

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL DANCE COMPANY

AUDITION PACKET 2017-18

The time has come to start preparing for Dance Company and Alliance auditions! Westlake Dance Company is for the serious dancer that is committed to their technical and performance training. Dance Company takes a serious amount of time and work! Westlake Dance Company has proven itself to be the top High School Dance Program in the State. This past year we were the only Dance Company selected to showcase at the Utah Shakespearean High School Competition in the Buckingham (5A) division and received 1st Place. We were also able to perform at 2 NBA games, tour LA and perform at many Half-time, Assemblies and made many Guest Appearances. Dance Company also attended many Workshops/Master Classes. Members of Westlake Dance Company are expected to be proficient in Modern, Contemporary, Jazz, Hip-Hop and Ballet dance styles. Dance Company members also have the opportunity to choreograph.

Westlake Dance Company is not required - it is an optional group separate from Westlake Dance Classes. Westlake Dance Company is designed to run much like a professional or collegiate dance company.

Alliance Dance Company is another option for dancers that would like choreography and performing experiences without the excessive outside practices and/or cost/fees. Alliance Dance Company will be cast at the same audition as Westlake Dance Company. Alliance will produce one informal concert in the Spring and will have the opportunity to perform in Dance Company Concerts and the Performing Arts Assembly. Alliance has no GPA requirement but in class attendance is a must. Alliance meets period B6. If the cost of Dance Company is not in your budget please select to be a part of Alliance Dance Company only. Alliance Dance Company is also great for those dancers that are involved in other extracurricular activities but would still like a 'Dance Company' experience.

**MANDATORY PROSPECTIVE DANCERS AND PARENT INFORMATION MEETING:
APRIL 17 @ 5:00pm in the Lecture Hall
AUDITION CLINIC: TUESDAY MAY 2nd 4-7pm
AUDITION: WEDNESDAY MAY 3RD 4-8PM (DANCERS MUST STAY FOR CALL BACKS)**

Please Bring the Following Prior to Auditioning (Pages 7-13):

1. Application Form
2. Consent Form
3. Current Photo
4. Copy of Current Transcripts
5. Class Attendance form
6. 3 Teacher Evaluations (One Dance Teacher and Two Academic Teachers [math, science, english, history, etc...])

These items will not be returned to you

Those missing any documents will not be allowed to audition for Dance Company.

Dancers in order to audition for Dance Company, YOU MUST HAVE: Above a 2.5, No F's or NC's for 3rd Quarter, Copy of 3rd Quarter Grade.

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL DANCE COMPANY CONTRACT
2017-2018

We are happy your student is considering a position on Dance Company at Westlake High School for the coming year. This is a serious commitment, so it is essential that you and your student are aware of the requirements that must be met in order to occupy this position.

The following requirements have been agreed upon for this organization. Please read *carefully* before consenting to your student's participation.

Purpose of the Organization

In this dance company course the students will gain an advanced and greater understanding of dance as an art form. This course focuses mainly on the art of modern dance, the elements of dance (energy, space, and time), improvisational skills, technical mastery, the choreographic process, and mastering performance. Students have the opportunity to create their own dances, teach and work with their peers, learn from guest choreographers, and be a part of the creative process of putting on assemblies, half-time shows, and concerts. The material given is designed to help students improve overall in dance and provide performance opportunities. Be ready to dive into the world of movement, innovative thought, and boundless creativity.

