

## 2021-2022 Murphy High School Dance Team Membership Contract

Purpose of Murphy High School Dance Team:

Murphy High School Dance Team serves as an ambassador to Murphy High School and the greater Mobile, AL community for Murphy High School and provides a well-rounded learning experience for young professionals through sharing, creating, competing, and performing dance. Members of the Murphy High School Dance Team will work towards consistent harmony with team management and administration, other athletic teams, and other Murphy and non-Murphy clubs and organizations.

### **ELIGIBILITY for MEMBERSHIP:**

1. All candidates must adhere to the purpose of the Murphy High School Dance Team.
2. Each candidate must be neatly presented and medically fit as deemed by a doctor, the Murphy High School principal, and the dance team coach, Mrs. Strada. If under 18 years old, the candidate must provide parent permission. A yearly physical must be on file with the director.
3. Each candidate must be in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade at Murphy High School for the 2021-2022 school year. Each candidate is eligible regardless of race, culture, ethnic background, gender, and/or religious background for the Murphy High School Dance Team.
4. Each candidate must support the Murphy High School Dance Team above all other teams.
5. Acceptance of a candidate shall be based on dance ability, returned on time and completed Murphy High School Dance Team Packet, good academic standing, the dance team coach's agreement, candidate acceptance of the class and performance rules, and without prejudice of race, creed, or color.

### **PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS:**

1. The entire team will audition 3 days prior to any type of performance. Placement on the football field, pep rally stage, basketball court, competition stage, or any other type of public/student body performance are **NOT** guaranteed.
2. The entire team is required to attend and perform at summer dance team camp, home pep rallies, two football game pre-shows, school or Mobile community promotions, school recruitments, fundraisers, community and charity events.

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**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. All dancers will attend all practices and/or events unless pre-approved by the Murphy High School dance director/coach, Mrs. Strada and school administration. Unexcused absenteeism of 3 or more classes per quarter (Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sept, Oct-Dec) will result in loss of privilege to perform but will remain in the dance class to finish the semester.
2. Excessive excused absences (including doctors and class tardiness) will affect performance time.
3. If a dancer becomes truant during the school year, performance opportunities will be affected as will your grade for the class.
4. Dance/choreography camp and summer boot camp: all dancers are required to attend. Times and locations are to be announced in MHS Dance Team Packet.
5. If any other activities or opportunities are chosen by the director/coach, the director/coach shall decide if the event is mandatory or optional. Reasonable notice of all such activities/opportunities will be given for mandatory events and as early as possible for others.
6. If a dancer is involved in other school related activities such as Mobile Azalea Trail Maids, Distinguished Young Women, soccer, softball, tennis, track, etc. dancer must give the dance director/coach, Mrs. Strada, at least one week of notice of schedule conflicts. Schedules should be given to Mrs. Strada as soon as they become available.

**FINANACIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Transportation: parents/guardians are responsible for transporting dancers to any performance/workshop/dance camp event outside of school hours and/or off campus.
2. Dancers will provide their own refreshments when not provided by the coach or event organizers.
3. A break down of all required purchases will be presented at the beginning of each try out season.
4. All accounts must have a \$0 balance at the end of a performance year before a student can try-out for the next season.

**SELECTION OF TEAM LEADERS AND OTHER OFFICERS:**

1. The Murphy High School Dance Team will have team leaders chosen by the director, school administration and outgoing seniors based on conduct, academics, work ethic, and experience.

2. Team leader positions to be filled can include but are not limited to: Captain, Co-captain, Lieutenants, Group Leaders, Campus Representatives, Promotion Leader, etc.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DANCE TEAM COACH/DIRECTOR:**

The Director is responsible for:

1. Ensuring that team members are safe, that First Aid is available, and that the emergency contact list is kept up to date and present at all times.
2. Organizing, arranging, and implementing training schedule, equipment, training facilities, travel, and performance and non-performance events.

