



McKinney Independent School District



## Online MISD Dance/Drill Team Tryouts

During these unprecedented times, we must be flexible and do business in ways we may not usually do. We recognize the discomfort that uncertainty can cause, and are seeking to provide some clarity in an uncertain time. Our district, and the state, is ensuring the safety of our students by providing educational opportunities at a distance. In keeping with that practice, we will be having our Dance/Drill team auditions online this year. **The purpose for proceeding with tryouts via online is to ensure that we are able to appropriately plan for our teams next year by ordering items, organizing summer events and procuring choreographers for specific numbers on our teams. By ensuring we have our team selected in April, it allows us adequate time to order items and plan so that our teams can operate with success and ease in the 2020-2021 school year. We hope to celebrate our new teams in school at the end of this academic year. While this different procedure can produce some trepidation, the opportunity that it provides has definite benefits. The MISD dance team feels that this is a necessary action to ensure that our 2020-2021 dance teams are able to start the year organized, excited and ready for a dance year that will be the best yet. The benefit for a student who is auditioning is that you choose the best video of each dance to submit. Below is the process that we will follow this year.**

*(For visual learners, there is a video for your reference as well)*

**STEP ONE:** Email the director of the school that you are auditioning for to enter the audition process.

- Within the email include in the subject line your name and 2020-2021 line tryouts
- The email address that you should email is found below.  
MHS- Amy Neely- [aneely@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:aneely@mckinneyisd.net)  
MBHS- Caris Dunn- [cadunn@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:cadunn@mckinneyisd.net)  
MNHS- Audrey Martin- [aumartin@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:aumartin@mckinneyisd.net)
- The body of your message should contain your name, your current grade in school and your student ID number.
- If you have not yet scanned and submitted your proof of residency or your birth certificate, you must do so at this time and attach to this email.
- **MAKE SURE THAT THE EMAIL ADDRESS THAT YOU SEND FROM IS THE EMAIL ADDRESS THAT YOU WISH FOR THE DIRECTOR TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AT.**

**STEP TWO:** Look for an email from the director of the school that you are auditioning for.

- Please allow 24 hours for the director to email you in return.
- Within the email that you receive from the director you will obtain a link for a folder on google drive to upload your videos. This email will be sent to the address from which you sent your name and ID number.

- **If you do not receive an email from the director within 24 hours of sending your initial email, make sure that you reach out to that director via email again.**

**STEP THREE:** Practice and video your school's tryout dances and splits.

- Make sure to obtain as much space as possible to do the dances. We understand that space may be limited, but the more space you have the more you will be able to show the judges what you have.
- You are welcome to utilize your school laptop or another device to ensure that your dance is completely captured.
- You may consider asking an adult to video you to ensure that the camera moves where you move, if you go off of the screen it will be difficult to score you on that portion.
- Please wear all black form-fitting dance attire and appropriate dance shoes. If you are unable to obtain all black dance attire, we will not reduce the points. Please keep in mind that, like an interview, you want to video the best version of you possible.
- All of the schools will have methods for you to get feedback virtually on technical elements, questions on choreography and help from the teachers/veterans prior to the video submission deadline. This information will be on the drill/dance team websites.
- Please upload three separate videos to the link that your director emailed you.
- Please label each video with your name and the style of dance. EX: Amy Neely jazz tryout, Amy Neely kick tryout, Amy Neely splits tryout.
- **For practice information and videos of dances, refer to your school's webpages found below...**

MHS- [www.mckinneymarquettes.com](http://www.mckinneymarquettes.com)

MBHS- [www.boydbailadoras.com](http://www.boydbailadoras.com)

MNHS- [www.mckinneynorthstars.weebly.com](http://www.mckinneynorthstars.weebly.com)

**STEP FOUR:** UPLOAD YOUR VIDEOS TO THE LINK PROVIDED BY YOUR DIRECTOR VIA EMAIL

- All video submissions are due to the links by April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 am.
- Please plan to submit videos no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> to allow yourself a cushion of time, submission earlier is highly recommended.
- You will receive an email from your director within 24 hours of their receipt of your submission. (Keep in mind that uploading videos can take time, so please be patient).
- If you are utilizing another means than imovie, photobooth etc., that is ok. However, make sure they are labeled correctly with your name and the routine that you are doing to the link sent to you.
- The recommended ways to video are photobooth on macbooks, imovie on macbooks or another device and method that you upload to youtube. If you make three separate videos that you upload to youtube and plan to send three separate links, that will be ok. However, please make clear which youtube link is attached to each type of dance (i.e.

kick, jazz, splits). You will also need to make sure that your videos are able to be watched by the judges and directors. You will need to ensure that permissions are set appropriately so that those with the link are able to view.

- **If there is difficulty viewing your video, prepare for your directors to contact you via email. Check your email regularly.**

## **STEP FIVE: RESULTS**

- Each school will have three judges, just as they would have had if tryouts were in real time.
- The judges will view the videos and score them appropriately.
- The directors will be able to advocate for dancers.
- After the judges have watched all submissions and scored all candidates, they will submit their scores to the directors. The three judges scores will be calculated together. The natural break in scores will determine the candidates selected for varsity and junior varsity.
- **The results of the auditions will be posted on each teams' respective website by 3:00 pm on April 10<sup>th</sup> to ensure that time is given for the judges to assess each candidate, for directors to appropriately advocate for candidates and for calculations to occur.**

We are truly thrilled to get to see your fabulous dancing, we miss our students terribly. We are excited to see you virtually show off your talent. If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact your school's dance director. Happy dancing!

Amy Neely- MHS Dance Director

Caris Dunn- MBHS Dance Director

Audrey Martin- MNHS Dance Director

### ***Quick Reference Information and Dates....***

#### **School Information**

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#### **Important Dates**

March 30<sup>th</sup>- 12:00 am- Target date for initial email and all paperwork due

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12:00 am – Tryout Video Submission Deadline

April 10<sup>th</sup>- 3:00 pm- Announcement of the 2020-2021 Varsity and Junior Varsity Dance and Drill Teams