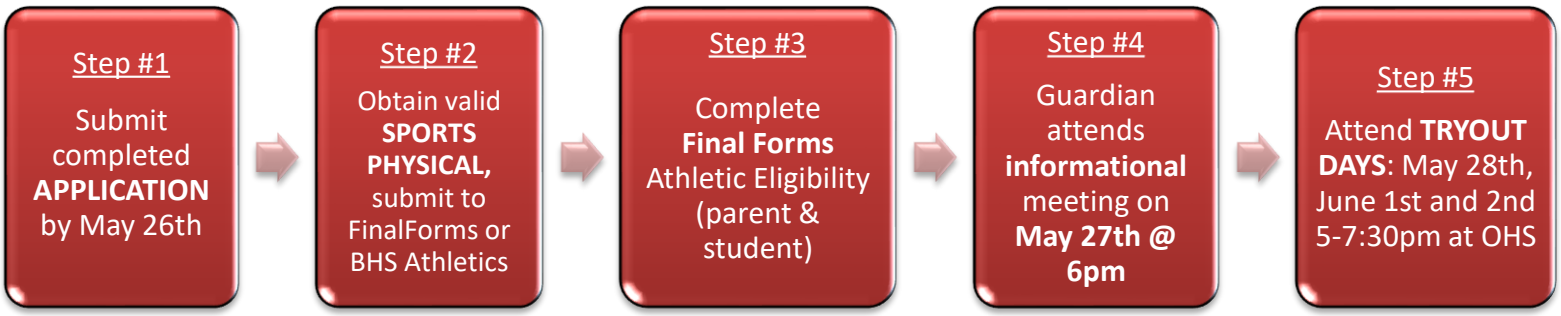
2026-2027 Bellingham High School Dance Team Tryouts

Communication Head Coach: Evan Walker Email: evan.walker@bellinghamschools.org	**Thank you for your interest in BHS Dance Team!** Before you decide to try out, please read ALL this information with your family!

Being on the Dance Team is a privilege given only to those who are responsible and in good standing with the school community. **Dance Team is also a HUGE commitment** and is equal to a year-round sport. Dance can conflict with jobs, your amount of time to do schoolwork, other extra-curricular and non-school related activities. If you are confident you can handle this commitment, then we encourage you to try out!

Please follow ALL of the steps described below. The sooner you begin the steps, the more likely you will be able to meet the final paperwork deadline of **May 26th**. Waiting until the last minute to do these steps may lead to a lot of frustration and may mean you miss the deadlines!



STEP	HOW TO COMPLETE THIS STEP
1. Complete & Submit Application	Complete the attached application about why you are interested in being on Dance Team. The application MUST be submitted by **May 26th** to the Counseling Office at BHS. However, the sooner you can submit it, the better! If you prefer an electronic application, visit the BHS website (Athletics → Fall Sports → Dance) or email Coach Evan: evan.walker@bellinghamschools.org
2. Sports Physical on file at BHS	Students will need a **CURRENT** sports physical on file at Bellingham HS in order to tryout for the team. This is a **MANDATORY** requirement. Physicals must be turned in to the BHS Athletics Office **before** students can participate in tryouts. Physicals are good for 24 months.
3. Athletic Eligibility in Final Forms ***Students must be enrolled to attend BHS in the fall for access to Final Forms*	Families, along with student athletes, need to complete an athletic registration form each year. After submitting this application, BHS Athletics will add you to our Dance roster in Final Forms. Visit this link to take care of eligibility requirements: https://bellingham-wa.finalforms.com/ Please make sure parent/guardian email is accurate in Final Forms as important information will be emailed to them for tryouts. If you have trouble accessing Final Forms, call our Activities & Athletics Office at BHS or email Alex Duncan at alexandra.duncan@bellinghamschools.org
4. Informational Parent/Guardian Meeting	A parent/guardian MUST attend an informational meeting held in-person on **Wednesday, May 27th at 6pm.** Dancers are more than welcome to attend! The meeting will be at **Options High School**. Meet in the commons.

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5. Attend Tryout Workshop Days: **May 28th, June 1st, and 2nd 5-7:30pm @ OHS**	Candidates should attend all of the workshop days to learn the material needed for the audition. Workshop days will be held in the **Gym at Options High School**.

Final Audition: **June 2nd 5-7:30pm @ OHS**	Final Audition for the BHS Dance Team. Candidates must be present to audition unless alternative arrangements have been made with Coach Evan ahead of time.

General Team Overview: Dance Team is a HUGE commitment but is also A LOT of fun. Dance Team has three main seasons. **Fall** (Aug-Oct): school and halftime performances, **Winter** (Nov-March): competition season and **Spring** (April-June): Community performances. Fall season is mandatory in order to participate in the Winter and Spring seasons.