Membership Qualifications and Responsibilities

1. **Eligibility:** Any student wishing to be considered for a Dance Company position must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA, (and must show a 2.5 or higher on third quarter's grades of the try-out year) at the time of the try-outs. A No-Credit (NC) or F will not be accepted. A 2.5 GPA must be maintained to hold a position on the team. Failure to maintain the 2.5 GPA or above will result in a three-week probation period. While on probation, the student will be denied the opportunity to participate in all Dance Company performances. Students must continue to dress for class, attend practice, and performances. At the end of the three-week probationary period, grades will be checked. At the end of the quarter, if grades are still not up to the 2.5 minimum level the student will be dismissed from the company.
2. **Respect:** Dance Company members will be expected to respect and listen to the advisor/coach at all times. Professional guest choreographers must be treated the same. Dancers will give 100% all of the time. Members will give them their very best efforts with full attention and will listen to their expertise and direction. Dance Company members will be willing and enthusiastic to learn new and different dance styles from the advisor/coach and or professional guest choreographers.
3. **Attendance at all practices, performances, fundraisers, and activities are mandatory:** Only medical excuses, family weddings/funerals, and school excused activities for missing performances, practices, etc... will be allowed and the advisor must be notified if student is ill. Vacations, trips, work, outside studio dance classes, family parties or traditions etc... are not a part of excused absences. Please note I cannot work around every family activity, party, and or tradition. If I did I would have students gone at most practices and performances, which is not acceptable. Parents, please plan vacations around Dance Company's schedule. As needed, *Saturday practices and or extra practices* may be scheduled during the year and especially during concert season. ***If practices and performances are missed the student's participation grade will be affected, as well as performing at future events and participating in routines.*** If a student has more than 2 unexcused absences (all year) from practices, fundraisers, or activities, the student will be put on probation and/or lose membership on the team. If a student misses more than one performance students will be put on probation and/or lose membership on the team. Students will lose participation points with each tardy. Lateness is unacceptable. Students with (2) unexcused tardies will be put on a two-week probation and if lateness continues student will be removed from Dance Company.
4. **Attending outside studio dance classes and or performing groups:** I support students taking dance outside of Westlake as long as it does not conflict with the Dance Company schedule or affect the dancer's ability to stay alert and in tune at all practices and or performances. Students are not allowed to miss Dance Company practices, performances, fundraisers, and

activities etc. for outside dance, especially during concert season and the month of April/May. Missing concert season practices for outside dance will lead to student dismissal from routines, concert, and or membership on Dance Company. Please make sure your studio classes begin after 4:00pm on Tuesdays/Thursdays. As long as I know **in advance** any conflicts we can work around it!

5. **Rehearsals:** Distractions such as visitors and cell phones are not allowed. Visitors will be kicked out and cell phones will be taken away. Members are expected to refrain from private conversations while rehearsals are being conducted. Dance Company members are expected to return from breaks on time. Make sure that snack and beverage trash is not left in the studio, auditorium, or practice areas.

Tentative Dance Company rehearsals are as follows:

- New Member/Parent Meeting Saturday May 15, 2017 5pm.
- Summer Pictures: June or July.
- Rec Center Technique Boot Camp June 12-16 (optional but strongly encouraged) .
- Mandatory Choreography Camp: July 31-August 5th.
- School Year: 7:15am every A day into 1st period Dance Company class.
- September-October: Getting ready for Shakespeare and Invitational/District Concert, after school/Saturday practices added.
- October: Invitational/District Dance Concerts.
- November: UVU High School Day
- February: UDEO High School Festival
- March Tour: Florida Competition or NYC Tour
- Concert Season November-April: Tuesday-Thursday 230-4pm, Possible Saturdays
- Concert Month December/April: Lighting, tech and dress rehearsals. Saturday practices needed to prepare for concert and/or Guest Choreographer. Dress and Tech rehearsals may go until 7:00pm.
- Concert Dates 2017-18: TBD.

6. **Performances:** Concerts, half times, assemblies, fundraisers, etc... Every Dance Company member shall attend every performance, whether or not they are performing. Members who have more than one unexcused absence *for a performance* will lose their membership on Dance Company. All members may be required to audition for each performing dance. The advisor/coach, choreographers, guest choreographers, and officers will judge the audition for each dance. Performers will be selected based on knowledge of the routine, performance qualities, showmanship, overall attitude, and technique. Once the dancers are selected they will always perform in that routine, unless a performer becomes injured, ill, or breaks rules in the contract. At that time all understudies may challenge to fill this position. All interested understudies will then perform this routine for advisor/coach, choreographers, and guest choreographers when deemed necessary. All understudies are required to actively participate during rehearsals in order to fill an open position. The advisor will have the authority to select an understudy to take the place of a member, if that member has not been dancing to the best of her ability. Each Dance Company member must be present to all class periods the day of the performance in order to perform at the event.

