

Bearden Middle School Dance Team

Clinic and Tryouts

April 30th-May 2nd

I. Forms:

All of the following forms must be completed as instructed and returned along with the \$10 clinic fee NO LATER THAN Friday, April 26th, 2019, to Ms. Rush in Room 201 in order to be eligible to participate in dance clinics and tryouts.

FAILURE TO TURN PACKET IN ON TIME WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM CLINIC AND TRYOUTS.

The dance candidate and parent should initial each space to indicate that each of the following forms are completed.

_____ **Form A** – Candidate Information / Application (candidate, please fill out as indicated)

_____ **Form B** – Information Sheet (Candidate and Parent(s), please read)

_____ **Form C** – BMS Dance Merit System (Candidates and Parent(s), please read and sign)

_____ **Form D** – BMS Dance Financial Obligations (Candidates and Parent(s), please read and sign)

_____ **Form E** – BMS Dance Release Form (Parent(s), please complete, read, and sign)

_____ **Form F** – Please provide three core teachers with a copy and have the teacher place the completed form in a sealed envelope with their signature over the seal. Turn these sealed envelopes in along with all other paperwork or have the teacher put it in my mailbox. If three core teachers are not available, related arts teachers or past teachers will suffice.

Please direct all questions to Ms. Rush at Rachel.rush@knoxschools.org.

II. Clinic and Tryouts:

Clinic and tryouts are for candidates only and are closed events for all others. This includes parents/guardians, friends, boyfriends, siblings, etc.

Clinic Information

Clinic will be held in the BMS Commons from Tuesday, April 30th - Wednesday, May 1st from 3:45-5:45 PM.

*There is a \$10 clinic fee that is due by Friday, April 26th, 2019. Clinic fee must be turned in with completed paperwork.

Each candidate must be present, on time, and properly dressed each day. *Proper dress during clinic includes: jazz shoes or socks, shorts, and a form fitting shirt. (No jewelry is to be worn during clinic.)

Tryout Information

Tryouts will take place in the BMS Gym on Thursday, May 3rd 2018. They will begin promptly at 4 PM. The requirements/score cards can be found on the BMS website.

*Candidates need to wear black shorts or pants, a form fitting top, and jazz shoes or socks for tryouts.

***Dance clinics and tryouts are closed events. No one will be allowed to watch these events except for candidates, judges, assistants, and the coach. Anyone trying to intrude on events will be escorted out of the event and could impact your candidate's final scores for failure to follow information and directions given.**

III. Health Physicals

All candidates must have a current (dated after April 15, 2019) physical to turn in as a part of this packet prior to tryouts. The parent or guardian must have secured a physical from the candidate's physician prior to tryouts. Physical forms are available in the back of this packet (or as a separate file if downloaded online). An acceptable physical is one that is dated after April 15, 2019, and must be for this season (2019-2020). Ms. Rush must have a copy of the most current physical on file the first day of clinics or the candidate will not be able to participate/try out.

Dancer's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Form A – Candidate Information/Application

This must be turned in with other forms no later than Friday, April 26th.

Dancer Contact Information:

Name _____ Birthdate _____ 2019-2020 Grade Level _____

Street Address _____ City/State/Zip Code _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

School and Personal E-mail _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s)

Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Parent(s) Daytime Phone Numbers _____

Parent(s) Evening Phone Numbers _____

Parent(s) Cell Phone Numbers _____

Parent(s) E-mail address(es) _____

Form B - INFORMATION/CONTRACT SHEET

Bearden Middle School

This contract is to be read, signed, and followed by both the dancer and all guardians of said dancer.

Purpose

The purpose of the Bearden Middle School Dance Team is to show the true spirit of loyalty and sportsmanship for Bearden Middle School through a positive display of team support at basketball games. This includes an athletic commitment to strive to reach full potential at all times and never holding back one's teammates for personal agendas.

Dancer Organization

A team is selected based on tryout scores. The dance team will be responsible for dancing during home basketball games, as well as participating in any competitions, fundraisers, and events the coach chooses to participate in.

Behavior

A dancer is a school representative and must uphold the high standards of Bearden Middle School. Please be aware that while dancers are participating in activities related to their role as a Bearden Middle School dancer, they are governed by the Knox County Schools Student Code of Conduct. A dancer should never conduct herself/himself in a manner that would be disrespectful of herself/himself or would reflect negatively upon the other members of the team, coach, school, or school system. Should it become necessary for a dancer to have disciplinary action taken against her at school, be certain that appropriate consequences will be given by the coaches. (Please see demerit system.)

DISMISSAL – Dancers may be dismissed from the team at the discretion of the coach/principal for such actions deemed inappropriate for people who have been selected as leaders of their school and community or for actions which are deemed as destructive to the development of the team. Such actions would include, but are not limited to: violation of the KCS Student Code of Conduct (smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, use of drugs, inappropriate conduct with members of the opposite sex); ANY public behavior that would reflect badly on the team, the student body, or the school. Any dancer receiving out-of-school suspension will be dismissed. Dancers will also be dismissed upon the accumulation of 20 demerits. *See the Demerit System form below.

