DANCE AUDITIONS 2015-2016

Auditions for the Intermediate and Advanced level will be held
June 2nd and June 3rd, 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm.

AUDITION DAY 1: June 2nd

Skills: Part 1
Dancers will be asked to execute the following:
  1. Pirouette
  2. Chaine turns
  3. Leaps
  4. Second turns
If dancer is not at the intermediate or advanced skill level during this part of the audition, he/she will be asked to leave and their names will be given to the counselors for the beginning level.

Dance Combo: Part 2
If a dancer is asked to stay for the second part of the audition, he/she will learn the audition combo.

AUDITION DAY 2: June 3rd
Combo/callback
Dancers will perform the dance combo in front of the panel of judges. If need be, dancers will be asked to perform certain skills in front of judges.

Requirements for Advanced:
  1. Triple pirouette
  2. Chaine turns
  3. Leaps
  4. Second turns
  5. Advanced ability to learn choreography
  6. Right and Left splits
  7. High performance

Requirements for Intermediate:
  1. Double pirouette
  2. Chaine turns
  3. Leaps
  4. Right and Left Splits
  5. Intermediate ability to learn choreography

If you have any further questions please feel free to email me or call me
Thank you,
Jennifer Waters – Dance Director
562-425-7441 ext. 4474 e-mail jwaters@lbschools.net
This contract is binding to the Millikan High School Intermediate and Advanced Dance program. It constitutes the rules, conduct guidelines, consequences, and commitments that each dancer must follow while a member of MHS Intermediate and Advanced Dance.

Read this contract carefully. Your signature acknowledges consent to the standard and willingness to follow all terms of this contract. Participation in Intermediate and Advanced Dance is a privilege and carries with it the high expectations of being a leader and role model on campus and in the community. Advanced Dance is also a HUGE commitment. Please be sure you can comply with ALL of the expectations.

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS: PLEASE INITIAL EACH ITEM**

Please provide a head shot with the application

**A. ______ Eligibility – INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED**
1. Student must maintain a 2.5 GPA.
2. Student must have one teacher recommendation.
3. Student must have satisfactory school attendance.
4. Student must be at school the day of the performance (unless prior, written notice is provided to Dance Director).
5. Student must have an athletic clearance prior to participating in any event.
6. Student and parent/guardian must sign and agree to abide by the terms of this contract in order to participate in Intermediate/Advanced Dance.

**B. ______ Dance Code of Ethics – INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED**
1. Student must willingly cooperate with the Director, Assistant, Guest Choreographers, and Student Director.
2. Student is courteous and hospitable to EVERYONE.
3. Student will graciously accept any decisions made by Dance Director and Assistant.
4. Student uses approved tactics and refrains from using profanity.
5. Student controls her/his temper and maintains her/his poise.
6. Student is a team worker and as such, works at all times to maintain harmony within and between the groups.

**C. ______ Responsibilities as a Dance Member – INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED**
1. Student is required to attend all scheduled rehearsals and performances (unless prior, written notice is provided to Dance Director).
2. Student is required to respect and support all other MHS performance teams.
3. Student will be responsible for knowing all routines.
4. Student must have excellent school discipline and be a role model.
5. Student must follow all schools rules and dress code of MHS.

**D. ______ Zero Tolerance: Drug/Alcohol/Suspension/Inappropriate Behavior – INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED**
In the event any member of Intermediate or Advanced Dance is found with Drugs or Alcohol in their possession, or is suspended from school, or if he/she is reported or found to be behaving in any inappropriate manner, this also includes Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Texting, he/she will be removed from the team for the remainder of the school
year. If you are removed from *Intermediate or Advanced Dance* (for any reason) you MAY audition for the following year, at the discretion of the Dance Director.

E. ______ Enforcement – *INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED*

Violations of the letter or the spirit of this code may result in disciplinary actions by the Dance Director or Administrator. Violations will result in one or more of the following penalties:

1. **Warning** - *The following actions are grounds for warning:*
   a. Failure to dress in proper dance attire.
   b. Not participating in class or rehearsals.
   c. Not respecting Dance Director, Assistant, Guest Choreographers and Student Directors.
   d. Leaving class/rehearsals early or arriving late without prior approval from Dance Director.

2. Placement on probation.

3. Removal from a performance(s).

4. Removal from the dance department (In the event you are removed from the dance department, you will not be eligible for any refunds. Further the removal will apply for the remainder of days/months/years at Millikan High School).

5. Upon removal from the Dance team under no circumstances are allowed to wear any uniform affiliated to the Dance Team on or off school time.

F. ______ Grades – *ADVANCED*

Participation in after school practice is mandatory. Please schedule work, doctor’s appointments, and extracurricular activities around after school practices. Unexcused absences will result in a lower grade. Inability to follow any of the above guidelines will also result in a lower grade. If you have any scheduling conflict you MUST speak to Mrs. Waters in advance prior to making a commitment to another activity other than the Dance Team.

