

Townsend Dance Team 2021-2022 Tryout Information

WELCOME RANGERS!!

Thank you for your interest in joining our award-winning dance team. We hope you are all doing well and are staying safe and healthy at home. Our tryouts for this upcoming season will look a little different this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions but we know that all of you are resilient and will be stronger after all of this. With that being said here is some information that we would like you all to know prior to auditions.

TEAM PURPOSE AND GOALS: 15-25 (depending on how many tryout) dancers uniting as a team to promote school spirit, represent a positive image, have fun, learn to work together, encourage and uplift one another, and compete against other junior high schools. Kindness and heart are important. **“A DANCER WHO MAKES THE TEAM GREAT IS BETTER THAN A GREAT DANCER!”**

EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

**Must maintain a 2.0 the entire dance season*

**Must sign a Team contract and Social Media Contract*

**Respectful behavior towards teachers, administration, fellow students, coaches and advisor.*

**Must follow school rules at all times. Violation of academic, gum, dress code, and behavior rules can result in dismissal from the team.*

COMPETITIONS AND PERFORMANCES: We typically compete in 5 competitions from January to March. Perform at Rallies, Talent Show, and Dance of Hope. We ask that each dancer be committed to the team and that personal schedules are adjusted to accommodate all team practices and competitions.

COST: We ask for a contribution of \$550 to cover: Choreography, Coaching, Competition entry, Music, Banquet, and Parties throughout the year. Camp, Spirit wear, and costumes are an additional cost. Song team members contribute an additional amount to cover extra coaching, music, and competitions. (Our goal for this next year is to have the entire team compete in Song but that will be dependent on how the team looks.) Fundraising opportunities will be offered.

TRYOUT PROCESS: Online applications are due Friday, May 7, 2021. Each dancer will also need to join our Google Classroom to receive additional information. (Google Classroom Code: suziieu). In-person tryouts will be Thursday, May 13 at Townsend Junior High. Each application and audition will be judged based on knowledge of routine, technical abilities, performance, extra skills (not necessary to be on team) Judges will tally scores and choose the top 15-25 dancers or wherever there is a natural break.

STYLES OF DANCE COMPETING

*Small Jazz: 5-10 tryout Small Lyrical: 5-10 tryout Song: 9-25 tryout Med Hip Hop: 11-17 try out
Med/Large Jazz: 11- 30 non-tryout Med/Large Lyrical: 11-30 non-tryout*

All dances that require an additional tryout will take place after the official dance team has been selected and school resumes in the Fall.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to send a direct message on our Instagram page @tjhs.danceteam or via email at tjhsdanceteam4life@gmail.com. Google Classroom Code: suziieu

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing everyone soon!