

2026–2027 OAK HILLS YOUTH & YOUTH PREP **DANCE TEAM TRYOUT PACKET**

For dancers entering **3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grade** during the 2026–2027 school year.
This program is not limited to dancers within OHLSD.

TRYOUT INFORMATION

Wednesday, April 15th from 5:45–8:00 PM at C.O Harrison Elementary School (MPR)

*****Mandatory Parent Information Meeting: 5:45–6:00 PM*****

Friday, April 17th from 6:00–8:00 PM at Bridgetown Middle School (MPR)

Sunday, April 19th from 12:00–3:00 PM at Oak Hills High School (South Gym)

*****Final day times may be adjusted depending on the number of dancers. Families will be notified if changes are made.*****

If your dancer is unable to attend one or more of the tryout dates due to vacation or extenuating circumstances, please contact the coaches in advance.

If selected, girls will be notified via <https://www.oakettes.com/tryouts> of their placement on a team. Teams will be posted on Sunday, April 19th at 7:00pm.

Mandatory Parent Meeting

All 2026-2027 Oak Hills Youth/Youth Prep dancers and at least one parent/guardian are required to attend the meeting, this will be held on Monday, April 27th 6:30-7:30 in the commons at Rapid Run Middle School. There is a \$200 non-refundable deposit due at the meeting.

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

We are excited that your dancer is interested in becoming a member of the Oak Hills Youth or Youth Prep Dance Team! Our program is built on commitment, teamwork, and a passion for performance.

Both teams are competitive dance teams that practice (June-February) and compete throughout the winter months (December–February). Membership requires dedication from dancers and families alike. Dance is a physically demanding sport that requires focus, stamina, and consistent attendance.

Our goal is to provide a positive, structured environment where dancers grow in skill, confidence, leadership, and teamwork.

<u>YOUTH PREP</u>	<u>YOUTH</u>
<p><i>TEAM STRUCTURE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Grades 3rd-5th● 1 routine (Pom)● 5-7 competitions● Practice 2 times/ week● 2 hour practices	<p><i>TEAM STRUCTURE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Grades 4th-6th● 2 routines (Jazz and Pom)● 5-7 competitions● Practice 2 times/ week, hours vary● Required choreography days over summer
<p><i>EVALUATED SKILLS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Single turn (attempted double)● Toe touch● Jazz trick of choice● C- Jump● Leg hold● Left and right leg split	<p><i>EVALUATED SKILLS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Double turn● Toe touch● Jazz trick of choice● C-Jump● Leg hold● Head spring● Left and right leg split

Forms to bring to tryouts COMPLETED:

1. Permission Form- **current** picture of dancer must be attached
2. [Emergency Medical Authorization \(EMA\)](#)
3. Team Guidelines

JUDGING & EVALUATION

Membership with the Oak Hills Youth and Youth Prep teams give each individual an opportunity to gain self-confidence, meet new friends, and learn leadership skills. To be selected as a member, each candidate must perform a dance routine before a panel of judges, all of whom are experienced in the field of dance. Each child trying out for a position on the team has an equal opportunity to be selected. Should a child be chosen as a member of the team, this does not guarantee a permanent position on the team the following year. The child must audition before the judges to be selected to the team each year.

Each candidate will be judged on the following criteria during the technical part of the tryout: Technique, Flexibility, Showmanship, and Memory. Points will be given in each category and the combined total of the judges' scores will be the final score. A candidate may be asked to perform the routine again if a judge feels the need to see the child again.

All decisions made by the judging panel are final and no scores will be shared for any reason.

We appreciate every dancer who auditions. While we cannot select everyone, we encourage dancers to continue training and try again in the future.

ATTIRE & WHAT TO BRING

- Athletic clothing that allows for movement
- Dance shoes or gym shoes (cannot only wear socks)
- Hair pulled back and out of face
- No jewelry (small post earrings are okay)
- No gum
- Bring a water bottle
- Bring all required forms

Do **not** wear previous Oak Hills Dance attire during tryouts.

Final Day (Sunday)

- All black attire
- Black tank, cami, or fitted top
- Black leggings, shorts, or fitted pants
- Hair slicked back
- Overall polished, performance-ready appearance

COMMITMENT OF TIME & EXPECTATIONS

Summer (June–August)

- **Youth Prep** practices will be held once per week in June on Mondays from 6:00–8:00 PM. In July, practices will be held Mondays (mandatory) and Wednesdays (optional but highly encouraged) from 6:00–8:00 PM.
- **Youth** will practice Mondays only in June, and Mondays and Wednesdays in July (all practices mandatory). Time TBD.
- Dancers may be excused for vacations or camps with at least 4 weeks’ written notice.

