



2023-2024

Oakette Dance Team Auditions

Saturday, April 29th 5:00 pm-9:00 pm at C.O. Harrison

Sunday, April 30th 9:00 am-12:00 pm in OHHS South Gym



Scan this QR code to sign-up
for tryouts!

Bring/complete the following to the first day of tryouts on Saturday, April 29th (all forms required to participate):

1. Permission Form - completed and signed
2. Emergency Medical Form – completed and signed
3. Current printout of 4th quarter grades from Progress Book
4. Physical Form filled out by a physician
5. Two Teacher Recommendations (of current teachers)- completed digitally at <https://forms.gle/EfXGUvHCVxL4Jips8>

**All dancers who try out for the teams will be able to access tryout results on our website. The 2023-2024 members will be posted, noting the dancer's tryout number on
Sunday, April 30th at 7:00 pm**

<https://www.oakettes.com/2023-2024-team-lists>

OAKETTES

All 2023-24 Oakettes and at least one parent are required to attend a meeting, scheduled for May 16th from 6:15-8:15 at OHHS. A non-refundable \$200 deposit is due at that time. Practices will begin on Thursday, June 1st.

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s):

Your dancer has expressed an interest in the Oakettes Varsity Dance Team. Our team competes in small varsity pom, jazz, and hip hop, both locally and nationally. The Oak Hills Dance Team Organization are teams with both state and national reputations for their dedication to excellence in grades K-12. The performance level that is displayed by these teams is achieved by the continued efforts of its members, parents, and coaches.

Each dancer is expected to put forth his/her best effort, including practices, performances, fundraising, and most importantly, his/her responsibility to his/her schoolwork. Each member must maintain the academic standards set forth by Oak Hills Local School District, as well as, abide by the Oak Hills Student Code of Conduct to remain active with the team.

The Oakettes have activities year-round. Therefore, a great deal of time is spent in this activity by members, parents, and coaches.

Membership on the dance teams gives 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 dance routines before a panel of qualified independent judges and/or Oak Hills Dance Team coaches. Each student trying out for a position on a team has an equal opportunity to be selected. **Although a student has been a member of a team in the past, this does not guarantee him/her a position. He/She must audition to be selected for the team again.** We are sorry that we cannot select everyone who auditions but appreciate each person's ambition to try. Those who are not selected are always encouraged to try again next year.

Please read through each section below for specific evaluation information, team structure, and a general schedule.

Judging/Evaluation

Tryouts will take place over the course of two days. It is important for the dancers and their parents to understand that the prospective team members are being evaluated during the ENTIRE process. The first day gives the coaches a working knowledge of how the individual dancers learn routines, follow directions, improve skills, and stay on task. The final day of tryouts is a formal process that gives the coaches and judges a better understanding of how a dancer will perform when in a performance situation.

Each candidate will be judged on the following criteria during the technical part of the tryout: coordination, knowledge of the routine, technique, timing, performance, appearance, confidence and poise. Various parts of the tryout process, academic eligibility, and school attendance will all be taken into consideration as team members are chosen. Points will be given in each category and the combined total of the scores will be the final score. All students wishing to be considered for a team must attend **ALL** days of the audition. Exceptions will be made only for students with extenuating circumstances (ex. - illness, injury, school function that prohibits attendance, etc.) and will be made at the coaches' discretion. A candidate may be recalled to perform the routine if a judge feels the need to see the dancer again. All decisions made by the judging panel and coaches are final and no scores will be shared for any reason.

Attire for Tryouts	
Saturday, April 29th	Sunday, April 30th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any athletic attire you feel comfortable and confident dancing inDance shoes of any type and gym shoesHair pulled back and out of faceNo jewelry (aside from post earrings)No gum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Black T-shirt/sports bra/tank top/fitted topBlack shorts or black leggingsDance shoes of any type and gym shoesHair pulled back and out of faceNo jewelry (aside from post earrings)No gum <p>*Please refrain from wearing any Oak Hills Dance attire to Sunday's audition. Remember that this is an audition, so dress for the part that you want</p>

Evaluated Technical Skills		
Oakettes (9th-12th grade):	Juniors (6th-9th grade):	Both teams:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triple & Quad pirouette (RIGHT & LEFT) • Four A la secondes into triple pirouette (RIGHT & LEFT) • Highly recommended: Aerial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double (RIGHT & LEFT) & Triple pirouette (RIGHT ONLY) • Three a la secondes into a double pirouette 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split leap & Second/Open leap (RIGHT & LEFT) • Toe touch: Single & multiple • Turning disc (RIGHT & LEFT) • Right & Left leg hold • Kip up & Headspring • Skill of choice: one hip hop, one technical

Team Structure

Freshman Placement

The coaching staff will place freshman dancers on either the Oakettes or OH Juniors, depending on which team they feel will best suit the individual dancer. If your dancer will be entering the **9th grade** for the 2023-2024 school year, please familiarize yourself with **BOTH** the Oakettes and Oak Hills Juniors Audition Packets.

