Chandler High's Modazz Auditions

2026-2027

Dance Placement Workshop and Audition Information

Which class is right for you? Are you ready to move up?

Beginning is for the dancer that has little to no experience and is a great class for those looking to learn the foundational techniques of Ballet, Jazz, Modern, Hip Hop, & Choreography. Dancers do perform in their own concert two times a year. There's no audition or prerequisite to be in Beginning, too! You just need to register for the class with your counselors.

Intermediate is a step up from beginning, and is where dancers can become more serious about learning physical technique and practice the art of choreography. Just like in Beginning, dancers will be able to perform in the concert and have the opportunity to audition a choreographed piece for their class to perform. You do not have to audition for this level and Beginning is a prerequisite. Dancers who have had prior Dance experience may be moved into this level at the discretion of the teacher in the first two weeks of the school year.

Improvisation/Choreography is a special class that you can take before taking Advanced where compositional techniques are defined in order to become a more skilled choreographer. Less emphasis is placed on physical technique in this class, thus making it a good course to take in conjunction with the leveled classes. Students perform in both the Beginning/Intermediate Concert and Modazz Concerts. You must take Beginning and Intermediate, or receive Teacher Approval before taking this class.

The **Advanced** level continues to refine technique in the above Dance styles as well as in Choreography and Composition. Dancers have the opportunity to choreograph and perform in both the Beg/Int and Modazz concerts as well as perform in a school assembly. This level may also get the opportunity to go on a field trip. Students already in this level who do not attend the audition will stay in Advanced. Dancers who have had prior Dance experience may be moved into this level at the discretion of the teacher in the first two weeks of the school year.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Dance is a rigorous pre-university course of study designed for students wanting to potentially earn college credit. This class aims to teach dance through a collegiate lens by focusing on inquiry, intercultural understanding, open-mindedness, and the attitudes necessary for them to respect and evaluate a range of points of view. Students perform in both Beginning/Intermediate and Modazz concerts and are only open to Junior and Seniors with prior Dance training in the CHS IB Program.

Modazz Dance Company is the performance group at Chandler High. There is no set number of members and acceptance is based upon audition scores and teacher feedback every year. Modazz can perform once a month or more depending on time of year in and outside of school. The Class Fee is higher than the other levels in order to pay for apparel needs and there may also be additional fees for Dance Intensives, Festivals, or other requirements for community performances. Dancers may have rehearsals outside of class time scheduled at any given time. This class places more emphasis on choreographing/preparing dances for performance and less on physical technique. The company requires a great deal of maturity and commitment. It is necessary for students to be dedicated and self-motivated to succeed at this level.

★General Audition Info:

CHS Dance will be holding their annual auditions **Monday, May 11– Thursday, May 14 in the CCA Dance Studio**.

All interested dancers will need to come every single day that week as seen as the schedule below. Dancers will learn two different combinations in Contemporary and Hip Hop. One will be taught on **May 11th** and the other on **May 12th** to audition in front of the judges. Prospective Modazz dancers must audition a 1-minute choreographed solo in any dance genre of their choosing. **May 13th** will be a review day as well as an opportunity to receive teacher feedback on your performance (including the solo).

Disclaimer: Please think long and hard about whether you should audition to be a part of Modazz. If you have only had one or less years of Dance technique in or outside of school or don't enjoy choreographing, the Company may not be for you. On the contrary, Mrs. White is looking for hard-working and committed dancers to be in the Company, **NOT** the most flexible one. The ability to learn quickly, work outside of class, and choreograph are major components to this group!

Times

Monday, May 11th at 4:30 - 6:00 pm – Combination #1
*The CCA Dressing Rooms and Green Room will not be open for use. Please use the bathrooms to change before coming up to the studio. No outsiders will be allowed to be in the studio.

Tuesday, May 12th at 4:30 - 6:00 pm – Combination #2
*You will be able to change out in the CCA Dressing Rooms and come up to the studio afterward. No outsiders will be allowed to be in the studio.

Wednesday, May 13th at 4:30 - 6:00 pm – Review Day
*The CCA Dressing Rooms and Green Room will not be open for use. Please use the bathrooms to change before coming up to the studio. No outsiders will be allowed to be in the studio.

Thursday, May 14th at 3:30 - 6:00 pm – Modazz Audition
*Students will be given numbers on Review Day and will audition in groups of 4 -5 dancers. Once you've auditioned, you are free to go home. No outsiders are allowed to be in the Studio while auditions take place! Middle school students will be able to sign up for later spots that occur after the end of their school day.

Monday, May 17th or sooner – Audition results are emailed/posted!