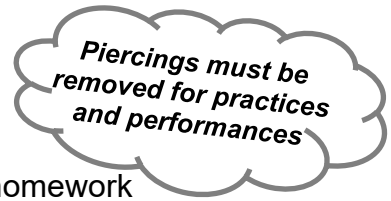
Though previous dance experience is helpful, there have been plenty of former team members who have made the team with absolutely no dance experience.

Summer Commitment: Summer practices are twice a week for two hours each, beginning in July and continuing through August. **Summer practices will be Thursday & Fridays from 10am-12pm in July and Tuesday & Thursdays between 4-7pm in August**. Practice locations will vary and will be communicated to dancers/families after tryouts. We have an optional overnight camp from July 6th–9th and a **mandatory**, week-long day camp from **August 3rd– 7th from 9am-5pm each day (ending at 7pm on Friday)**. There may be a few performances over the summer.

Regular Practices: We will practice two days a week in September and increase to three practices a week beginning in November. Each practice is 2.5 hours long. Our exact practice times and days will be determined once we know the fall sports commitments of those who make the team (between 4-7pm).

Cost/Fundraising: Dance Team does have costs associated with uniforms and team equipment; however, we fundraise throughout the year to offset many of these costs. Uniforms and equipment generally cost about $250 for a first-year member. Depending on the number of competition routines a dancer is part of in the winter season, there will be additional costume costs that range from $100-$300. Coaches and the ASB Office work hard throughout the year to make participation on Dance Team financially accessible. Scholarships may be available on a case-by-case basis.

Team Citizenship is very important to being a valuable member of our Dance Team. In addition to following the athletic code of conduct (in Final Forms) and our team's demerit/merit system, BHS Dancers are expected to do the following:



- Attend practices regularly, with minimal absences
- Come to practice on time and prepared with appropriate practice attire
- Be respectful to coaches, officers, and teammates
- Be responsible with dance uniforms, team items, and completing team homework
- Represent the team well and with respect at school
- Pass and regularly attend all classes (reoccurring grade and attendance checks are conducted)

Discipline: Violation of the Dance Team Citizenship expectations or the athletic code of conduct (signed and available in Final Forms) will result in one or more of the following consequences, administered at the discretion of the dance coach or athletic director: verbal warning, guardian conference, written reprimand, temporary expulsion for a specific number of practices or performances, or expulsion from the dance team. Coach's decisions are final.

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Bellingham High School Varsity Dance Team Application

Name and Pronouns: **(please indicate if you have a different name in skyward)**		
Email Address:		**Currently enrolled in the BPS School System?** □ Yes □ No
Current School and grade:		**If you are a transfer student, has your transfer been approved?** □Yes □ No

Please take time to truthfully answer the questions below. You may use the space provided or write your answers on a separate sheet of paper. This application is due in the BHS Counseling office **by 3:30 Tuesday, May 26th**. Thank you for wanting to be a part of the BHS Dance Team, we wish you the best of luck!

1. Please list the activities, clubs, or athletics you are involved in at school and outside of school.

2. What type, if any, dance experience and/or training have you had? (please know that it is not required that you have any past dance training).

3. What do you think is your strongest quality, not necessarily as a dancer, but as a person?

Describe a weakness that you have?

4. What do you look forward to most about being on the BHS Dance Team?

5. What would you do to positively represent the BHS Dance Team during school, competitions, and while hanging out with friends?

6. From what you know about dance team, what do you think it means to be committed to dance team (what does it take to show your commitment)?

Students: We are so excited you are applying for the BHS dance team! Please look back over this application and make sure you have included everything you want us to know about you and that all the information you wrote is accurate. If it is, and you understand the tryout process and what Dance Team is all about, please print and sign your name below. By signing, you agree that you understand the commitment that is expected to be on this team, and you understand that you will be removed from the dance team if you fail to uphold your commitment.

Student Name:	**Student Signature:**

Parents/Guardians: Please review the information in this packet and print and sign your name below if you agree to support your student in this tryout process. By signing, you understand that attendance at dance team practices, performances, and special events are crucial for your student's success on dance team. By signing, you also understand that if your student is unable to uphold the commitments required for dance team (if they make the team), that they could face the consequences outlined in this packet, including expulsion from the dance team.

Parent/Guardian Name:	**Parent/Guardian Signature:**

If you make the team, I'll need this information right away so I can make sure your uniform pieces are ordered and arrive on time. Please indicate your sizes to the best of your ability.

Shoe Size (Adult): Preferred **Name on Team Attire**:

T-Shirt Size (Adult): XS S M L XL XXL

Sweatshirt Size: XS S M L XL XXL

Leggings Size: XS S M L XL XXL