School Year (September–February)

- Practices: Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00–8:00 PM
 - Hours may extend or increase as needed.
 - 5–7 competitions (primarily local, with one competition up to 2 hours away).
 - Events including; Harvest Home Parade, Oak Hills Youth Night Football Game, Dress Rehearsal, Team Pictures, Friends & Family Showcase, etc.
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FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

- \$200 non-refundable deposit due at our first meeting (April 27th)
- Full itemized fee breakdown of budget will be provided at the May meeting
- Fees cover costumes, music, competition entries, shoes, tights, accessories, etc.

Fundraising opportunities will be available to offset costs. Some team fundraising participation may be required.

If a dancer withdraws or is dismissed, fees already incurred on her behalf are non-refundable.

Failure to meet financial obligations will result in forfeiture of future tryout eligibility.

6th Grade Dancers

All dancers entering 6th grade have the opportunity to try out for the Oak Hills Juniors Dance Team, we HIGHLY encourage all 6th grade dancers to try out for Juniors! If your dancer would like to be considered for the JUNIOR team, *they must attend all Junior tryout dates*. If the judges’ scores reveal that they do not qualify for the Junior team, they will be considered for the Youth Team, using their scores from tryouts. If your dancer attends Youth Tryouts, they will only be considered for the Youth team.

3rd Grade Dancers

All dancers entering 3rd grade are HIGHLY encouraged to try out for the Oak Hills Youth Prep Dance Team. If the judges’ scores reveal they’re not yet ready for Youth Prep, the Mini Team—which also includes 3rd graders—is a fantastic “sign-up” option. It provides an excellent opportunity for dancers to build confidence, develop poise, and master foundational ballet and various dance techniques. The Mini Team sign ups will open on April 21st at 10:00 AM.

2026-2027 OAK HILLS YOUTH AND YOUTH PREP DANCE TEAM SEASON GUIDELINES

NOTE: All Oak Hills Dance team members are required to abide by the policies of the Oak Hills Board of Education even though the team is a community team and not school funded or associated.

The dance teams in the Oak Hills School District are recognized within the community as organizations with very high standards and integrity. With the cooperation of all of its members the Oak Hills Youth and Youth Prep teams will continue its long tradition of excellence.

A. RESPECT

Every Oak Hills Youth and Youth Prep team member is expected to respect her fellow team members and coaches. Friendly criticism and helpful hints should be politely given and thankfully received. Oak Hills Youth and Youth Prep is a TEAM EFFORT! Each one of us must always try to work together in order to have a successful team.

B. ATTENDANCE

A schedule of all performances and practices is published in advance. Each Oak Hills Youth and Youth Prep team member is expected to be at **everything** unless excused by a coach.

Note: Our goal is to always have every member participate in every event. However, that is not always possible.

1. You must be on time to practice. You are considered late any time you arrive after attendance is taken at the scheduled practice time.
2. A member who is absent from school for the entire day must notify the coach to let her know she will not be at practice.
4. Should you miss any practice prior to a team performance or competition for any reason it will be the sole decision of the coaches if you will perform at the competition. The decision will be based on the nature of the absence and whether or not changes in the routine will hinder team performance.
5. In the case of an injury during the season, the team member is expected to attend practice, watch, and try to learn as much as possible. For prolonged injuries or illnesses a doctor's excuse will be required to excuse you from practice and again to re-admit you to practice. Each team member is responsible for her own health. Ex: If a knee brace needs to be worn, make sure it is worn at all times to prevent further injury.
6. Regular doctor and dentist appointments, vacation during regular school days, and social events are not excuses for missing Youth and Youth Prep team activities. Also, during competition season we normally practice during three/four day weeks.
(ie: President's Day, Martin Luther King Day)
7. Coaches reserve the right to excuse any team member from a practice or performance should they feel the circumstances warrant it. The following will be considered:

- a. Death in the family
- b. Illness (see above)
- c. Injury (see above)
- d. Wedding (immediate family or if in the wedding party - you must give 4 weeks notice in writing).
- e. Even though we encourage team members to participate in other school activities, we expect members to arrange their schedules so these activities do not interfere with team activities. The only exception is if a team member is required to attend a function because it is a requirement of all members of an academic class (not a club).
- f. Other extraordinary circumstances will be considered. Example: religious conflict, appointments with specialists, academic award ceremonies, etc. Each circumstance will be looked at individually. Coaches will attempt to be fair in all decision making.

8. Each dancer is permitted 3 unexcused absences for the season. These absences include missed practice for illness without providing a doctor's note, birthday parties, family parties, and excessive tardies at both practices & performances.

