

DON LUGO HIGH SCHOOL
Dance Team
Constitution and Code of Conduct

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The purpose of the Don Lugo Team is to:

1. Strive for excellence in routines and performances
2. Encourage and lead by contributing to positive school culture
4. Serve as student role models by displaying
 - a. Academic good standing
 - b. Outstanding citizenship
 - c. Sportsmanship
 - d. Quality leadership by being a positive example at all school activities while representing Don Lugo High School.

Qualifications of a Don Lugo Dancer are:

The student must:

1. Understand and agree to all requirements set out in this contract
2. Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA
Falling below a 2.0 will result in a 6-week suspension from the dance team; failing to have a 2.0 GPA a second time will lead to dismissal from the squad. A suspended squad member may not dress for the given period and may not represent the school at any rally, game or competition.
3. Be cooperative, dependable, and maintain a good attitude
4. Be of good health and stamina showing a positive physical. The physical is required each season and all dancers must be in good health without physical limitations (including pregnancy or other issues that may put the dancer's health at risk) for the year.

School Involvement

Dance Team members will perform at:

1. football games
2. basketball games
3. Rallies and other school activities, community affairs as scheduled.
4. competitions

The dance team's purpose is to perform for the community, as a team as well as Don Lugo High School. AS A DANCE TEAM MEMBER IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TREAT EVERY EVENT AS EQUAL IN IMPORTANCE.

Activities other than Dance Team

Dancers should think seriously about participating in any other sports or school activities (for example pageantry, other school sports and athletic trainer) during the Fall, Winter and Spring seasons. This also includes studios. This is because many of these activities occur simultaneously with events that may conflict with dance. Dancers who choose to miss practices for performances not be guaranteed a spot in any routine and dancers may be asked to leave the squad.

Parent Involvement

The success of our program is intrinsically tied to the involvement of our parents and family. Parents are requested to be active members of the Dance Team Boosters. The boosters are organized to support the program, including the advisors, coaching staff and dancers. There are a variety of opportunities for parents to volunteer. A few examples include the fireworks booth, chairs for various committees such as fundraising and carpool organization. If we want to continue having a successful program it is important that every dancer be represented in the Boosters.

It is expected that all parents will support their dancers, the coaching staff and the program as a whole. This includes:

1. Dance routine determination and that all dancer placement is determined by the dance staff.
2. Positive and professional communication with the dance coaches and advisor.
3. The ability to work with other parents and adults to support the team and program.
4. Appropriate and positive social media communication.

Fundraisers

The dance team is not funded by DLHS ASB or district programs. It is not a Title IX program. Therefore, the success of the program is dependent on fundraising and parent donations. Donations help pay for:

1. Costumes
2. Choreographer/Coach fees
3. Competitions

Fundraisers are needed to supplement donations for the dance team and the program. It is the intention of the program to have different opportunities for families to balance the cost.

Dance Team will take part in several program fundraisers this year. Program fundraisers need the full support of parents and dance team. Donations and payment schedules will be organized by the dance advisor in coordination with the dance boosters.

Dance as a PE Class

It is our intention to have a pe dance period. This will allow more time to prepare for performances and competition. This is coordinated with administration and counseling.

Competition

Dance routines for competition will be selected by the coaching and choreography staff. The dance team will work with the Don Lugo Dance Department to coordinate costumes. All costume selection will be confirmed by the coaching staff and advisor with approval of Don Lugo administration.

Costumes will be funded by donations to Don Lugo High School. All costumes are considered to be property of Don Lugo High School and the Don Lugo Dance department. Any donations will be in the care of Don Lugo High School. Items considered "consumables" such as shoes, warm ups, performance spirit dress and undergarments will be the responsibility of the dancer and family.

All dance team members are responsible for dance team equipment and costumes and understand that if any items are lost or misplaced, the dancer is responsible for replacing them or paying a fee to Don Lugo High School.

Should a dancer terminate membership during the season, refunds of donations will not be given per ed code policy. Costumes must be returned immediately.

It is at the discretion of the DLHS dance advisor and coaching staff to work with boosters to use funds raised for hotel rooms, food or other events/activities. Fun activities planned and provided by Boosters are a privilege, not a right. Parents should participate in booster meetings to have their voices heard.

Most competition dates are not confirmed by the competition companies until Fall.

Donations

Dance Team is supported by parent donations. In order to keep our program at the level we have always had, we need to raise approximately \$1,600 per family over the course of 10 months. Donations are not required to be on the team, however if we do not raise enough money, some programs such as holiday parties, competition, coaching and banquet will be cut.

