



S K Y L I N E
DANCE TEAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How do tryouts work?

Tryouts typically occur over three days. Dancers will do technique across the floor and learn choreography in the styles of pom, jazz and hip hop to be performed the final day in front of a panel of judges.

How many spots are open?

We don't have a specific number of spots open. We select our team based on where the natural break in scoring occurs on the final day of auditions. In the past we have had teams as small as 17, and as large as 26.

How much dance experience do I need to make the team? What styles of dance should I be trained in?

We are a competitive, Varsity program- so the more dance experience you have, the more prepared you will be for auditions. Most dancers that are selected to our team have a basic foundation of dance in ballet, jazz or hip hop.

If I don't have dance experience, should I still audition?

We are always looking for dancers that have potential! If you have a positive attitude, are willing to try new things, and put forth a great effort, you are on the right track! We often have dancers tryout that just aren't quite ready yet, so we always recommend they return the next year after taking time to train and improve their technique!

We recommend that you attend our pre-audition workshops to get a sense of what our team involves.

How is the team structured?

Everyone selected to the Skyline High School Dance Team will perform at school and community events. Within the team, we audition dancers for smaller competitive teams

based on skill level. We compete in the categories of Pom, Jazz and Hip Hop. Each category requires specific skills and mastery of technique to be selected.

What is the time commitment involved and what is the practice schedule?

Our season typically runs June-March (yes basically year-round!). We practice Tuesday and Thursdays from 5-7:30 (or 5:30-8) and Saturdays beginning in October from 9am-12pm. Additional practices may be added as needed. We perform at assemblies, football games, basketball games, and community events. Competition season begins in November and we usually compete 1-2x per month on Saturdays. March is considered "post-season" and includes the District and State Championship.

Can I have a job or play sports if I make the team?

We fully support our dancers participating in other activities and pursuing their passions, however, we ask that those activities are planned around our dance team schedule. Many of our dancers take studio classes, have jobs, volunteer, etc., but they do so by prioritizing our team first. Dancers are not typically able to participate in other Skyline sports due to scheduling conflicts.

Can I still dance with my studio and be on the dance team?

Yes! We believe that both studio AND dance team provide incredible opportunities and training for dancers. Many of our team members take classes and compete with various studios. Juggling schedules and rehearsals can be challenging, but it is possible. We just ask that your studio is also supportive of you participating on dance team and open to planning competitions and schedules with us. Our practice days and times are set in stone due to gym availability, so if your studio requires Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday classes during the times that we practice, that would be a deal breaker.

If you have more specific questions, or would like recommendations on where to take class, please email Coach Lauren: skylinehsdance@gmail.com.

What can I do to prepare for tryouts?

Check out these Instagram profiles for online tutorials, choreography and live classes:

@tribe.99.choreo

@dance.labs

@thevibe_dancefitness

NEW THIS YEAR: We are offering a mentorship opportunity for interested dancers to be paired up with a returning team member to help prepare you for auditions! Feel free to

ask them questions, meet virtually to work on technique, learn choreography, etc. If you are interested in having a mentor to help you prepare for tryouts, please indicate this on our survey, or email skylinehsdance@gmail.com!

What are you hearing about COVID-19 and how it will affect next season?

New information is coming to light each day. We do know that next season will look different, but we really don't know more at this time. Our District will be following direction from the WIAA and Washington State.