

Baker High School
2020-2021

Dance Team

Audition Packet

Audition Prep Clinic

Wednesday March 4th 3:30-5:00pm
Baker Dance Room (306 back of Gym)
Cost: \$5.00

The BDT prep clinic is designed to help dancers gain information prior to auditions. Jazz, hip-hop, and kick line skills will be emphasized through progressions and center work. A short routine will be also be taught, and performance expectations will be explained. Candidates may ask questions to graduating BDT members and Mrs. Kylie, and the audition process will be explained.

You may register and pay at the door on March 4th.
Please wear appropriate dance attire and shoes.

2020-2021 Baker Dance Team Auditions

Wednesday March 18th , Thursday March 19^h , and Friday March 20th
3:30pm-5:30pm
Baker Gym
Cost: \$20.00

Completed application packets are due to Mrs. Kylie Williamson
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MARCH 13th

All items, including audition application, current physical, \$20 fee, and a copy of a current progress report or most recent report card must be turned in to Mrs. Kylie Williamson in a sealed envelope with your name on the outside. *You may pay your audition fee online using the link provided (see instructions). Students currently at Baker should turn in their packets to Mrs. Williamson in room 306 during 3rd block only (located in the back of the gym). Students not currently at Baker may drop their completed packets off to the Baker front office, or mail to Baker High School

(Attn: Kylie Williamson 8901 Airport Blvd. Mobile, AL 36608).

Teachers should turn in candidate's recommendation letters directly to Mrs. Williamson and should be confidential.

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Eligibility Requirements:

1. Potential candidates must have a "C" average for one semester prior to auditions. Furthermore, potential candidates must not receive an "E" or an "Incomplete" as a semester grade in any subject for one semester prior to auditions.
2. Potential candidates will not be permitted to audition if they have been placed in retraction more than once during the current school year.
3. Potential candidates will not be permitted to audition if they have been suspended from school during the current school year.
4. If a potential candidate is injured or lives out of state at the time of auditions and will attend Baker High School for the upcoming school year, a video audition may be used to document the required skills and technique. A panel of judges will evaluate the dancers video performance and score accordingly.
 - a. For injured candidates, the video must have been filmed within the last calendar year and the material in the video must clearly represent similar skills and technical elements equivalent to the audition material.
 - b. For out of state candidates, videos of the audition material will be provided for you to perform and record your own video. *Arrangements must be made with Coach Kylie at least one week prior to the first day of auditions. Your video must be available for the judges to watch on the last day of auditions (Friday March 20th).
5. Candidates must attend all 3 days of auditions and turn in the following to be eligible for auditions:
 - a. Audition Application
 - b. Current Physical
 - c. \$20.00 Fee (non-refundable/cash or check made to Baker Dance Team)
 - d. Copy of a current progress report or latest report card
 - e. New Candidates Only: 2 letters of recommendation: one from a current or recent dance teacher, and one from an academic teacher (must be a teacher from the 2019-2020 school year).
 - i. You must give your teachers the forms attached in this packet and they must submit them to me directly, you may not turn these in yourself, they must be confidential.
 - ii. Returning BDT members will not turn in 2 recommendation letters. They will have individual interviews with Mrs. Kylie.
 - f. Returning Candidates Only: you must participate in a 5 minute interview with Mrs. Williamson, which will reflect on your performance, grades, work ethic, and level of commitment from the previous season.

What to Wear:

Prep Clinic: any dance appropriate attire, bring jazz shoes and tennis shoes

Auditions: solid black tops & bottoms (no logos or writing on clothing), jazz shoes, tennis shoes

*No crop/bra tops and no shorts without tights

*Hair should be worn neatly off face

*This attire should be worn for all 3 days of auditions

*Performance makeup suggested for Friday's audition

What to Expect

Prior to auditions you should be able to perform the following technical skills on the right and left:

Grande Jete/Saut de chat

Leap In Second

Surprise Leap

Reverse Leap

Switch Arabesque

Calypso

Turning Disc

Multiple Pirouettes

A la seconde Turns

Along with technical elements, dancers should be well rounded performers in jazz and hip-hop styles. Performance qualities such as facial expression and projection are highly important, as well as flexibility, memorization, rhythm, strength and stamina, and overall execution of movement.

Candidates will be evaluated on a maximum of 3 progressions and 3 routines.