Time Requirement

All dancers are required to attend all official BMS dance activities, functions, events, practices, competitions, and games. They are to be on time, arrive prepared, and properly dressed as specified by the coach.

A dancer must be at school for the entire day on game day in order to dance that night. Dancers who have an unexcused tardy to school on the morning following a game will be required to sit out the next game, but may be asked to perform should the success of the performance depend upon their participation.

Practices will begin during the summer. We will have a summer camp to learn our dances. *Dates for camp will be announced after tryouts.

Practices during the school year will occur on Tuesdays from 3:45-5:30. This may increase throughout the school year as a need is seen. Please understand the value of these practices. Special practices may be called, attendance is required if at least 24 hours notice is given. Practice attendance is mandatory and absences will accumulate demerits. Failure to attend practice FOR ANY REASON will result in sitting out the following game. The only exceptions afforded will be consideration of commitments required for academic credit (for example, a band concert) or family emergency (such as a death or hospital admittance of an immediate family member).

Academics

Because academics are our top priority at Bearden Middle School, team members are expected to maintain high academic standards. If your grade falls below a "C" IN ANY SUBJECT, a suspension will be instituted until the grade has reached expectation. The suspended dancer will use this time to concentrate on school work. If qualifying improvement is achieved, the dancer may be reinstated. If the grade is not raised significantly within a reasonable amount of time, suspended dancer will cease to be a part of the dance team.

Attitude

It is imperative when dealing with faculty, staff, other students, and the public that each dance works diligently at maintaining a pleasant and positive attitude. Being rude and disrespectful to anyone, insubordinate, using foul or crude language or gestures will not be tolerated and is grounds for immediate dismissal.

The coach will conduct practices. Please remember that the coach is in charge of making decisions concerning practice dates/times, routines, performances, and other activities. The coach will be open to suggestions by squad members, but the final decision ultimately remains in the coach's hands. Captains will have the responsibility of leading portions of practice.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Conduct/Ethics Parents

It is our mission to work with you to provide a fun and exciting experience for your daughter, however, this does require that all of our rules are followed and that I, as the coach, must be a disciplinarian at times. If you have a problem at any time, please email your concerns to the coaches and allow a proper amount of time for a response.

This will be the only way that concerns are addressed. Concerns that are brought up during practices, ball games, competitions, events, text messages, phone calls, etc. will be deferred to an email to provide for proper documentation. Thank you for your cooperation.

Uniform Care

All dancers will be given specific instruction for uniform care upon making the team. Any loss or damage to the uniform is the financial responsibility of the person to purchase a new uniform. Dancers are to never wear the uniform in an unofficial capacity. When dancers are in uniform, they are to be in FULL UNIFORM. (We are very particular with regard to this policy.) When in uniform, no undergarments are to be shown, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Fundraising and Costs Involved

We will hold some fundraising activities, although they are generally very minimal as most costs are due at the very beginning of the season. All dancers are expected to participate, with parental support when a fundraiser occurs. Fundraising money earned from these types of events will go to the general fund to supply uniforms, awards, and items used by the team as a whole unless noted otherwise. Please see Budgetary Commitment page for further information.

Good Health

All sports physicals for dancers must remain current. A sports' physical is good for one calendar year, however as soon as it expires the dancer must cease participation. Should a dancer's current physical expire, all physical activity related to dancing will be suspended until proof of a current physical is provided. If a dancer is temporarily injured and cannot dance, the dancer must continue to participate in other dance activities and be present at all practices. A doctor's note will be required. If the injury is serious enough to impede performance for a significant amount of time, an alternate may be chosen.

Resignation

If a member chooses to forfeit his/her position on the team, he/she must submit a letter to the coach stating they are resigning from the team, the date they are resigning, and why they are resigning from the team. The letter must include the team member's signature and parent/guardian signature. It is important to make a decision now about if you are willing to commit. If one quits at any point through the year, they have taken the spot of someone else that would have eagerly taken that position on the team. I stress this now in hopes that everyone will realize the time and duty commitment that is required for being a dancer.

Protocol Statement

If a dancer or parent has a concern that needs to be addressed there is a hierarchy of protocol that needs to be followed. The first contact should be made to the coach via written notification in an email to Rachel.rush@knoxschools.org. If the concern has still not been addressed after contact with the coach, the next contact is the athletic director, David Bailey, at David.bailey@knoxschools.org. If additional intervention is required after contacting the coach and athletic director, then the parent/guardian will need to contact the school principal. Failure to follow this protocol will result in a dancer being dismissed immediately.

Transportation

The dance team member is responsible for transportation to and from practices/games/events/etc. No dance team member is allowed to ride in the coach's vehicle unless the parent is also present in the car.