Should you miss a practice, you are solely responsible for finding someone to teach you all material missed. You must be caught up by the next practice.

C. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Coaches strive to create a focused and supportive environment for all team members. In cases where a dancer's behavior, maturity level, or attention span becomes disruptive to the learning experience of the team, coaches reserve the right to make appropriate decisions regarding their participation.

1. The Coaches make any and all decisions pertaining to disciplinary action for any and all infractions of team rules.
 - a. The Youth and Youth Prep teams will operate under a code of common courtesy, decency, and respect.
 - b. The Youth and Youth Prep teams are expected to follow all directions given to them by their coaches.
 - c. Appropriate behavior, language and dress are always expected, both within the team and outside.
 - d. Keeping all team commitments is required. This includes practices, performances and scheduled appearances.

2. Disciplinary action will be modified to fit the offense. No two situations are identical. The coaches will make every attempt to be fair in all matters. Actions may include, but not be limited to: a mild reprimand, running, writing an essay, not performing for one or more events, and/or dismissal from the team.
 - a. The Oak Hills Youth Dance Board may be included in decisions depending on the severity of the issue at hand.

3. All school rules and Board of Education policies will be enforced even though the team is not a school team or funded by the school district.

D. SOCIAL MEDIA:

1. Social media outlets belonging to dancers with inappropriate material found by third parties or coaches affect the perception of the student, the program and Oak Hills.
2. If a dancer's profile and its contents are found to be inappropriate, they will be subject to disciplinary action. A good rule of thumb: if it's questionable and you wouldn't want your family or coach to see your post, do not post it.
3. The Oak Hills Youth Dance Board shall have the authority to monitor and enforce this Social Media Policy. The Oak Hills Youth Dance Board shall have the authority to remove any inappropriate or offensive comments from official Oak Hills Youth/Prep Dance sites and to block any individual or organization from posting on any official Oak Hills Youth/Prep Dance social media platform if they determine, in their sole discretion, that such removal or block is in the best interests of the Oak Hills Youth Dance Organization.
4. The failure of any Oak Hills Youth/Prep dancer or parent to adhere to this Social Media Policy shall be considered a violation of the Oak Hills Youth/Prep Dance Season Guidelines, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of such individual's involvement in OHDT.
5. During our meeting in May, we will ask parents to sign a consent form to grant permission for photos to be used for promotional and celebratory purposes across official school and dance team social media accounts, websites, newsletters, and other district-approved materials. If preferred, you may opt out.

E. INJURIES:

1. All injuries must be reported to a coach immediately, whether they happen during team events or elsewhere. Coaches are First Aid and CPR certified and have basic first aid supplies that can be provided if needed.
2. A dancer must see a physician or trainer if an injury will put them out of practice or performance for more than one event. The dancer must provide a note of clearance when they are ready to be readmitted to physical activity.
3. The state of Ohio now has a law forbidding any athlete that exhibits signs or symptoms of a concussion from returning to play for 24 hours. After 24 hours the athlete needs to be evaluated by a M.D. or D.O. or other Healthcare Professional (Athletic Trainer) approved by OHHS to be cleared for participation. At that time, if it is found that you/your daughter has a concussion, there is a protocol that must be followed to return to dance. The protocol is at minimum 4 days long, and can only start once the dancer is symptom free. If you or your daughter feel she has suffered a brain injury, please contact your team's coach immediately.
4. The coaches reserve the right to request a doctor's clearance for participation if they feel as though a dancer is causing harm to the individual through a recurring injury. 5. The Oak Hills Youth and Youth Prep coaches will conduct practice with the safety of each dancer as their priority. As dance is a demanding sport, injuries may occur while at

practice or competitions. If an injury were to occur, the parent will be contacted and the injury will be assessed on a case by case basis.

F. FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

1. Any dancer who chooses to no longer participate, OR the terms of these guidelines result in their dismissal from the program, will be responsible for any monies that has been spent on their behalf up until that point. Including, but not limited to, any costumes ordered but not received and any competition entry fees already paid but not yet participated in, etc. The Youth and Youth Prep Dance Teams will not issue a refund.

2. Any dancer who does not fulfill their financial obligation will forfeit their opportunity to try out for Oak Hills Dance the following year.

G. COMMUNICATION

1. We expect full communication from the parents and/or the dancers if they need to miss a practice, have an issue, or need something from the coaches.

2. Any issues that a dancer or parent feels need to be addressed should first be brought to the attention of the team's coaches. After this communication, if a next step needs to be addressed, a parent can request communication from a Parent Representative and we will all work together to come to a solution. If the situation has not been resolved after these conversations, a meeting will be held with the parent and dancer, the coaches, and representatives from the Oak Hills Youth Dance Board. The failure of any Oak Hills Youth/Prep dancer or parent to adhere to this Communication Policy shall be considered a violation of the Oak Hills Youth/Prep Dance Season Guidelines, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of such individual's involvement in the Oak Hills Youth/Prep Dance Team.

