

2024-2025

Saxon Dance Team

Tryout Packet

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT TRYOUTS:

Grade levels 8th through 11th can try out for Dance Team.

Dance team is a **YEAR-ROUND** activity! It will take a lot of hard work, time, and dedication. Please make sure you read through this informational packet and ask any questions you have before trying out!

Please wear clothes you can dance full out in, to ALL practices. Tennis shoes or Jazz shoes should be worn. Hair pull back out of face and no jewelry.

All individuals trying out for Ferris Dance

- * Must be fully registered in Final Forms with a valid physical on file BEFORE they can practice for tryouts.**
- * Prior to trying out for Ferris Dance Team, individuals and their parent/guardian must read, understand, and sign this agreement.**
- *Email or deliver a teacher recommendation form to each current teacher.**
- *Fill out the Dancer information form.**

April 22nd 6-8 PM Tryout practice

April 23rd 6-8 PM Tryout practice

April 24th 6-8 PM Tryout practice

April 25th 6:30 pm TRYOUTS

April 26th Team announcement

Financial Responsibilities of Dance Team Members

There are significant costs involved in being a member of Dance Team.

Individual costs (all estimated based on 2023 pricing) If necessary, payments can be made and spread out until paid off. Final cost will be set once the team is chosen, and items are ordered.

Team shoes (tennis & jazz)

Misc. Team shirts/gear, team leggings

(tights, eyelashes.)

ASB GSL card

Estimated Total: **\$250.00**

These prices are based on the dance team having successful fundraising. Each Dancer will be responsible for doing her part in each fundraiser. I will work to provide as many fundraisers as needed and expect that each dancer does their part to be successful. Other small expenses may occur throughout the year. Parents your help is crucial for successful fundraisers throughout the year.

Fundraisers: Summer Car Washes
Sponsorship letters
Junior Dance Clinic
Little Caesars
Winter Warm Up Competition (parents required)
ENCORE (Parents required)
Each member is responsible for doing their part in the fundraising.

Parents,

As a dance team parent, I also will hold you to higher standards. I ask that you remember that I am the coach and will make the decisions for the team. Having so many different dancers and families as part of our team I will not always be able to make everyone happy. Please remember that I make my decisions based on what is best for the team. There are certain things you ARE allowed to approach me about and matters you are NOT.

Allowed

If your dancer is sick or you have an emergency family matter
If you would like to volunteer to help on game/competition days

Not allowed

To discuss your dancers' position in a form, or which dances she is in
To discuss other dancers

I take each dancer's privacy profoundly seriously, and I will never discuss a dancer with another parent.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A DANCE TEAM MEMBER

Dance Team members at Ferris have tremendous responsibilities. Students, faculty, and the entire Ferris community have extremely high expectations of them in every aspect of school and personal life. In order to have a productive, successful, and enjoyable year; it is vital that each candidate has a clear idea of what these expectations are. Dancers must understand not only what is expected of them, but also be aware that if they choose to fall below these expectations or fail to comply with the rules for the group, they can be removed from the team. Dancing is a fun and rewarding experience, but the responsibilities are significant and last the duration of one full calendar year.

RULES, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

1. As representatives of their school, dancers are always expected to serve as examples for others, whether in or out of uniform. They must observe the following:
 - a No drinking of alcoholic beverages.
 - b No illegal use of drugs.
 - c No smoking or Vaping
 - d No use of profane language.
 - e No obnoxious or derogatory conduct.

The Ferris High School Activities Code must be signed and will be implemented in any situation that is applicable to members of the Dance Team.

2. Travel to and from performances will be as designated by the Dance Team advisor. Dancers **will always travel to** competitions with the team. Usually, dancers will travel from competitions and performances with the team as well, but exceptions may be made **ahead** of time.
3. **Dancers are responsible for the appropriate care of their uniforms, costumes, and poms. If uniforms, costumes, or poms are lost during the year, the dancer will be responsible for the cost of replacing them.**
4. Dancers must wear the chosen outfit for a performance and/or competition. **Choosing not to have the correct outfit means choosing not to perform. This includes what they wear when they travel as a group.**
5. **Dancers must attend the last practice before a performance or event. If practices are missed the week of a performance, they are responsible for returning to practice knowing all material that was practiced.**

***Dancers may not hold a job that conflicts with Dance Team responsibilities. Flexibility is essential, and if last minute schedule changes occur, dance must come first.**