G. ______ Time Involved/Rehearsal Schedule (Tentative) – *ADVANCED*

*Advanced Dance* will be your scheduled 8th period class every other day from 1:30-3:00. Advanced Dance will ALSO meet after school on some scheduled and some non-scheduled days from 2:40 until 4:00. Dates will vary, but you will receive a calendar with all dates in advance.

There will be MANDATORY performances such as *Orientation* (August), *Homecoming Pageant* (October/November), *Winter Dance Show* (December), Cabrillo Dance Festival (December), *LBUSD Dance Spectrum* (March/April), *Spring Dance Show* (May) *Friday Night Home Football Games, Rallies, Dance Clinic, and Mr. Ram* (March). There may be other performances required and we will advise as they come up.

There will be additional rehearsals before all performances throughout the year. Please schedule work, doctor’s appointments, etc., around rehearsals and after school practices.

H. ______ Fundraisers – *INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED*

We will do many fundraising events throughout the summer and school year, which could include (but are not limited to) Christmas Trees, Dance Clinic, Homecoming, Car Wash, Spirit wear, etc. These fundraisers will be used for the Individual Accounts and the Dance Program to help with choreographers, costumes, banquets, Dance Program and Spring Show. **** All Intermediate and Advanced members are strongly encouraged to participate in these fundraisers to help with contributions/donations listed on the MAD Boosters letter.
I. Dance Camp – ADVANCED

*MHS Advanced Dance* will participate in a MANDATORY Dance Camp August 10 - 14, at Millikan High School. Dancers will perform the following Tuesday and Wednesday (August 18th and 19th) at the Freshman orientation.

J. Dance Attire and Costumes – INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED

Each dancer is responsible for the cost of the costumes for the dances in which he/she performs throughout the year (any necessary alterations will be paid by the dancer). An effort is made to reuse and adjust costumes from previous performances and may sometimes be borrowed from the costume closet. We also fundraise to offset these costs. Additionally, each dancer is required to have the following:

1. Black and Nude Jazz Shoes – *Intermediate and Advanced Dance*
2. Dance Paws – *Intermediate and Advanced Dance*
3. Clear/Strapless Bra black and beige – *Intermediate and Advanced Dance*
4. Nude Tights – *Intermediate and Advanced Dance*
5. Black Attire – *Intermediate Dance*
6. Black Leotard/Pink Tights/Ballet Shoes – *Intermediate and Advanced Dance*
7. Performance make-up (TBD) -- *Intermediate and Advanced Dance*

K. Dance Team Auditions/Postings/Parent Meeting

Mandatory Audition Clinic will be held Tuesday, June 2nd and Auditions will be held Wednesday, June 3rd. The scores will be tabulated and there will be audition discussion between Mrs. Waters and the judges.

Call backs DO NOT guarantee a place on the TEAM. The MHS 2015-2016 *Intermediate and Advanced Dance Members* will be notified on Friday, June 5th after 3:30 PM.

If you are chosen to be on the MHS 2015-2016 *Advanced Dance Team*, there will be a MANDATORY Student/Parent Meeting on Monday, June 8th at 6:30 PM in the school library.

If you are chosen to be on the MHS 2015-2016 *Intermediate Dance Team*, there will be a MANDATORY Student/Parent meeting on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30 PM in the school library.

All *Advanced Dance Team* members MUST have a Doctor’s Physical Release Form turned in to Mrs. Waters on or before June 26th. Athletic Forms can be downloaded from Millikan Website under Athletics and all pages are to be filled out. Physicals can be completed for $20 on June 18th at 2:00 PM in the cafeteria OR by your own doctor.

All *Advanced Dance Team* members need to attend a costume fitting on Thursday, June 18th at 1pm in the Dance Room.
This completed, signed Student Contract, together with one (1) Teacher Recommendation, the Grade Check, Application to Audition and Headshot (does not need to be a professional photo) must be turned in to Mrs. Waters NO LATER THAN Friday, May 29, 2015. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS!

I ________________________________, have read and understand everything in the Dance Contract. I have shared this information with my Parents/Guardian and together we agree that I can live up to the rules and expectations outlined in this contract.

