

# MIRA COSTA DANCE TEAM

## 2026 - 2027 AUDITION INFORMATION PACKET

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At: [www.mchsdanceteam.com](http://www.mchsdanceteam.com)

### **Captains and Officers Audition March 30th 3:00 - 6:00PM**

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Application must be completed by **March 29th**

### **Audition Schedule**

**Audition Day I:** March 31st | 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Check-in: 5:00 - 5:30 PM

**Audition Day II:** April 1st | 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Check-in: 5:15 - 5:30 PM

**Final Audition:** April 2nd | 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Check-in: 4:30 - 5:00 PM

**Location:** Athletic Complex - Check in at the dance team rooms. Auditions will be held in the main gym.

**Coach:** Victoria Brown | [miracostadanceteam@gmail.com](mailto:miracostadanceteam@gmail.com)

**Dear Dance Team Candidates and Parents,**

Thank you for your interest in the Mira Costa High School Dance Team. I hope this packet answers any questions you may have about auditions and the dance team in general. This packet will also help guide you through a rewarding and successful audition process.

The MCHS Dance Team is a performance-based team representing Mira Costa High School. Our purpose is to provide support and entertainment for athletic programs at Mira Costa High and help dancers develop strong performance and dance techniques. We take pride in our role as ambassadors of MCHS and the Manhattan Beach community. Like any athletic team, we strive to be strong, versatile dancers and performers. The MCHS Dance Team works toward the common goal: "To be the best dancers we can be through hard work, dedication, and teamwork. We strive to continue a tradition of excellence."

In this packet, you will find helpful information about our program. We ask that potential candidates and their parents review the following information thoroughly to ensure a clear understanding of the rules, guidelines, and expectations before deciding to attend auditions.

Being a Mira Costa Dance Team member is a fun and rewarding experience; however, it also involves a great deal of hard work and commitment. Please consider all the information in this packet as you prepare for auditions.

**Sincerely,**

Victoria Brown  
Mira Costa Dance Team Head Coach

## WHO WE ARE

The Mira Costa Dance Team consists of two teams, JV and Varsity. Both teams perform at all home football and basketball games, participate in on-campus performances and school activities, and attend regional competitions.

## PERFORMANCE BREAKDOWN

- The JV team performs at all home JV football games during the fall and all home JV Boys & Varsity Girls Basketball during the winter.
- The Varsity team performs at all home Varsity football games during the fall and all Home Varsity Boys & Varsity Girls Basketball Games during the winter.
- Competition Season: Late winter, early spring (Feb - March)

## OTHER EVENTS + PERFORMANCES

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| ● School Pep Rally's                | TBA               |
| ● Lip Sync Fundraiser + Performance | November 18th     |
| ● Hometown Fair Fundraiser          | October 2nd - 3rd |
| ● Holiday Party                     | TBA December      |
| ● End of the year Banquet           | TBA March         |
| ● Team Bonding Events               | Ongoing           |

## AUDITION PROCESS

### Application

- All dancers must complete an application by given due date
- No late applications will be excepted
- Current and or final grades are acceptable at the time of audition
- If a dancer has below a D in grade, they can still audition, however, if they make the team, they are required to bring the grade up by the end of the school session.
- **Dance team is a year round sport. Commitment is important. Please make sure you look at all of the dates prior to auditioning.**

### What we Look for at Auditions

All prospective members are evaluated on:

- Poise & Personal Presentation: Confidence, neatness, posture
- Showmanship: Smiles, connection with the crowd, eye contact, confidence
- Dancing Ability & Technique: Turns, kicks, leaps, and flexibility
- Rhythm & Coordination: Execution and togetherness while dancing in large groups
- Precision & Memory: Ability to learn and perform choreography quickly

**Appearance:** Dancers should present themselves as they would at a performance. Attire should be all black, and hair should be neatly pulled back.

**Personality:** Maturity, confidence, and a strong work ethic.

### **Technique Breakdown**

Dancers should be familiar with the following:

- Double pirouette with proper execution
- Brush and developpee leaps
- Battements/Kicks/Tilts
- Chaîne turns
- Double and triple pirouettes (including coupe and pencil turns)
- Leg tilts and extensions with proper placement and flexibility
- Leg hold turns
- Chaînes and piqué turns
- Leaps: Brush/developpe, including leaps in 2nd position and turning leaps (straight leg and calypso)
- Ability to pick up choreography and style quickly
- Strong performance quality

### **Tryout Process**

- Tryouts are judged by a panel of qualified judges, including the coaching staff.
- Application, grade verification, and release sheet must be signed by the candidate, teacher, and parent/guardian.
- Tryouts are closed to all except coaches, judges, and graduating dance team members.
- On the first day, dancers learn across-the-floor combinations. A cut will then be made.
- Selected dancers will learn 2-3 combinations to perform in front of judges on the final tryout day.
- Returning dancers are evaluated based on auditions and their past performance, attendance, work habits, and attitude.
- Results for the 2026 auditions will be posted on the dance team website by April 10th: [www.mchsdanceteam.com](http://www.mchsdanceteam.com)
- **All tryout results are final.**

## SPRING EVENTS AND PRACTICE SCHEDULE

### Upcoming Spring Events

- **Parent Meeting:** Thursday, April 15th | 5:30 PM
- **Uniform Fitting:** Thursday, April 22nd | Time TBA
- **Welcome Party:** Tuesday, April 22nd - after uniform fitting

### Spring Practices

- May 12th and 13th | 3:30 - 5:30 PM
- May 18th, 19th and 20th | 3:30 - 5:30 PM
- May 26th & 27th | 3:30 - 5:30 PM

## MANDATORY SUMMER PRACTICES + EVENTS

### Varsity & Junior Varsity:

- July 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th | 3:00 - 6:00 PM
- July 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th | 3:00 - 6:00 PM
- July 20th, 21st, 22nd | 3:00 - 6:00 PM
- July 28th, 29th, 30th | 3:00 - 6:00 PM
- **Picture Day:** Friday July 31st | 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- **Dance Camp:** August 2 - 5th (Overnight)

## SCHOOL YEAR PRACTICES

- Both Varsity and JV will have practice during 6th period on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays 2:30 - 5:00pm
- Additional Competition Practices
  - Varsity Small/Med group Aug 27th, Sept 3rd, Nov 5th 2:30 - 5:00 pm
  - Practice Both Teams Nov 7th 11:00am - 3:00pm
  - Practice Both Teams Nov 14th 11:00am - 3:00pm
  - Both Teams Mock Prep Day Jan 9th 11:00am - 3:00pm
  - Both Teams Mock Prep Day Jan 18th 11:00am - 3:00pm
- Competition Dates
  - Feb 6th
  - Feb 20th
  - Feb 27th
  - March 6th

The following are upcoming costs associated with being a member of the MCHS Dance Team. We will have more specific numbers on uniforms as we move closer to auditions.

### NEW MEMBERS

WHAT	DUE	JV	Varsity
Uniforms And Supplemental Items	April 29th	\$500 - \$900 <i>approximately</i>	\$500 - \$1000 <i>approximately</i>
USA Camp Deposit	May 12th	\$300	\$300
USA Camp Balance	May 27th	\$300	\$300
Summer School Paid to MBAF	June 13th	See MBX website	See MBX website

### RETURNERS

WHAT	DUE	JV	Varsity	JV TO VAR
Uniforms And Supplemental Items	April 29th	\$100 - \$400 <i>approximately</i>	\$100 - \$500 <i>approximately</i>	\$500 - \$800 <i>approximately</i>
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