3. All other communication regarding any of the teams with parents will be done via email. Should a parent's email address or cell phone number change throughout the course of the year, it is their responsibility to provide us with updated contact information.

Our Team Guidelines attempt to cover any issues that may occur. If something outside of these guidelines should occur, it will be handled on an individual basis with the insight of Oak Hills Youth Dance Board.

PLEASE PRINT OUT THE FOLLOWING 3 PAGES, FILL THEM OUT & BRING THEM ON THE FIRST DAY OF TRYOUTS, ALONG WITH A CURRENT PICTURE OF THE DANCER.

Permission to Tryout

2026-2027 Oak Hills Youth & Youth Prep Dance Teams

***Dancers must return this and all forms that need to be signed by a parent the first night of tryouts.
Please make sure all of the information is legible.***

Dancer Name: _____

Primary Address: _____

Primary Caregiver

Secondary Caregiver

Name: _____

Name: _____

Relation to dancer: _____

Relation to dancer: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Please select one of the following:

_____ My Child is trying out for the Youth Dance team and does NOT wish to be placed on the Youth Prep team if she does not make the Youth Dance team.

_____ My child is trying out for the Youth Dance team. If she does not make the Youth team she would like the opportunity to be a part of the Youth Prep Dance team.

_____ My Child is trying out for the Youth Prep Dance team only.

My child wishes to participate in the Oak Hills Youth/Youth Prep tryouts. I, along with my child, have read and understand the attached information pertaining to the tryout process, our obligations to the squad, and team rules.

I understand:

- The scores of the judges are final and no scores will be released. Please do not contact the coaches or judges.
- My child, if chosen, will attend all required practices and events and will abide by Oak Hills Youth/Youth Prep team rules.
- There is a financial obligation to fulfill. The Youth/Youth Prep Team will not refund already paid fees.
- **There may be a competition the week of Christmas Break and I agree to attend those practices.**
- Dancers who participate in Oak Hills Youth/Youth Prep team, as in all athletic activities, are exposed to the risk of injury. Safety will be a prime concern.
- If my daughter is selected for the Oak Hills Youth/Youth Prep team there is a **MANDATORY** Parent Meeting on April 27th, in the commons at Rapid Run Middle School. **Each Oak Hills Youth/Youth Prep team member and at least one parent are expected to attend.**
- There is a **\$200 non-refundable deposit** due at the Parent Meeting
- By signing this I confirm I have read the 2026-2027 Dear Parent Letter and the Oak Hills Youth/Youth Prep Team Guidelines, understand them, and agree to abide by them.

My child has permission to try out for the 2026-2027 Oak Hills Youth & Youth Prep Dance teams.

Primary Caregiver Signature

Date

What school will the dancer attend next year? _____

Grade next year: (Check one) _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ 5th _____ 6th

Dancer Signature

Date

Please provide a current picture of your dancer to this packet

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Oak Hills Local School District

School	Grade	Student date of birth
Student Name	Address	
City/State/Zip	Phone Number	
PURPOSE: To enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for children who become ill or injured while under the school's authority, when parents or guardians cannot be reached.		
Residential Parent/Guardian		
Mother's Name	Mother's Daytime Phone Number	Mothers Cell Phone Number
Father's Name	Father's Daytime Phone Number	Fathers Cell Phone Number
Other Name/ Relationship	Other Daytime Phone Number	
Name of Relative/Childcare provider		
Name	Relationship	
Address	Phone Number	
****PART I OR PART II MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED****		
PART I MUST BE COMPLETED TO GRANT CONSENT: I hereby give consent for the following medical care providers/local hospital to be called.		
Doctor's Name	Phone Number	
Dentist's Name	Phone Number	
Medical Specialist	Phone Number	
Local Hospital	Emergency Room Phone Number	
<p>In the event reasonable attempts to contact me have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for (1) the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by above-named doctor, or in the event the designated preferred practitioner is not available, by another licensed physician or dentist, and (2) the transfer of the child to any hospital reasonably accessible. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery. Facts concerning the child's medical history including allergies, medications being taken, and any physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted.</p>		
Name	Signature of Parent/Guardian	
Address		
DO NOT COMPLETE PART II IF YOU COMPLETED PART I		
PART II – REFUSAL TO CONSENT		
I DO NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish the school authorities to take the following action:		
Name	Signature of Parent/Guardian	
Address		