

TAFT HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE TEAM CONTRACT 2024-2025
Code of Conduct and Ethics for Taft Dance Team Members

MEMBERSHIP

Dancers are selected to be on Taft Dance Team by audition only. Judges, teachers, coaches, grades, and behavior are all determinant factors in the selection process. Team members are required to maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA, a minimum of passing 4 classes, and a maximum of two U's whether it is in work habits or cooperation. A ten-week grace period is given to the member if they become ineligible. (You have 10 weeks to bring up your grade and during that time you will not be allowed to participate). If a member remains ineligible, they will be transferred into a regular PE/Dance class and removed from the dance team. Team members represent Taft High School; therefore, they are required to **model good behavior and set good examples**. If for any reason a team member does not comply with the code of conduct/ethics, they will be removed from the team. For Example: If dance team members are affiliated in any drug or illegal activity membership will be terminated.

The Dance team will consist of just Varsity dance teams; making the dance team does not guarantee the member will dance in all performances. Each team member will audition for all performances. Team members must know the routine and execute the dance style with technical accuracy to be picked for performances. Fall semester focuses on football games, pep rallies, dance concert and school events. Prior to the beginning of spring semester, auditions will be held to determine who will dance in which competition category. If a dance team member is not selected to dance in a competition piece, they will be transferred out of sixth period dance team class and into a regular PE/Dance class. Being a fall semester dance team member does not guarantee being a spring semester dance team member.

TERM OF OFFICE FOR DANCE TEAM CAPTAINS

Dance team captains are voted for by current members and ultimately selected by the coaches. Only a current team member may run for office. The term of office begins in early June (alongside previous captains) and continues for the entire year. Team captains are responsible for assisting in team activities and coaches. Dance captain activities include leading warmups, leading rehearsals, organizing events, and organizing team activities. Captains are responsible for maintaining a positive sense of morals amongst team members by setting good examples and modeling good behavior. Captains must be present for the entire summer dance intensive, all football games, and rehearsals/technique classes. Captains must enroll as McKinley's T.A. for the entirety of the year. If a captain does not meet the terms of their responsibilities, they will be removed from office, and the coaches will select a new captain. (*See Mr. McKinley or coaches about any days that will be missed during summer)

TERM OF OFFICE FOR DANCE SPIRIT LEADERS

Dance team spirit leaders are voted for by current members and ultimately selected by the coaches. Only a current team member may run for office. The term of office begins in early June (alongside previous captains) and continues for the entire year. Team spirit leaders are responsible for assisting in team activities, captains, and coaches. Dance Spirit Leader duties include team member birthdays, pep-rallies, school events, fundraisers, team bonding, secret buddy/Santa, and community events. Spirit leaders must be present for the entirety of the summer dance intensive, all football games, and rehearsals/technique

classes or any other activity created by the team or coaches. If a spirit leader does not meet the terms of their responsibilities, they will be removed from office, and the coaches will select a new Spirit leader. (*See Mr. McKinley or coaches about any days that will be missed during summer)

complete the form below Camp dates and time (June 3rd & June 5th 4pm-5:30pm & 7th June 10th 2 - 5pm)

***June 10th is the parent meeting and Uniform sizing 4pm-6pm (please have a down payment on your uniform.**

DANCE INTENSIVE SUMMER WORKSHOP / REHEARSALS

The **MANDATORY** dance intensive summer workshops will be held in July. Stands camp will be June 3rd, 5th, 4pm-5:30 7th & 10th 2-5pm in person. Dance camp will begin Monday July 22nd until Friday, August 9th (3 Weeks) Monday -Friday 9-3 pm. Dancers are required to attend a **minimum of Three** dance classes during the summer break before camp, which members will have to show receipts and teacher signatures. These classes can be at least one style or a combination of styles; ballet, jazz, contemporary, and hip hop. To put on the three-week summer dance camp a minimum of \$300.00 donation will be needed to pay for coaches and guest choreographers to work with the team. The Dance Camp consists of technique classes of many styles, rehearsals, and guest teachers for football games and pep rallies. The dance camp location is in the dance room and outside. Please wear a mask if sick, although not required.

Beginning Fall Semester, there is **MANDATORY** daily practice. After-school practice or rehearsals are held after school until 5:30 TBD and on Friday football games are from 5pm –9:30pm. When needed, other rehearsals at any time of the week will be included. Team members are required to enroll in sixth period dance team class. Note: 9th and 10th graders will get PE credit 11th and 12 will get art credit. All assigned rehearsals, games, competitions, and pep rallies require the attendance of all team members (which will account for a grade). **A job does not excuse you.** If a team member is unable to attend a rehearsal, performance, or dance team event/activity, a written note, text, or email notice must be turned in at least 2-5 days in advance so changes to performances can be made—**no exceptions!** Failure to do so results in a consequence (i.e. sit out performances) If you miss school due to illness, you are excused.