__________________________________________
Student Name (Print)

__________________________________________ Date
Student Signature

__________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

__________________________________________ Date
Parent/Guardian Signature

PARENT Home Phone Number ________________________________
PARENT Message/Mobile Number ________________________________
PARENT E-Mail Address Only: ________________________________
Emergency Contact Person ________________________________
Emergency Contact Person Number ________________________________
Relation to Student ________________________________
Application to Audition for: 2015-2016 DANCE DEPARTMENT

Name:____________________________________________________________

Address:_________________________________________________________________________

City: _________________________________________ Zip: _______________________

Phone No.: ____________________________Alternate No.:__________________

Name of Current School: _____________________________________

G.P.A.: _______________

Current School Grade Level:
8th (Middle School)      9th (Freshman)      10th (Sophomore)      11th (Junior)      circle one

Are you currently working? YES NO circle one

If yes, where do you work?_______________________________________

What are your hours? ___________________________________________

What Studio do you dance at?______________________________________________

How many classes a week?_______________________________________

Do you participate in any other activities on campus? YES NO circle one

If yes, what are they? ____________________________________________

Name of Parent/Guardian:______________________________________________

Parent Work Phone No.:___________________________________________

I, __________________________ allow my daughter/son,______________________________,

Name of Parent/Guardian Name of Student
to audition for the Dance Department at Millikan High School. I have read the Dance Contract
and agree that, in the event my child is chosen to be a member of the 2015-2016 MHS Dance
Team, I will do my best to see that he/she follows the regulations of same.

_________________________________________________ _______________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

I have carefully read the Dance Contract and agree to follow the regulations if I am chosen to
be a member of the 2015-2016 MHS Dance Team.

_________________________________________________ _______________________  
Signature of Student Date
ROBERT A. MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL
Dance Department 2015-16

GRADE CHECK SHEET

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Dear Parents,

M.A.D Boosters is made up of parent support system for the Dance Director and Dance Program at Millikan High School during the school year. We work closely with the Dance Director, Mrs. Waters, to fundraise throughout the year along with your contribution and donations for costumes, choreographers, coaches for technique, and banquets for both Intermediate and Advanced Dance teams. It is our goal as parents to support our dancers and the program to assure they all have the best experience for the current school year.

We will do many fundraising events throughout the summer and school year, which could include (but are not limited to) Spirit Wear, Dance Clinic (Advanced), Holiday Show, Homecoming, Car Wash (Intermediate), Mixed Bag Designs, Candles, etc. These fundraisers will be used for the Individual Accounts and the Dance Program to help with contributions and donations for Choreographers, Costumes, Banquets, Dance Program and Spring Show.

**** All Intermediate/Advanced Dance Members and parents are strongly encouraged to participate in these fundraisers to help with your contributions/donations. In addition, we will ask for donations for water and snacks for the dance room (that benefit Intermediate and Advanced).

We look forward to meeting everyone for the NEW Intermediate and Advanced Dance Teams for the 2015 – 2016 school year at the first official booster meeting. Advanced Team parent’s meeting will be held on Monday, June 8th and Intermediate Team parent’s meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10th. Both meetings will be held in the MHS school library at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely,
Michelle Smith
2014-15 MAD Booster President
COSTUMES for Intermediate and Advanced:
Depending on how many numbers each dancer will be in, the costume contribution will be $30.00 to $60.00 approximately per costume. These are approximate costs and Mrs. Waters does everything to keep within this range.

**INTERMEDIATE TEAM Contributions:**
- Fall Choreographers / Technique Coach: $85.00
- Homecoming Rally: $20.00
- Intermediate Team Jacket**: $50.00
- Spring Choreographers / Technique Coach: $90.00
- Spring Show Concession Contribution: $5.00
- Insurance: $10.00

**NEW INTERMEDIATE** team member(s) | **TOTAL** $260.00
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**RETURNING INTERMEDIATE** team member(s) | **TOTAL** $210.00

**Optional Items:**
- Dance Bag: $35.00
- Sweat Suit Pants to match the Jacket: $27.50

**If you are a returning member of the INTERMEDIATE Dance Team, you will NOT have to contribute to the Team Jacket.**

The above contribution(s) may be paid in ONE contribution at the parent meeting on June 10, 2015, OR in installments as follows: First Installment of $150.00 due September 30, 2015; Second Installment of $110.00 due January 29, 2016.

**ADVANCED TEAM Contributions:**
- Advanced Dance Camp: $75.00
- Dance Clinic T-shirt: $10.00
- Homecoming Rally: $20.00
- Advanced Dance Performing Uniform**: $70.00
- Advanced Dance Sweat Suit**: $80.00
- Advanced Dance Jersey Cover**: $65.00
- Fall/Spring Choreography/Technique Coach: $350.00
- Spectrum/Spring Show Concessions Contribution: $10.00
- Insurance: $10.00

**NEW ADVANCED** team member(s) | **TOTAL** $690.00
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**RETURNING ADVANCED** team member(s) | **TOTAL** $475.00

**Optional Item**
- Dance Bag: $35.00

**If you are a returning member of the ADVANCED Dance Team you will NOT have to contribute to the Sweat Suit, Performing Uniform, or Jersey Cover.**

The above contribution(s) may be paid in ONE contribution at the parent meeting on June 8th, OR in installments as follows: First Installment of $170.00 due June 8, 2015 (Returning $65), Second Installment of $170.00 due August 10, 2015 (Returning $60), Third Installment of $175.00 due September 30, 2015, Fourth Installment of $175.00 due January 29, 2016.