

Mercer Island School District

DANCE/DRILL TEAM

SAFETY GUIDELINES

(Prior to participating, both the student and parent must read carefully and sign)

When a person is involved in any athletic activity, an injury can occur. One should be aware the information presented in these safety guidelines is to inform the athlete of proper techniques and inherent dangers involved with dance and drill. There is a chance of broken bones, muscle and soft tissue and back injuries, which could lead to some form of paralysis. Not all potential injury possibilities in this sport are listed, but athletes should be aware that fundamentals, coaching and proper safety equipment are important to the safety and enjoyment of the sport.

1. Proper warm-up is essential before strenuous activity takes place. Be aware of the potentially serious injuries if you do not follow correct procedures in stretching and conditioning.
2. Perform only those skills and techniques as instructed and/or supervised by your coach.
3. Be sure all equipment, especially shoes, is fitting properly before each day's activity. Be cautious when practicing/ performing on slick surfaces.
4. Travel to and from off-campus facilities and practice/competition sites must be in accordance with school procedures.
5. Remove all jewelry and metal hair fasteners and other body adornments as required by rules and regulations for dance/drill.
6. Be aware of your surroundings both home and away including but not limited to surface conditions, obstructions in the proximity to the practice or performance area.
7. Wear outer and under garments appropriate for humidity and temperature.
8. In order to help protect the safety of all squad members, squad members with physically limiting injuries and/or health conditions must inform the coach prior to each day's activity of limiting conditions and participate only to the extent allowed by the coach.
9. Hydration is essential with frequently scheduled drink breaks during practice and drinks available during all performances. Players should hydrate themselves frequently during practice and performances and follow the coach's direction on hydration prior to and following practices and performances.
10. Notify the coach immediately if injured.
11. Practice only when your coach is present.
12. Stunts can be dangerous if not spotted correctly while learning or not performed correctly. You must understand the requirements of a spotter and have spotters in place before attempting any stunt.
13. Do routines at the appropriate time so you will not interfere with other activities taking place in the same area.

The above information has been explained to me and I understand the list of rules, safety regulations/ warnings and procedures. I also understand the necessity of using the proper techniques while participating in the dance/drill program

Date

Athlete's Signature

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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**WARNING/AGREEMENT TO OBEY INSTRUCTIONS
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and parent must read carefully and sign)**

I am aware that DANCE/DRILL team is a high-risk sport and that practicing or competing in Dance/Drill team will be a dangerous activity involving **MANY RISKS OF INJURY**. I understand the dangers and risks of practicing and competing in Dance/Drill team include but are not limited to, death, serious neck and spinal injuries which may result in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, serious injury to virtually all internal organs, serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons and other aspects of the muscular skeletal system, and serious injury or impairment to other aspects of my body, general health and well being. I understand that the dangers and risks of practicing or competing in Dance/Drill team may result not only in serious injury, but in a serious impairment of my future abilities to earn a living, to engage in other business, social and recreational activities and generally to enjoy life. I also understand that the sport in which I participate may be so inherently dangerous that no amount of reasonable supervision, protective equipment or training can eliminate all vestiges of danger. I am informed the District does not assume the responsibility for the medical services required for these risks.

Because of the dangers of Dance/Drill team, I recognize the importance of following the coaches' instructions regarding techniques, training and other team rules, etc., and to agree to obey such instructions.

In consideration of the MERCER ISLAND School District permitting me to try out for the MERCER ISLAND High School Dance/Drill team and to engage in all activities related to the team, including but not limited to trying out, practicing or competing in Dance/Drill. I have read the above warnings and I understand their terms.

_____ Signature of Athlete
Date

I, _____, am the parent/legal guardian of _____.

In consideration of the MERCER ISLAND School District permitting my child/ward to try out for the MERCER ISLAND High School dance/drill team and to engage in all activities related to the team, including, but not limited to, trying out, practicing or competing in Dance/Drill, I have read the above warning and I understand their terms.

_____ Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian
Date