6. All dancers must have a current sport physical if they make the team.

7. All dancers must buy an ASB card.
8. All dancers must have their parents fill-out and sign an emergency information sheet/Final forms.
9. **ALL piercings must be old enough that all piercings may be removed for all practices and performances.**
10. All dancers will be expected to attend practices in August in order to perform at the first football games.
11. A dancer will earn a Varsity Letter for Dance Team by “making” and performing in at least 10 dances. They will need to be a member in good standing for the entire year.
12. **There may be tryouts for individual performances.**
 13. Dancers on Dance Team will only be able to do a Fall or Spring **sport if they do not conflict with the dancer’s ability to participate fully in Dance.**
 14. **Dancers will not be allowed to take any other “Zero Hour” class as dance team is held during Zero hour.**
 15. . Grades are to be kept up to GSL sports standards. A student has one week from grade release to raise the grade to a passing grade, after that one week the student can no longer perform or compete.
16. **Dancers may not miss practice for any reason other than a family emergency, or pre planned appointment. I must receive at least two weeks’ notice of any scheduled appointments but ask that you schedule any appointments on non-practice days.**
17. **Any emails or texts before practice will count as an unexcused absence. When one member of the team is missing, a practice cannot be fully productive.**

BEFORE YOU MAKE THE DECISION TO TRY OUT

Please carefully consider the following: As stated previously, Dance Team is a big commitment. Outlined below are the general responsibilities of a Ferris Dancer throughout the year. These activities are subject to change but can give you an idea of what a year will look like commitment-wise. This is in addition to practices that will happen regularly during the summer and school year along with team bonding activities. Dance Team involves more time and responsibility than most people realize. The demands upon a student's time and physical energy are great. All Dancers must be able to successfully balance school, Dance Team, homework, eating/sleeping, and their social lives. Your various commitments must be taken into consideration before you decide to try out. Dance Team must take priority over other activities such as youth groups, club sports, and other non-school events. **When a team member is absent, the entire team is negatively affected.**

YEAR-LONG RESPONSIBILITIES

I have tried to list most of the responsibilities of a dancer. Please understand this is not a complete list, it is only meant to give you an idea of the commitment you are about to consider:

SUMMER

-SUMMER CAMP

- Attend Team choreography week and summer practices
- Car Wash Fundraisers.
- Additional fundraisers
- Attend skill-building classes/practices

FALL SEASON

- Perform at home Football games. (Home Stadium)
- Perform at pep assemblies.
- Participate in fundraising activities.
- Fall practices
- Saturday competition practices
- Junior dance clinic

WINTER SEASON (This is our busy season!)

- All parent's help run "Winter Warm Up" (Home competition)
- Perform at home basketball games.
- Perform at all pep assemblies.
- Practices 4-5 days a week including Saturdays
- Invitational Competitions (Schedule will be released over summer)
- Saturday competition rehearsals (September-February)
- Rubber chicken Spirit Game
- Holiday team party. (Sockoliday)
- Basketball State

SPRING SEASON

- District Qualifier
- STATE COMPETITION!!! (Yakima)
- Try-Outs for next year.
- Lilac Parade.
- Practice for Camp with new team.
- Perform in Spring sports assembly.
- Awards Banquet.
- Fundraisers
- Encore – Parents required

Ferris Dance Team Application/Agreement

Dancers Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Please initial after reading the application agreements.

____ 1. Have you read the Dance Team expectations, and do you agree to abide by the rules and regulations?

____ 2. If currently employed, would you be willing to put Dance Team before job obligations?

____ 3. Would you be able to meet the financial obligations for Dance Team? (This will not affect you making the team, your coaches and councilors can help if assistance is needed)

____ 4. Are you willing to help with fund-raising projects, including those that may be held during the summer?

____ 5. Are you willing to attend summer practices and Dance Team camp?

____ 6. Do you agree to follow the WIAA Spirit Rules for Dancers?

____ 7. Are you willing to make a whole-hearted commitment to Dance Team for one year?

I have read the Dance Team Tryout Packet information and have discussed it thoroughly with my parent(s)/guardian. I understand fully its content and the commitment I am undertaking. If chosen, I will comply with the rules, and I will cooperate fully with the other members of the team and the advisor. I understand that if I fail to meet the requirements and expectations, I may be removed from the squad.

Dancer Signature _____ **Date** _____

As this student's parent or guardian, I have read and approved the terms of this agreement. I allow my student to try out for Dance Team, and if chosen I agree to support their participation.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____