### **DUTIES OF TEAM LEADERS:**

1. Set an example to the rest of the squad by following the rules and regulations of the Murphy High School Dance Team. The Team Leaders will set an example by doing more than their share.
2. Be in class on time.
3. Assist in setting sideline routines and stand dances to be used at games and events.
4. Act as a peacemaker in case of disagreements.
5. Show no partiality within the squad.
6. In the event the Team Leaders are not able to perform his/her duties, the director will choose another dancer to perform those duties.

### **PRACTICE SCHEDULE:**

1. Will be set by coach Strada.
2. Most all practices will take place during school during dance class time. Performance weeks after school rehearsals are subject to occur based on readiness of the team. If after school rehearsals must occur, it will be the afternoon before the day of performance from 2:45 to 4:00 PM. Absences are only validated by Coach Strada or Murphy High School administration. **(Please note- doctor's appointments for anything other than immediate illnesses should be made at times other than class and rehearsals).**

### **UNIFORMS & PRACTICE WEAR:**

1. Murphy Dance Team Jacket (1), Performance tank (1), Performance Basketball Jersey (1), performance leggings (1), performance joggers (1), practice leotard (1), sneakers (1 pair), jazz shoes (1 pair), Murphy dance team backpack (1) will be purchased by the dancer. T-Shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies will be available to order.
2. Only official dance team jacket may be worn over uniform.
3. Dancers in uniform or wearing any item of team identification must always conduct themselves in a professional, positive manner becoming to a Murphy High School Dance Team Dancer.

### **APPEARANCE:**

1. For safety reasons, jewelry or watches will not be worn during performances- performance earrings/studs are the only jewelry allowed.
2. Dance outfits must always be kept immaculately clean.
3. Performance make-up will be decided per event.
4. All hairstyles must be neat and secured out of the face, to not need attention while performing. Styles will be determined per performance.
5. Panther Dancers, members of the Murphy High School Dance Team, must always look their best, whether in full dress or for academic classroom.

### **CONDUCT:**

1. Dancers are required to maintain and uphold the reputation of the Murphy High School Panther Dance Team through their own conduct and team spirit.
2. Members are required to be courteous, polite, friendly, open-minded, and helpful to anyone no matter race, gender, or religion.

### **FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES:**

1. All dancers will participate in all fundraising project as needed. The money raised will be used to fund additional agreed expenses during the year such as extra items or equipment. Donations to, and fund raising for, Murphy High School Panther Dance Team or charity projects may be conducted as agreed by the squad and coach.
2. All fundraising activities will be approved by the Murphy High School Dance Team Coach, MHS administration.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION:**

1. All panther dancers must adhere to Murphy High School rules and regulations.

2. It shall be team policy that disciplinary action (removal from team) will only be invoked as a last resort, and that every reasonable attempt will be made to avoid situations likely to lead to such action through squad discussion and positive encouragement, by example, and finding ways and means to correct negative trends.
3. A dancer may be suspended from games/events for the following reasons: unexcused absence, excessive absence or tardiness, failure to cooperate with dance director, or has a D in any subject for which dancer is currently enrolled in, or failure to abide by team rules and regulations.
  - a. REMINDER- this is also a class, therefore a grade. Suspension of performance time will lead to a grade of 0 for the event.
4. A dancer may be dismissed from the team for the following reasons: excessive and irreconcilable disruptive influence of the team, conduct likely to bring the team reputation into disrepute (such as use of alcohol or drugs), pregnancy, and as otherwise deemed necessary by dance team coach.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

1. The director has the right to monitor all social networking sites including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, Snap Chat, Tic Tok, etc.
2. Dancers are to conduct themselves as representatives of Murphy High School on social networking sites. Inappropriate language, pictures and other content will not be tolerated.
3. Cyber bullying will not be tolerated. Any dancer suspected of or found guilty of cyber bullying will be terminated from the team without reservation.
4. Choreography will not be posted on any online forum until after the event has occurred.

\*If a dancer gets an office referral at any time, it will be discussed by the coach and school administration as to whether they will still be able to stay on the team. Conduct that is inappropriate of as a member of the Murphy High School dance team will not be tolerated. The dance director and administration will determine consequences.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understood the 2021-2022 Murphy High School Dance Team Contract and agree to abide by the rules set forth by it.

MHS Panther Dancer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MHS Dance Team Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_