dancers understand and agree in the possibility of being selected as an alternate and will maintain that position for the entire season. Dancers not willing to be alternates will only be considered for full team routines.
- Alternates will be held to the same attendance policy of all other practices, no expectations will be made. Alternates are vital to the success of any competition routine in the event of illness, injury, etc. Alternates are responsible for learning all spots and parts of every dancer in the given routine and must be ready to stand in at any given point.
- No placement in any competition routine is final. Dancers can be replaced by an alternate dancer at any given point throughout the season if deemed appropriate by the Coaches. Reasons for replacement would be dancers not upholding the responsibilities outlined in the code of conduct such as excessive or consecutive absences, lack of performance quality, disrespectful/negative attitude, lack of work ethic, poor academic performance, not being a good teammate, etc.
- All dancers are required to ride in the team bus to every competition, regardless of the amount of routines each dancer is in. Teammates are not approved drivers to and from events, unless cleared by the Coaches and Advisor prior.

Attendance of Dance Classes/Participation in Competition Teams at Outside Dance Studios

Participation in outside dance studio/competition teams is allowed under the circumstances and understanding that attendance will not conflict or interfere with any SCHS scheduled after school practices, performances, competitions, or fundraising. All participation should be communicated to the Head Coach.

Dancers are encouraged to continue their training outside of practice. Dancers can highly benefit from additional technique or choreography classes should those classes not interfere with practice. During summer, dancers will be required to complete a class card demonstrating their continued training in technique and various dance styles. Class cards will need to be signed off by all teachers and submitted to the Coaches by USA Elite Camp.

I understand and agree that my commitment to the SCHS Dance Team will take priority over all outside activities I may participate in and will be required to come first. I understand that failure to uphold this commitment may result in performance suspensions and/or removal from the team.

I have read and acknowledged all information outlined on this page:

Dancer: _____ **Parent:** _____

Consequences of Rule Infractions

I understand and agree that the inability to adhere to this contract is cause for suspension from competitions, performances, events, and possible removal from the team. I understand and agree that I may be replaced in a routine or put on probation if my academic GPA falls below a 2.0 during a semester or if I have an "F" in any academic class. Warnings are not required before enforcing rules set forth in this contract.

Competition/Performance Suspensions/Removal will be imposed for the following:

- Disrespectful attitudes towards Coaches, Advisor, Captains. Competition Captains, fellow team members, or anyone associated with the SCHS Dance Team
- Unexcused absences from practice, mandatory events or fundraisers, or school
- Excessive absences or tardiness to dance, including multiple consecutive absences
- Unwillingness to cooperate or collaborate with Coaches, Advisor, Captains, fellow team members, or anyone associated with the SCHS Dance Team
- Failure to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in this contract
- Academic GPA falls below 2.0 for one semester or two consecutive semesters
- Failure to complete written assignments, team times, or assigned duties
- Creating exclusivity among dance team members. Intentionally excluding team members out via social media, outside activities, team practices, and team events.
- Accumulation of disciplinary problems
- Repeated disobedience towards the Coaches, Advisor, Captains or any other authority figure.
- Any illegal activity such as, use of tobacco, vaping, drugs, alcohol, etc.

Parent Responsibilities

- Parents are strongly encouraged to volunteer and fundraise with the Encore Club
- Parents understand and agree that Coaches are responsible for all decisions related to all performances, competitions, practice, and all technical matters. Parents will not interfere or undermine decisions made by the Head Coach.
- Parents understand and agree to contribute to the safe, and positive environment put forth by the Coaches and Advisor, including but not limited to the community and social media
- Parents should monitor and encourage their dancer's attendance during the year.
- Parents understand and agree all comments made about the Dance Team, families, team members should always be made with respect and kindness
- Parents understand that you may be asked to volunteer to transport, unload, or assemble props at competitions.
- Parents should maintain open communication and/or address concerns with the Coaches and Advisor at all times. All communication with the Head Coach and Advisor will be through email.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to attend Encore Club meetings and be informed about upcoming events on the BAND app.

We have reviewed all expectations discussed in this document and understand the commitment to the SCHS Dance Team. We will abide by the expectations and rules set forth by the SCHS Dance Team coaching staff and advisor.

Dancer: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent: _____ **Date:** _____