EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL
PASSIONETTES DANCE TEAM TRYOUT PACKET
2021-2022 SEASON

Thank you for your interest in trying out for the EMS Passionettes Dance Team. In this packet, you will find the following: tryout information with a list of important dates, an information sheet, the 2021-2022 Rules, and the Statement of Permission and Agreement. You will also need to have a completed account on Privit. All forms need to be signed and completed in order to participate in dance. Please read and familiarize yourself with all the enclosed information before tryouts.

Dance Team Tryout Dates:

- PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED IN BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN ANY TRYOUTS
- Official tryouts will take place: September 6th, September 7th, September 8th and September 9th. Team will be announced September 10th
- $5.00 Tryout fee—Due with tryout packet by Friday September 3rd.

Eligibility:
To be eligible for the 2020-2021 Dance Team, a student must have:

- Passed 5 of 7 classes taken the previous semester
- Teacher Recommendations at a satisfactory level
- Been present 85% of the previous semester

The following MUST BE turned in BEFORE you can participate in tryouts:

- Completed Privit Account: https://edwardspatriots-ga.e-ppe.com

Note: The deadline for turning in this paperwork is Friday September 3rd; however, the earlier you can get this paperwork in, the better. Participation in try-outs will be prohibited if any of the forms are missing or incomplete.

Dancers will be evaluated overall on:
- Dancing, flexibility, memory, and skillset
- Athleticism and physical fitness
- Scholastic achievement and eligibility
- Attitude, initiative, teamwork, leadership, work ethic, enthusiasm, and coachability
- Conduct
What do you wear to tryouts?

- During clinic days please wear dark leggings or length appropriate shorts, a t-shirt or tank top, and sneakers or tennis shoes comfortable enough to dance in. Shorts should be to the knee. Sports bras must be worn. No denim shorts, jewelry, or artificial nails. Your hair should also be off your shoulders.

- On official try-out day, you MUST wear black shorts or leggings with a solid white t-shirt. Your hair should be off your shoulders, and no jewelry or artificial nails should be worn. Wear tennis shoes or sneakers that are comfortable to dance in.

For those who make the team:
Meeting for all dancers and their parents: Monday, September 13th at 5:30 p.m.
*FIRST PAYMENT DUE ON THIS DAY

Practices:
These practices are mandatory and work schedules, vacation, extracurricular activities, etc. should be arranged so the players are at practice each day.

Monday – Thursday
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Estimated Costs
We realize that dance can be an expensive sport, however we try to cut the costs as much as possible through fundraising. There are, however, certain items that cannot be passed down from team to team and must be purchased by the individual. In addition, wear and tear requires replacement of uniforms, warm-ups, etc. We order with various vendors to keep the cost low and have searched for the best deals out there. In the event we are shut down due to the pandemic, there will be no refunds. Dancers will receive their custom merchandise and uniforms when they come in.

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First payment of $130 due September 13th
Second payment of $130 due October 15th
Third payment of $130 due November 15th

Again, all paperwork MUST be turned and Privit completed by September 3rd with your $5 tryout fee.

We look forward to seeing you at tryouts. If you have any questions, please contact Coach White at kwhite2@rockdale.k12.ga.us or Coach Anderson at nanderson@rockdale.k12.ga.us
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Were you involved in any behavior infractions (ISS or OSS) during the 2020-2021 school year? If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.
Statement of Permission and Agreement

If you make the Dance Team, realize that you are making a commitment to Edwards Middle School, your coaches, your teammates, and yourself for the complete season. The decision to tryout should not be taken lightly. You will be expected to put Dance as one of your top priorities. Furthermore, as a representative of Edwards, you must maintain proper behavior at all times. You must follow the Dance guidelines set forth in the Edwards Middle School Dance Contract. Students who break the rules will face consequences. By making this commitment to the Edwards Middle School Dance program, you will receive many valuable and rewarding educational experiences that you will remember long after you transition from middle school. These activities will not only channel your enthusiasm and athleticism in a constructive and beneficial manner but will give you a sense of pride and accomplishment in being a part of a group that has earned the reputation as one of the finest in Rockdale County.

Student Agreement

I, ___________________________________, have read and understand the 2021-2022 RULES FOR DANCE. I agree to abide by the policies described if I am chosen as a member of the team. I am agreeing to the information in the packet and understand that failure to adhere to these rules policies could result in dismissal from the team.

_____________________________________
Student Signature

_____________________________________
Date

Parent/Guardian Agreement

I, ___________________________________, the parent or legal guardian of ____________________________, have read and understand the 2021-2022 RULES FOR DANCE and the 2021-2022 TRYOUT INFORMATION. I agree to abide by the policies described if my child is chosen as a member of the squad. I also agree to the financial obligations as they are described in the information provided. I am aware of the payment dates outlined in the packet. I understand my student will receive the custom merchandise ordered and not a refund in the event the pandemic interferes with the dance season. I understand that failure by me or my child to adhere to these policies could result in dismissal from the squad.