7. **Appearance:** Dance Company members must maintain their appearance and follow the Alpine School District and Westlake High's Dress Code. Being a part of Dance Company, students are not only representing themselves, but the Dance Company/Dance Dept. programs, and Westlake High School. ***No crude behavior and/or language will be tolerated. Ex: streaking, smoking, drinking, use of drugs, sexual-related activity, being rude to fellow teammates or fellow students and Westlake, or wearing dance attire inappropriately. This pertains to social media as well!*** Involvement in such activities will result in dismissal from the team. No refunds of fees previously paid will be given. ****There will be no probationary period!***

8. **Work:** We realize that some students must maintain employment to participate in this organization, but their first obligation must be to Dance Company. ***Practices and performances may not be missed because of work. If they are missed the student's participation grade will be affected, as well as participating in future performances and routines.***

9. The students occupying a Dance Company position will be required to attend all MANDATORY summer practices and summer Choreography Camp: A summer practice schedule is included in this packet. Please go over the schedule and plan accordingly. No excuses for missing summer practices will be accepted, i.e. vacations, three day trips, family reunions, pioneer treks, youth conference, music tours, vacations already paid for, etc. If you know you cannot meet the summer practice schedule and or the required performances and practices throughout the entire 2016-2017 Dance Company schedule please reconsider trying out. Please do not put the advisor/coach and administration in the position of having to ask you to leave your position.

10. Expectations: If a Dance Company member is not performing up to the expectations of advisor/coach because of a poor attitude or lack of effort, a fellow Dance Company member will replace them in performance routines and or disqualification from the company.

11. Injuries: If a student becomes injured the advisor/coach needs to have a doctor's note in hand. This note needs to include a diagnosis, expected recovery time, and when the student will be back practicing at 100% in order to sit out at practices, performances, etc. Otherwise, the student will be expected to practice and perform at 100%. Remember, injured students are expected to attend practices and performances supporting their team, and depending on the severity of the injury, mark routines when able. If a student is ill they are still required to come to practice and watch. If they are too sick to sit and watch they must get a doctors note as well.

Parents/Guardians please keep a copy of this contract for your records and refer to it whenever you have questions. You play a large part in your child's attitude toward company discipline, keeping and maintaining a positive attitude and your child's understanding of the dynamics of working in a unified team. Dance Company is hard work. Before trying out, please evaluate the following:

1. Can I get along with other team members?
2. Am I willing to put the time and effort into the company practices?
3. Can I respect the advisor/coach and all guest choreographers, even when being given critiques?
4. Do I have a hard time handling stress?
5. Can I be a positive role model to all company members?
6. Am I willing to work hard and solve personality conflicts with other company members and or advisor/coach?
7. Can I celebrate the success of others?
8. Can I maintain a 2.5 GPA? No F's and No NC's?
9. Can I afford the financial obligations associated with this organization?

Contract Changes

1. The contract is subject to change at any time with approval from administration.
2. At any time, additions may be made to the contract as it becomes necessary and with the approval of the advisor and administration.
3. The advisor may enforce other rules as they become necessary for the school year for the benefit of the organization.

Financial Responsibilities

All money, unless otherwise noted is to be paid in the WHS Main Office before, 3:00pm each school day. Please note Due Dates.

DANCE COMPANY FEES:	COST	AMOUNT DUE
Spirit Pack:	\$200.00	\$200.00
Choreography Camp Fee:	\$150.00	\$150.00
Concert DVDs	\$30.00	\$30.00
Photos (includes disc and sitting fee):	\$70.00	\$70.00
DUE BY <u>JULY 3, 2017</u> TO SECURE PLACEMENT ON COMPANY:		TOTAL: \$450.00
DANCE COMPANY CLASS FEE:	COST	AMOUNT DUE
Participation Fee:	\$50.00	\$50.00
Course Fee:	\$5.00	\$5.00
DUE BY AUGUST 22, 2017:		\$55.00

TEAM ACTIVITIES:	COST	AMOUNT DUE
Shakespeare Festival	\$250.00	\$250.00
UVU Day:	\$25.00	\$25.00
State Festival	\$20.00	\$20.00
TOTAL DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2017:		\$295.00

GRAND TOTAL:	\$800.00	\$800.00
*OPTIONAL NEW YORK TOUR		\$1599.00

*KEEP IN MIND: THESE NUMBERS ARE ESTIMATES. THEY MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

All summer fees must be paid in full **JULY 3, 2017** to **SECURE** a spot on **Westlake Dance Company**. If payment is not received Dance Company member will be placed into Alliance Dance Company.

All Dance Company fees must be paid in the main office to the financial secretary. No money is to be collected by students, parents, and advisor/coach.