Home Camp and Summer Intensive

Dance Team will spend summer working on technique, learning routines and preparing for the Fall Season and competition. We will have a home camp with The United Spirit Association Dance program coming into teach material. The Summer Intensive practice calendar will be shared by the coaching staff.

Practice and Performance Commitment and Expectations

1. *Dancers should be respectful to DLHS dance staff, DLHS teachers and parents always.*
2. Be on time and in correct performance/practice attire. Dance Team is a yearlong activity and it is expected that dance team treat all events with equal importance. Practices are not considered optional.
3. If unable to attend a practice due to extreme illness or emergency, the dancer should personally notify the coaching staff prior to the activity allowing enough time to make preparation for their absence. If there is a last minute emergency, and dance staff is unavailable, students must communicate with captains.
4. Should a dancer be out on injury, and understudy will practice and/or perform in their spot until officially cleared by a doctor.
Cell phones need to be put away and are not allowed around the practice area. Dancer may text/call parents during appropriate break times at the discretion of the coaching staff. Practice is closed. Friends/family may attend if set up with DLHS dance staff prior to the visit.
5. The dance staff has the right to replace any dancer in any routine to advance the success of said routine at any time. Understudies will be selected by the dance staff. Dancers will be told of their routine selections and places in routines prior to the competition season.
6. Dancers who miss practice at any time during a minimum of one week prior to any rally or performance (including competition) will be removed or put in an alternative spot of the routine at the discretion of the coaching staff.
7. Any dancer who does not comply with practice/performance expectations may be asked to leave and his/her absence will be unexcused.
8. The week prior to competition, no dancer team member will be granted an excused absence without a doctor's note.
9. Failure to attend practice with an approved note or inability to dance full out will result in immediate ineligibility to perform at competition. The dancer will attend competition with the team, but will not perform. The dancer will be replaced by their understudy. All costumes will be exchanged appropriately for the performance as quickly as possible. Any issues with a dancer and family prohibiting with the success of a routine or individual dancer will require administrative intervention.
10. A meeting with the dancer and the coaching staff will be required to review expectations. If this is not followed, a parent meeting will be required and an individual agreement going beyond this contract will be drawn up and approved.
11. Consistent absences, tardies or inability to dance full out will result in the permanent removal from routines or the team as a whole.
12. Dancers will abide by all dress codes in and out of uniform.
13. Dancers must attend school on the day of a performance/rally and/or 4 periods of the school day. This is a school/district policy.

Code of Conduct and Dismissal from Dance Team

It is the belief that dancers are responsible for their conduct and involvement in their high school experience. This means that dancers should be responsible for knowing their call times, dress requirements, etc. The DLHS dances staff expects parents to support this. Dedication to the program team squad is important for success. A team is only as strong as its weakest link. DLHS dancers would like to think that there is no weak link. Team members should be dependable and work together for a common goal. In addition to the above requirements dancers will be subject to disciplinary action for the following:

1. Lack of dependability.
2. Inappropriate behavior
 - a. Dress code and grooming standards should be followed as enforced by the Chino Valley Unified School District and Don Lugo High School.
 - b. example: School dances and other events while the dancer is NOT in uniform and is included in this.
3. The breaking of rules/regulations as noted in this DLHS Constitution and Code of Conduct.
4. *The DLHS coaching staff does not condone negative representation of the dancer, dance program and or DLHS High School. Social Media use (such as pictures taken on phones and messaged to others, website postings, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tik Tok etc.) should be used positively and should not reflect poorly on the spirit, pride and integrity of the school.*
 - a. Alcohol or drug use will be grounds for immediate removal from the squad. This includes pictures posted to any and all social media with associates who are also holding/using/displaying alcohol and or drug paraphernalia and use.
 - b. Any disciplinary action that incorporates school suspension or legal and criminal action outside of Don Lugo High School will be grounds for immediate removal from the squad.
5. The DLHS dancers follow the CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES ON CAMPUS protocol as established by the CVUSD and Don Lugo High Administration. This includes the use of texting and social media that can be used to harass, bully or provoke dancers and/or their families.
6. *Dancers who are removed from the team are not eligible for banquet/end of the year honors and privileges.*

By signing below, you agree to the expectations set forth in this Constitution, Code of Conduct and will support the goals of the team, coaching staff and advisor.

Dance Team Candidate (PRINT NAME)

Dance Team Candidate SIGNATURE

Date

As a parent/guardian of the above student, I will support the dancer, coaching staff, advisor and program including the boosters and agree to the Dance Team Constitution and Code of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian (PRINT NAME)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date