Solo Opportunity

Any returning dancers to the Oakettes have the opportunity to choose to audition for a solo. **If interested, dancers auditioning will have to submit a paragraph stating why they would be a good candidate for a solo (due Sunday 4/30), as well as, perform their jazz tryout routine an additional time by themselves in front of the judging panel. Participating in a solo is an additional time and financial commitment if selected.** *Although a dancer has been a soloist in the past, this does not guarantee them a soloist position.* Dancers must audition to be selected again. Solo fees typically range from \$400-\$600, depending on music selection, costumes, and competition fees. We are sorry that we cannot select everyone who auditions for a solo, but appreciate each person's ambition to try. Those who are not selected are always encouraged to try again next year.

Flexible Routine Positions

The Oakette Dance Team utilizes alternate/understudy positions. These positions are to benefit the team as a whole, competitively and have been used effectively for many years. This is not decided upon at tryouts, but rather, is continuously evaluated throughout the season. These positions are **ONLY** utilized for competition routines. All other performances will consist of full participation by every member selected for the team. By auditioning for the team, you are acknowledging that you/your dancer has the potential to be an alternate/understudy in one or more competition routines throughout the 2023-2024 season. Because this position can be fluid, alternates/understudies are required to attend all practices and performances and undertake the same financial commitment.

The National Dance Alliance makes the following statement regarding alternate positions: "NDA strongly recommends that you have an alternate, not associated with another team, who is prepared to substitute in the event of injury, probation, etc."

General Practice/Performance/Event Schedule for 2023-2024 Teams

As you can see from the list below there is a heavy time commitment to Oakettes. *This schedule is not complete or final.* Announced dates are subject to change. Many plans need to be made before final schedules are available. This schedule is meant to give you a fairly good idea of what will occur during the school year.

Commitment of Time

Attached you will find a **general** schedule of the individual team activities for the year. Many of these times and dates will stay the same. Others will be changed. We always attempt to give the students as much advance notice as possible.

******As you read through the schedule please check your personal calendars to make sure this is something that fits into your family schedule. We expect members to be at all practices, games, events, and required fundraisers. Should your child have outside activities that interfere with this schedule, she should not try out for the dance teams. Please keep in mind that it is impossible for the coaches to make the team schedule around the activities/work schedules/social activities of all team members.******

→ **SUMMER:** Practices will be held two days per week throughout the summer beginning Thursday, June 1st to develop dance technique, the ability to pick up and retain choreography, strength, and stamina. Students who have planned vacations will be excused from practice with a note from a parent giving prior notice (at least 2 weeks in advance).

*** It is, however, mandatory that each dancer be present for **AT LEAST** 75% of all summer practices***

In addition to summer practices, team members will be **REQUIRED** to attend an additional technique/ballet class one day a week. Once this is established the team will provide more information!

→ **NDA CAMP:** The Oakettes will travel to Louisville to participate in a four-day camp to qualify for Nationals. Dancers will learn, perform, and compete in various routines, and participate in various classes, team building, and leadership activities. It is **MANDATORY** that all dancers attend as this weekend will be vital for team, as well as individual, growth and success in the upcoming season, in addition to being the qualifier for Nationals. Cost of camp will be \$431/dancer. **CAMP DATES for 2023: July 16-19**

→ **CHOREOGRAPHY WEEKENDS:** There will be three scheduled “Marathon Weekends” to learn competition choreography. **These weekends are REQUIRED for ALL members of the Oakettes!! NO exceptions!!** Dates & Times will be finalized once facility and choreographer availability, as well as fall event schedules are determined. *Please note: a dancer’s absence from these weekends in part or in its entirety will result in the dancer being named an alternate for the routine they missed. It will be at the coaches’ discretion whether or not they will be placed back in said routine as the season progresses.*

Tentative schedule for these weekends may include:

DAY 1: 5:00pm-9:00pm

DAY 2: 8:00am-5:00 pm

DAY 3: 8:00am-5:00 pm

Tentative choreography dates for the 2023-2024 season are as follows:

August 3-5

August 18-20

September 9-10

→ **GENERAL FALL SCHEDULE:**

- Monday and Thursday evenings (some additions will occur, depending on Marching Band rehearsals)
- Weekly Saturday **OR** Sunday practices, times TBD once gym schedules are available
- All home football games – starting Late August through 1st of November
- Other scheduled events such as Team Pictures, Harvest Home Parade, etc.

→ **YOUTH CAMP:** a **MANDATORY** fundraiser to spark interest and engage young dancers in our community. Will tentatively occur in October. More details to follow-awaiting on administrative direction and confirmation.