Late fees: A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed to any fee/trip payment after a 5-day grace period. Please get your payments in ON TIME!!!!

Dance Company is only allowed to do 2 fundraisers per year. These fundraisers are designed to fund and support the Dance Company Program and Dancer's Trips. Each fundraiser must have pre-approval by the principal and all money must go through the financial secretary of Westlake High School. All members are required to participate in all fundraisers that help finance the **Dance Company Program**. These fundraisers help with:

- Guest choreographers, master classes, dance festivals and workshops
- Concert costs: lights, gels, marley floor and tape, costumes, costume rentals, props, repairs, publicity, programs, posters, tickets, concessions, and cash box supervisor
- Concert video, music editing, and slide show
- Team dinners, activities, and unity workshops and banquet.
- Individual Dance Shakespeare Competition and Dance Trip Cost.

WHS Dance Company Selection Process

The candidates will audition in front of a panel of judges approved by the advisor/coach. These judges will make a selection between 30-35 Dance Company candidates. Parent/Student must be in attendance at parent meeting. Students trying out must be at both the clinic and audition. Both dance workshops are closed to parents and public. No part of the judge and teacher evaluations will be open to parent/guardian or student inspection for any reason. Many things will be considered in the judging process.

- Eligibility: GPA 2.5 or higher, no NC'S, no F's.
- 3 teacher evaluations. One dance teacher and two academic teachers (ex: English, math, history, science etc...)
- Technique across the floor, Contemporary combo, Hip Hop combo and performance skills/improvisation.
- Attitude and dedication in previously attended dance classes at Westlake such as: Dance 1, Dance 2, Dance 3, Urban Dance, Alliance Dance Company and Dance Company.

Clothing requirements for audition include:

- Dance attire
- Dance shoes or bare feet
- Hair pulled away from face
- Jewelry, gum, and cell phones are prohibited

Former members auditioning for a second or third year positions must audition each year. Membership is not guaranteed and all candidates are on equal standing during the course of the audition.

Clinic # _____

Audition # _____

WESTLAKE DANCE COMPANY
APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Birthdate: (DD/MM/YY) _____ Grade Next Year: 10 11 12

Email: _____ Cell#: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Cell#: _____

Parent Email: _____

3rd Quarter GPA: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Dance History/Training

(Please include training and any special skills you feel the judges should know)

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

_____ In the event I do not make Dance company **I WOULD** like to be considered for Alliance Dance Company.

_____ In the event I do not make Dance Company **I DO NOT** want to be considered for the Alliance Dance Company.

Westlake High School Dance Company
Parent Consent & Acknowledgment Agreement

My child _____ has my permission to be a Dance Company Member at Westlake High School. I understand that he/she must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the advisor and the school administration. I understand that my child must be present for all rehearsals, performances, and events. I understand that the forms attached must be completed and returned prior to auditions or my child will not be allowed to audition. I understand that my child must attend all audition workshops or my child will not be considered for a position on Dance Company

I understand that qualified judges will evaluate my child and we agree to abide by the decision of the judges. I will not contact the advisor or administration after tryouts regarding my child's results unless to receive feedback.

I understand that if my child is selected as a member of the Westlake Dance Company I will be held to the same standards as the dancers. Disrespect or any other inappropriate behavior directed at the coaches, administration, dancers or other parents on the team may result in my dancer being removed from the team

I understand all the costs involved with being a member of Dance Company.

I understand by nature, the participation with Dance Company will require good physical conditions, and activities in which he/she will be asked and expected to participate in require physical stamina, strength and dance ability. I represent to you that my student has no physical, medical, or mental disability or other limitations, which would prevent him/her from full participating in the activity.

I understand that Dance Company is an activity where the risk of injury to our student is possible. With this understanding I consent to the full participation of my student in the activity and release the school, district personnel, and insurance carriers from claims or costs due to injury.

By signing this agreement, I agree to release the advisor, choreographers, volunteers and employees of Westlake High School and Alpine School District from liability and damages resulting from injury or property loss.

I have read the above information and understand and agree the items stated above. I give permission for my student to audition for the 2017- 2018 Westlake Dance Company.

Guardian Signature

Date

I am interested in becoming a member of the Westlake Dance Company. I understand the risks stated above. If selected, I promise to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the advisor and the school administration.

Student Signature

Date

Please place one current photo here.

Please place first, second, and third quarter grades of this year here.