★What to Wear:

Dancers should wear clothing that will allow free movement and allow the judges to see a clear body line. Jeans are not recommended! Appropriate clothing for girls would be dance shorts, leggings/capris with a leotard, tight-fitting t-shirt, or tank top. **No bra straps or midriffs showing, please!** For boys, basketball shorts or sweatpants and appropriately fitted shirts are okay. Jazz shoes, turners, and bare feet are all acceptable for auditioning. Hair should be pulled away from the face and secured tightly in a ponytail or bun. Dancers should look professional in their dress and be school appropriate! You will be given a number on the audition day and you must wear it in a visible spot during the process.

If you have any questions, please email White.Tiffany@cusd80.com!

Audition Helpful Hints

In preparation for your audition, here is a helpful hint page that will help your audition run a bit more smoothly!



1st - Always be on time!

Helpful hint: 10 minutes early is considered on time!

2nd - Make sure you have all needed items

(i.e. jazz shoes, hair ties, the correct clothing, and a great attitude!)

Helpful hint: Make a list of things you need and check it twice before you leave!

3rd - Double-Check Your Appearance

Helpful hint: Wear tight fitting clothing so that judges can see movement easily. **Black or dark colors** are best and please no midriffs showing!! Your hair MUST be pulled back from face!

4th - Be Professional

Helpful Hint: Treat this as a job interview; be on your best behavior and BE PROFESSIONAL! The entire audition process will be run a lot smoother if everyone is cooperating and has an **awesome attitude**!

5th – Practice! Practice! Practice!

Helpful Hint: You will only have one day to learn the combos so feel free to tape it so you can practice at home! Ask many questions while learning, too. Lastly, do your best and just have fun!

Good Luck!

"Don't lower your expectations to meet your performance.
Raise your level of performance to meet your expectations.
Expect the best of yourself."

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Dance Company Audition Packet

If you are auditioning for the Modazz Dance Company for the 2026-2027 school year, the following is required and should be handed in on or before your audition on **May 14, 2026**:

Modazz Information Sheet (attached)

This sheet must be signed by you and your parents!

Grade Check Sheet w/ Current Grades (attached)

Please have your teachers fill out the Modazz Grade Sheet with your current grades and sign it. It is important that dancers maintain passing grades in ALL classes especially when rehearsing for upcoming performances. You will be 'benched' from all performances if you have a D or lower in Dance; you will not be able to perform until the grade has risen!

Solo Audition with your *OWN* choreography

The piece must be 1 min of any genre, and must showcase your best talents both in technique and in choreography. This is your chance to show your abilities to the judges—show them what you know how to do well, not what you think the judges want to see. Clean performances over highly technical dances will be scored higher!

Dear Dancers & Parents,

Congratulations on your decision to audition for the Modazz Dance Company for the **2026-2027** school year! You are in for an exciting experience!



Modazz is more than just a dance class; It's a team! This means that as a member, you would be a role model in Chandler High's Dance Dept. and on the CHS campus. Members are expected to attend ALL classes and rehearsals on time, choreograph one or more pieces to perform at semester dance concerts, school pep rallies, and/or community performances, participate fully in any and all fundraisers, and most importantly be a leader both in and out of the classroom.

Although all CHS dancers can earn credit towards the Fine Arts Seal. Modazz and Advanced dancers will work towards the induction to the National Honor Society for Dance Arts, a highly respected organization, which looks good on college transcripts and gives students access to scholarships. More information about this organization and the requirements will be given in the new school year.

Modazz dancers will be required to purchase apparel for performances via a $100 Class and ECA Fee. There may be some events with additional expenses (i.e. transportation, registration fees, food, etc). This will be communicated in advance.



Because this class mainly focuses on preparing for performances, dancers are encouraged to enroll in a second dance class in or outside of school as well. This will ensure they are perfecting and learning technique. This is not mandatory!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at white.tiffany@cusd80.com. Good luck and see you at auditions!

-Mrs. White

Modazz Dance Company

Information Sheet

Dancer's First & Last Name: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Dancer's School ID #:_____

Dancer's Email Address: _____

Shirt Size (specify women's or men's size): _____

Parent/Guardian's First and Last Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number:

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(Home) (Cell) (Work)

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone : _____

Please sign the following agreement:

I agree to let my child audition for the 2026-2027 Modazz Dance Company. I understand that there may be some mandatory rehearsals after school and performances in and outside of school that directly affect my child's grade. I also understand that if my child is chosen to be in the Company, there will be a higher Class Fee in order to pay for apparel and the potential for other fees to pay for miscellaneous needs (i.e. transportation, registration fees). My child will also need to maintain a C or higher in his/her Dance class in order to perform at events.

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Parent Name Parent Signature

_____ _____

Student Name Student Signature

Name_____ Date_____

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Class Period	Class	Teacher	Current Grade	Teacher Signature
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
0/7				

Parents: Please sign after all of the grades have been recorded. Thank you.

Parent Signature _____ Student Signature _____