→ **GENERAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE:**

- Two/three evenings per week – practice – November 2023 through March 2024, time TBD
- Weekly Saturday **OR** Sunday practices, times TBD once gym schedules are available
- NUVO Dance convention
- Several home basketball games
- Dance Invitational (**Saturday, January 20-mandatory for two adults to work the full day of the invitational**)
- Dance team competitions – early winter through March
- Other scheduled events such as parades and special performances

We would also like parents to be aware that a competition may be scheduled for the weekend immediately before or after Christmas break. ***Please be advised that, should this be the case, the teams will practice during that week and team members will be required to attend. Unfortunately, any dancer who does not practice during that week will not be permitted to perform at the competition.***

General Fee Information

Each dancer will be required to pay a participation fee, set in place by the district. Typically, in the past, it has been approximately \$90 for middle school students, and approximately \$130 for high school students, regardless of team. This fee must be paid before August 1, 2023 separate from all other dance team fees in order for your child to participate.

All other Fees will then be divided into three separate deadlines throughout the season, listed below. For the APPAREL & CAMP category, many of the items are optional for purchase, and your total can range from \$531-\$1431. If it is your first year on the team, your order will be more expensive for this category to account for the purchase of required items. The non-refundable \$200 deposit that is due at the first meeting will be applied toward this order.

Category:	Price Estimate:	Due Date:
Apparel & Camp	\$531-\$1,431	July 31, 2023
Competition	\$1,000-\$1,200	January 1st, 2024
Nationals	\$1,000-\$1,300	March 1st, 2024

A complete itemized list along with specific deadlines will be provided at the May meeting upon making the team. Each dancer will receive an individual budget sheet after said meeting that will be updated throughout the year. As long as each deadline is met, parents may pay in increments of their choice via cash, check, or EZ Pay.

Fundraisers will be offered throughout the season to help with individual fees, should you be interested in partaking. We are always looking for parent participation and any new ideas to help to alleviate some of this cost.

There are three team fundraisers that are MANDATORY to raise money that goes toward the team. The first is the annual invitational, where two adults are required to work per family (i.e., should you have two daughters dancing for the OH Juniors and Oakettes, only two adults are required to work). Should you not be able to provide two workers, a fee will be assessed to your balance (\$200 for two people unable to work, \$100 if only one person can work). Failure to work the entire event will also result in a charge of \$100 per person that does not fulfill their duties. We will release the date of this far enough in advance (Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024) that you should have plenty of time to find your workers. The second mandatory fundraiser is our youth camp. The final mandatory fundraiser is a sponsorship calendar to be completed by each dancer in the month of January.

***PLEASE PRINT THE NEXT TWO
PAGES, FILL THEM OUT, AND
SEND THEM TO TRYOUTS ON
April 29th.***

***IN ADDITION, PLEASE
PROVIDE A CURRENT
PRINTOUT OF GRADES FROM
PROGRESS BOOK.***

***PARTICIPATION WILL NOT BE
ALLOWED WITHOUT THESE
ITEMS, SO BE SURE THEY ARE
FILLED OUT IN FULL AND
TURNED IN BEFORE YOUR
SESSION BEGINS.***

*Permission to Tryout
2023-2024 Oak Hills Oakettes Dance Teams*

Student's Name _____ Student Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student E-mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Mother's Name _____ **Father's Name** _____

Address _____ Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____ **E-mail address** _____

My child wishes to participate in the Oak Hills Oakettes/OH Juniors 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:

1. The scores of the judges are final and no scores will be released. Please do not contact the coaches or judges.
2. I understand the alternate/understudy position for competition routines and that these positions will be utilized in all competition routines at the discretion of the coaching staff.
3. My child, if chosen, will attend all required practices and events and will abide by the team rules and guidelines.
4. There is a financial obligation to fulfill.
5. Participation in fundraising (or fair share contribution) is essential by both student and parent(s). ***I understand it is possible to meet all of my financial obligations to the team by participating in fundraising.***
6. Students who participate, as in all athletic activities, are exposed to the risk of injury. Safety will be a prime concern.
7. **By signing this I confirm I have read the 2023-24 Parent Letter, and the Dance Team Guidelines and I understand them, and agree to abide by them.**
8. There is a Parent Meeting (May 16th) at Oak Hills High School. Each Oakette/OH Junior and at least one parent are **required** to attend. There is a required \$200 deposit due that evening.
9. By signing, I confirm that the Oak Hills Dance Organization has permission to utilize photos and/or videos of my child on our public social media accounts.

My child has permission to try out for the 2023-2024 Oak Hills Oakettes.

Grade next year: (circle one) 9 10 11 12

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

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 1 OR PART II MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED****		
PART 1 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		