**PLEASE CALCULATE YOUR GPA FOR EACH
QUARTER!**

**3rd QUARTER GRADES MUST BE ABOVE A 2.5 AND
CUMULATIVE GPA MUST BE ABOVE A 2.5.**

WESTLAKE DANCE COMPANY AUDITIONS
CLASS ATTENDANCE FORM

The following is a form that you must have each teacher sign on **MAY 2 AND 3**
(The Day of Tryouts). We want to make sure that school is the priority and that
dancers are in school all day prior to coming to tryouts. This will be good
practice for the dance season!

**PLEASE BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU *FILLED OUT* WEDNESDAY TO
TRYOUTS!!!!!!**

Teachers: Please sign **ONLY** if student was in your class for the entire period on
TUESDAY MAY 2ND and WEDNESDAY MAY 3RD

Period	Class	Current Grade	Teacher Signature
B5			
B6			
B7			
B8			
A1			
A2			
A3			
A4			

PLEASE ONLY SIGN IF THE STUDENT WAS IN YOUR CLASS THE ENTIRE TIME.

Thank you for your time.

Chelsea Budge Dance Company Director

TEACHER EVALUATION- ACADEMIC WESTLAKE DANCE COMPANY

Your evaluation of this student is requested for Dance Company Auditions. A teacher recommendation for each member gives an indication of his/her academic standing, motivation, leadership skills, and attitude. Your input will be averaged with the audition candidate's other instructors and considered in his/hers overall audition score. We require students maintain the highest standards for our program. Please be honest as the form is very important aspect to our team. This student will not be shown this evaluation letter.

TEACHERS: PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEAL IN AN ENVELOPE THE STUDENT HAS PROVIDED.
PLEASE SIGN ACROSS THE SEAL AND RETURN TO THE STUDENT. YOUR MAY ALSO SEND IT TO
WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL ATTENTION TO CHELSEA BUDGE.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Current Academic Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Academic Subject: _____

Please evaluate the student on the following qualities 5 being the best and 1 needing improvement.

Academic Achievement	1	2	3	4	5
Attendance and Tardiness	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5
Work Ethic	1	2	3	4	5
Attitude	1	2	3	4	5
Dependability	1	2	3	4	5
Dedication	1	2	3	4	5

Would you recommend this student for the Westlake Dance Company? YES NO

Comments: _____

Thank you for your time and input!!!

Chelsea Budge Dance Company Director - cbudge@alpinedistrict.org

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WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL ATTENTION TO CHELSEA BUDGE.

Student's Name: _____
Student's Current Academic Grade: _____
Teacher's Name: _____
Academic Subject: _____

Please evaluate the student on the following qualities 5 being the best and 1 needing improvement.

Academic Achievement	1	2	3	4	5
Attendance and Tardiness	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5
Work Ethic	1	2	3	4	5
Attitude	1	2	3	4	5
Dependability	1	2	3	4	5
Dedication	1	2	3	4	5

Would you recommend this student for the Westlake Dance Company? YES NO

Comments: _____

Thank you for your time and input!!!

Chelsea Budge Dance Company Director - cbudge@alpinedistrict.org

TEACHER EVALUATION- DANCE WESTLAKE DANCE COMPANY

Your evaluation of this student is requested for Dance Company Auditions. A teacher recommendation for each member gives an indication of his/her academic standing, motivation, leadership skills, and attitude. Your input will be averaged with the audition candidate's other instructors and considered in his/hers overall audition score. We require students maintain the highest standards for our program. Please be honest as the form is very important aspect to our team. This student will not be shown this evaluation letter.

TEACHERS: PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEAL IN AN ENVELOPE THE STUDENT HAS PROVIDED.
PLEASE SIGN ACROSS THE SEAL AND RETURN TO THE STUDENT. YOUR MAY ALSO SEND IT TO
WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL ATTENTION TO CHELSEA BUDGE.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Current Academic Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Academic Subject: _____

Please evaluate the student on the following qualities 5 being the best and 1 needing improvement.

Academic Achievement	1	2	3	4	5
Attendance and Tardiness	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5
Work Ethic	1	2	3	4	5
Attitude	1	2	3	4	5
Dependability	1	2	3	4	5
Dedication	1	2	3	4	5

Would you recommend this student for the Westlake Dance Company? YES NO

Comments: _____

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