Social Media

Posting inappropriate items on ANY social media site/app is unacceptable. *The coach will be the one to decide what is appropriate or not. If this rule is broken, it will result in being suspended from the next game.

Dancer Candidate Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Form C – BEARDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE DEMERIT SYSTEM

This will be strictly adhered to. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.

An accumulation of 20 demerits will lead to IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT DISMISSAL from the dance team. This system will be in effect for the entire time that the dancer is a member of the BMS Dance Team.

3 Absence from practice without a doctor's excuse or coach pre-approval NOTE: Telling a coach you will be absent does not guarantee it is excused.

3 Not completing or participating in assigned team duties

3 Late for the game, practice, or event

5 Unsafe behavior during a game, practice, and/or event

5 Being sent to the office (+5 more for EACH day, if this results in In-School Suspension or detention)

5 Inappropriate behavior or bad sportsmanship during a game, practice, and/or event

5 Forgetting pom poms (game/ practice/ camp/ any other time they are specified)

5 Wearing any part of the uniform in an unofficial capacity

5 Not wearing any/ all designated parts of uniform to an activity

10 Absence from a game without doctor's excuse and/or coach pre-approval

10 Misrepresenting your excuse for being late/ absent for any scheduled activity

10 Disrespect/ Defiance shown toward any faculty/ staff member, guests, adults, and/or teammates

Other circumstances not mentioned are up to the discretion of the coach.

I understand the guidelines that will be expected to be followed as a Bearden Middle School Dance team member and the consequences to face if unable to abide by the guidelines. Decisions made by the coaches/ administration based on these guidelines will be accepted.

Candidate Name: _____

Candidate Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____

FORM D - FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The following is an estimate of expected expenses. The full amount of money that is due at designated deadlines must be paid in full. This means the dancer's parent/guardian is expected to make payments on the payment deadlines for merchandise, camp, classes/practices, and any other expenses that may arise.

Choreography/Summer Camp: \$275

Summer camp dates and times will be announced.

Items that must be paid for by parents/guardians: *Please note the following is an estimate* We will have fundraising opportunities to help with these costs.

Uniforms- \$100-\$150.

Warm-Ups and Shoes- \$150-\$175

Games- Free for dancers

Additional Costs- TBA (No more than \$100)

I, the parent/guardian of BMS dancer/candidate have reviewed the following financial obligations and understand that it is my/our, the parent's/guardian's, responsibility to pay the full amount due at set deadlines. Failure to do so will result in not receiving merchandise and/or dancer dismissal from team. Also, should the dancer be dismissed from the team for any reason or quit the team for any reason at any time, no refunds will not be given. I understand that once purchased, the items are final sales and will not be eligible to be returned for a refund.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
Dancer's Signature _____ Date _____

Form E - Dancer Release Form

The following individual(s) are those that may check my child out at the end of the game, practice, any dance event and provide transportation for my child after aforementioned check-out. If an individual is not listed on this form, I understand that my child will NOT be released into their care. Once my child has been checked out to this individual, I waive all liability from the coach, administration, Bearden Middle School, and other affiliates.

Name of Individual _____
Relationship to dancer _____
Contact Information _____

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Form F - CONFIDENTIAL Teacher Recommendation Score Sheet

_____ is a candidate for the 2018-2019 Bearden Middle School Dance Team. Dancers represent our school and community in several capacities, therefore it is important to choose members of the team based on ability, academic performance, and quality of character. Please complete this recommendation form based on his / her performance in your class. Thank you for your help!!! Please return to the candidate no later than April 25th, 2019. Thank you in advance for your time. Respectfully, Rachel Rush- Dance Coach

Please rate the candidate in the following areas using the following scale: 1=never, 3=rarely, 5=sometimes, 7=often, 10=always

The above mentioned candidate...

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| 1. Displays a positive attitude towards the teacher: | 1 3 5 7 10 |
| 2. Displays a positive attitude towards classmates: | 1 3 5 7 10 |
| 3. Completes assignments on time: | 1 3 5 7 10 |
| 4. Follows directions/instructions: | 1 3 5 7 10 |
| 5. Is on time to class: | 1 3 5 7 10 |
| 6. Works diligently to accomplish goals and objectives set for the class: | 1 3 5 7 10 |
| 7. Follows classroom rules as well as the rules in the KCS Code of Conduct: | 1 3 5 7 10 |
| 8. Is respectful to self and others: | 1 3 5 7 10 |
| 9. Works cooperatively with peers: | 1 3 5 7 10 |

Please choose one:

_____ I DO recommend this candidate to represent BMS as a member of the 2018-2019 Bearden Middle School Dance Team.

_____ I Do Not recommend this candidate to represent BMS as a member of the 2018-2019 Bearden Middle School Dance Team.

Signature_____Date_____

Additional comments may be written on the back and are very welcome.

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