HEALTH EXAM / PAPERWORK

Every team member must have a physical exam by a physician prior to summer workshop. Members also need to fill out the athletic packet and emergency card **prior to summer workshop.**

FUNDRAISING / DANCE INTENSIVE SUMMER CAMP FEES

Fundraising is an important part of each team member's duties. Funds are used for the summer dance intensive workshop, professional guest teachers, professional guest choreographers, competition fees, competition costumes, buses, props, banquets, music, music editing, supplies and other miscellaneous expenses including dance concert. We are always trying new ideas to help the team raise money and ideas are appreciated. Parents wishing to assist may contact the coaches directly.

Donation link for Dance Camp



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UNIFORMS

All new team members are required to purchase the team uniform. The team uniform, warm-ups, dance shoes, dance bag, leotards and pom poms cost estimated at \$500 (exact price TBA). A down payment for the uniform is due on the first day of fittings, (measurements will be needed to order the dance team uniform) \$150 for girls, and \$70 for boys. Dance shoes, shorts, and tights are your responsibility. You will need to have them by the first football game. **Note: Once your uniform is ordered, it is your responsibility to pay for it even if you drop out or become ineligible.**

DANCE TEAM 6th PERIOD CLASS/GRADING

Dance team members must enroll in sixth period class. Grading will include the following: attendance, dressing, participation, running, attitude, behavior, rehearsals, football games, pep rallies, fundraising, dance concerts, competitions, team spirit, improvement, and overall evaluation of being a Taft Dance Team member.

FOOTBALL GAMES / PEP RALLIES / & COMPETITIONS

Required participation is a must for all these events. If a team member is not selected for a particular pep rally or sideline, they still need to be suited up and present. If a team member misses a game, they are not allowed to dress in their uniform and will be benched for the next event. **Dancers may be cut from performances/events for lack of knowledge of a dance, missed rehearsals, and missed performances/events, failure to meet contract requirements or coach's decision.** (All graded performances that dancers cannot participate in will be made up by running a mile or hours of community service.)

***Dance Concerts are not a part of dance team; they are a dance department event. Dance team members are required to participate (dance, stage crew, lighting, audio) it is highly encouraged for growth and development.**

SAFETY

For the protection of yourself and your team members, **do not wear jewelry, chew gum, or wear long artificial nails** while dancing. (if jewelry is worn for a religious reason notify Mr. McKinley for options. Remove these items before class, rehearsal, game, or performance. Members **MUST** wear proper clothing and uniforms for all dance team practices and events, Failure to do so will result in removal from rehearsal/ practice or nonparticipation in events.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFO & VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers will be needed for transportation to and from competitions and fundraising events such as Dance Concert, Back to School Night, etc. We will need one parent to communicate with to relay all events and dance team information and to lead fundraisers (let Mr. McKinley know if you're interested in volunteering helping with food, snacks, chaperoning or just informed about schedule or events please complete a google form online

Scan QR code to complete the parent volunteer form



RULES

- Be properly dressed in dance/uniform
- No jewelry/No gum/ NO food in dance room
- Be respectful and non-disruptive/no talking
- Must participate in technique/dances/performance/events/activities/fundraisers
- Must always use appropriate language
- Must have positive attitude/behavior at school/events
- No inappropriate behavior in and out of uniform
- Must follow directions from coaches and captains and leaders
- Must be on time and ready to work
- Detention will result in being removed from performance(s)
- No PDA (Public Display of Affection) while in TDT uniform

CONSEQUENCES OF BREAKING RULES

Consequences are as follows. You have a maximum of one warning: Teacher/student documented meeting, and Parent/teacher documented conference. If the student continues to break the rules after the one warning, they will be transferred out of sixth period dance team class and removed from the team.

ESTIMATED COSTS

- \$400-500 – Dance team uniform
- \$100 – Dance team sweatshirt, sweat pants, t-shirt(s)
- \$300 – Summer Intensive/donation
- \$100 – Dance shoes (Jazz, Hop-Hop) shorts, and tights
- \$5-\$20 – Small fee for homecoming
- \$20 – Banquets (dance concerts and team)
- \$20 – purchase your own nude leotard and/or undergarments to wear under costumes if needed

*There will be miscellaneous small fees throughout the school year

*Note: If you order a costume and for any reason are unable to be on Dance Team (i.e. transferring schools, moving, time conflict, etc.) you are still **required to pay** for your costume.

COACHES

Director: Dennis McKinley (209)-341-9171 dcm4840@lausd.net
Assistant coach: Nessy Alawami (818) 577-0690

Marek Amirkhizi (818)-519-845

Please sign and return to Mr. McKinley

**TAFT HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM
CONTRACT AND CODE OF CONDUCT/ETHICS 2020-2021**

I, the parent/guardian of _____, have read the dance team contract and code of conduct/ethics and clearly understand what is expected from my daughter or son.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ **Date** _____

I, _____ have read the dance team contract and code of conduct/ethics and I clearly understand what is expected from me to be a dance team member.

Dance Team Member's Signature _____ **Date** _____

"We dance for laughter, we dance for tears, we dance for madness, we dance for fears, we dance for hopes, we dance for screams, we are the dancers, we create the dream."

Anonymous