_____________________________________
Parent Signature

_____________________________________
Date
Behavior Contract

The Edwards Middle School Dance team is a program that will not only develop your athletic skills, but we will also help young ladies to build self-confidence, improve character and guide you towards reaching your goals in life. It is very important to agree in writing, as to what is expected of you and to understand the consequences of your actions or non-actions. We want you to know that you are loved a great deal and we know that the rules listed below are important to your future, so read them carefully and sign this agreement so there is no misunderstanding in the future.

Rules and expectations for Our Team

1) Attend all practices at the scheduled time.
2) Be respectful at all times in every situation.
3) Give 100% effort every day.
4) Be a caring sister to all your teammates.
5) No cell phones usage during practice or games (locker rooms or bags).
6) Parents are not allowed at practices.
7) Wear appropriate attire and costumes as discussed.
8) Must maintain a 75% average in all classes or attend mandatory tutorial.
9) Must turn in weekly progress reports to coaches.
10) Always display great attitude.

Your signatures indicate that you agree to the above rules and expectations.

________________________________     _______________________________
Dancer signature                                                                              Date

________________________________     _______________________________
Parent signature                                                                              Date
EMS Dance Team
Demerit System

I. Purpose
To help maintain discipline, promote reliability, and uphold fairness for all by setting an example of good behavior, unity, and pride.

II. Guidelines
1. Only the coach can give demerits.
2. Captains may suggest demerits to the coach.
3. Three offenses of the same nature constitute removal from the team.
4. Fifteen demerits accumulated during the season constitute removal from the team.
5. All captains will receive double demerits.
6. If a captain receives five demerits, she will be relieved of her office.
7. Members on dance probation, due to demerits, are still required to attend all practices and performances.
8. Penalties of Demerit System:
   a. 5 demerits: Suspension from squad for two weeks and parent notification.
   b. 10 demerits: Suspension from squad for four weeks and notification to parents in writing that the dancer is in jeopardy of dismissal.
   c. 15 demerits: After administrative and coach review, there will be an automatic dismissal from the squad with written notification to parents.
   d. Coach will issue demerits OR dismissal for the following: smoking, drinking alcohol, possession of illegal drugs, stealing, fighting at school or a school function.
9. Absences that are excused and will receive no demerits include: illness with a doctor’s note, death in the family, and academic responsibility (missing part of practice for a test or other approved academic reason will carry no penalty, but PRIOR approval must be obtained from the coach, or demerits will be assigned).
10. Demerits may be worked off in three ways: 1) At the end of the month, for every class in which the dancer is maintaining an A or has recovered a grade to an A, she will receive 1 demerit credit back; 2) A service to the team, to be determined by the coach; 3) The dancer may run two stadium laps = ½ demerit credit back. See the coach for work off days or other creative ideas that will benefit the squad.

III. Demerits
1. The following infractions will result in 1 demerit per occasion:
   - Any tardy less than 10 minutes (practice, performance, etc).
   - Inappropriate dress (at school, games, or performances).
   - Failure to limit socializing at practices or performances. Excessive talking can result in more than one demerit per practice.
   - Has to be asked more than once to put food or drink away.
   - Wearing jewelry that is not approved to practice or performances.
- Failure to wear performance makeup.
- Wearing colored nail polish when performing.
- Is not courteous or quiet during practice or performance.
- Not participating with the team.
- Any grades of a D or an F at the end of a month.

2. The following infractions will result in 2 demerits per occasion:
   - Any tardy beyond 10 minutes (practice, performance, etc).
   - Missing practice or performance once (any reason other than excused). More than one occasion will result in additional demerits, at the coach’s discretion.
   - Leaving practice early without prior approval.
   - Leaving games or other performances early without prior approval.
   - Failure to meet deadlines for turning in money, uniforms, paperwork, or other assigned projects.
   - Failure to wear the assigned outfit or uniform (includes hair and make-up).
   - Public displays of affection while in uniform or during school functions.
   - Failure to perform “full out” when asked by the coach or officer.
   - Failure to bring in appropriate materials to practice (shoes, uniform, etc).
   - Unnecessary scenes at practice or school functions (arguing with other dancers, parents, boyfriends, etc).
   - Inappropriate make-up or jewelry.
   - Untidy uniform.
   - Profane language.
   - Disobeys a small request by the coach or captain(s).
   - Any referral which requires formal disciplinary action.

3. The following infractions will result in demerits up to 5 per occasion.
   - Disrespectful behavior toward the coach or other members of the team (includes gossip)
   - Disrespectful behavior toward teachers.
   - Disobeys a request by the coach or captain(s).
   - Any suspension from classes due to referrals from faculty. This includes both in-school and out-of-school suspension.
   - Unexcused absences.
   - A dancer choosing not to perform without coach approval.
   - Lying.
   - Referrals concerning repeated disciplinary action.

IF A DANCER MISSES THE PRACTICE HELD PRIOR TO A PERFORMANCE, REGARDLESS OF DEMERITS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED, SHE IT NOT ELIGIBLE TO PERFORM IN THE NEXT DANCE WHETHER THE ABSENCE IS EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED.

*This list is subject to change at the discretion of the coaches.*

________________________________                         ________________
Dancer Signature                                                                Date

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Parent Signature                                                                Date