Progressions may include any of the technical elements listed above. The three routines will be in the styles of Pom/Kick, Jazz, and Hip Hop. All progressions and routines will be performed in front of a panel of judges on Friday March 20th.

Audition Schedule

Wednesday March 18th

3:00-3:30pm - Arrive early to check in, receive audition number, and warm up

3:30-4:00pm - Jazz Technique Progressions

4:00-4:30pm - Pom/Kick Routine

4:30-5:00pm - Learn Jazz routine

5:00-5:30pm - Learn Hip Hop routine

Thursday March 19th

3:00-3:30pm - Arrive early to check in, receive audition number, and warm up

3:30-3:45pm - Review Jazz progressions/mock auditions

3:45-4:15pm - Review Pom/Kick routine

4:00-4:30pm - Review Jazz routine

4:30-5:00pm - Review Hip Hop routine

5:00-5:30pm - Mock Auditions

Friday March 20th

3:00-3:30pm - Arrive early to check in, receive audition number, and warm up

3:30-until finished - 2020-2021 BDT Auditions

*Call backs may be used if the judges wish to see a dancer again to eliminate a tie or a large gap in scores. Judges may request to see any material again. All candidates are required to stay until auditions are complete. The names of the 2020-2021 Baker Dance Team will be posted no later than 9pm on Friday March 20th on the Baker website and the Baker Dance Team Facebook page.

If you are selected for the team...

Dancers who are chosen for the 2020-2021 Baker High School Dance Team should expect to begin practice and workouts in April/May, attend camp in June, attend mandatory practices and workouts throughout the summer, attend 1 week of choreography camp to learn the halftime show at the end of July, and attend 1 week of full marching band camp at the end of July.

During the Fall semester, dance team members are enrolled in a class with Mrs. Williamson to rehearse during school and are required to attend full band rehearsal on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3pm-5pm. The dance team performs at school pep rallies, and with the Pride of Baker Marching Band at all Hornets Football games, in the Dawes Christmas parade, and several Mardi Gras parades.

Everything listed above is mandatory unless otherwise approved by Mrs. Williamson.

Being a member of the Baker Dance Team is not only a huge time commitment but also a large financial commitment. Dancers who are chosen for the team will be required to make a \$200 payment at the dancer/parent meeting on **Monday March 23rd at 6:00pm**. Fees will be divided into smaller payments beginning in April and must be paid in full by September. Several fundraising opportunities are provided to ease the burden of paying this large amount. Fees will be approximately \$1,500 for the Fall season. More details will be given at the meeting. All 2020-2021 dance team members and at least one parent is required to attend the meeting.

The Baker Dance Team will also attend a regionals competition in January and a nationals competition in February. Additional fundraising opportunities will be available to assist with the costs of these trips. Participation in competitions is not mandatory, but highly suggested. Dance Team members who will compete in Jan/Feb may be placed in a class with Mrs. Williamson in the spring semester. Additional (after school and weekend) rehearsal time will be necessary and all dancers are expected to attend.

Please email any questions to Coach Kylie Williamson at kwilliamson2@mcpss.com

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Audition Application

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Current School _____

Your Cell Phone # _____

Your Email Address _____

Parent(s) Names _____

Parent Phone # _____

Parent Email Address _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone # _____

Why do you want to be a member of the Baker Dance Team?

What are your other hobbies/interests besides dance?

Candidate Checklist: (please leave blank - Mrs. Williamson's use only)

_____ \$20 Fee

_____ Copy of Physical

_____ Copy of progress report/report card

_____ 2 Letters of Recommendation (new candidates only)

Online Payment Instructions:

<https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/56043> (click pay for BHS Dance)

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Letter of Recommendation Request

Academic Teacher

_____ (Baker Dance Team Candidate) would like to request a letter of recommendation from you. Please provide insight about this candidate's overall performance in the classroom, work ethic, behavior, and any other information regarding their potential status as a member of the Baker Dance Team.

Thank you for your help in selecting the
2020-2021 Baker High School Dance Team.

Please email your recommendation to:
kwilliamson2@mcpss.com by Friday March 13th

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Letter of Recommendation Request

Current Dance Teacher

_____ (Baker Dance Team Candidate) would like to request a letter of recommendation from you. Please provide insight about this candidate's level of dance technique, strengths/weaknesses, work ethic, behavior, commitment, and any other information regarding their potential status as a member of the Baker Dance Team.

Thank you for your help in selecting the
2019-2020 Baker High School Dance Team.

Please email your recommendation to:
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