

AMCMS Dance Team Tryout Packet

2024 - 2025

A&M Consolidated Middle School

Tryout Dates: March 4th and 5th

Time: 4:30pm- 7:00pm

Location: A&M Consolidated Middle School Gym

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child has expressed a desire to become a member of the A&M Consolidated Middle School Dance Team. This program is designed to give your child technical dance training and an opportunity to learn and perform routines from various dance styles over the course of the year, and we are excited your child is interested in joining the team. The attached packet has been put together to give you an understanding of the personal and financial responsibilities of becoming a dance team member. Please read all of the information regarding costs and policies with your child. Your signature is required to ensure that you and your child have both read and understood the expectations.

All dance team applicants must attend the informational with a parent or guardian on February 2nd at 6:00pm in the AMCMS Cafeteria. Here, we will discuss the requirements and expectations of the AMCMS Dance Team in more detail. Tryouts will be held on Monday, March 4th and 5th from 4:30 - 7:00pm. Please note that the dance clinic and tryouts will be closed to spectators. Tryout Results will be posted at 8:00pm on March 5th outside the gym entrance doors. Candidates must be passing all classes with a 70 or higher and have a CSISD Planeths account set up with a physical on file in order to audition.

While deciding whether or not to be a part of our program, please remember and consider the time commitment this sport will require from both students and parents. Your commitment will involve participation in a mandatory summer camp, three weekly morning practices, school pep rallies and sports games, after school performances, community performances, competition, fundraising, and team bonding.

If you have any concerns financially, please don't hesitate to reach out. We never want this to hinder a student from auditioning to be a part of the team. All payments detailed in this packet must be paid in full by March 15th. I look forward to an exciting try-out clinic and wish everyone the best of luck! If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at arivera@csisd.org

Sincerely, Alyssa Rivera

2024 - 2025 AMCMS Dance Team Tryout Candidate Information

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____ Current School: _____

Candidate's Email: _____

Parent/ Guardian Name: _____

Parent/ Guardian Email: _____

Parent/ Guardian Phone Number: _____

Answer the questions below honestly. They are just so we can get to know you!

1. Why do you want to be a member of the AMCMS Dance Team?

2. What do you think it means to be a member of the AMCMS Dance Team?

3. List your dance experience. (optional, not required)

This tryout form must be completed, signed, and turned in by March 1st in order to qualify for tryouts. Forms may be turned in to Mrs. DeLeon (AMCMS Room 230), or digitally to arivera@csisd.org

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Tryouts: What to Expect

Dancers will learn a short jazz style combination and across the floor combinations. All combinations will be taught throughout the tryout clinic (March 4th and 5th).

Dancers are not expected to be able to perform every skill perfectly. We are looking for technique, potential, and determination. Some possible technical elements that could be in one or more of the combinations include:

- Grand Jeté, Calypso, Russian
- Right & Left Splits
- Pirouettes (single, double, or triple)
- Grand Battements (straight kicks)

Remember that dancers of all levels will be trying out. Do not be intimidated by or look down on others who are not at the same level of dance as you are. Showcase what you do best, and give it all you've got!

- The entirety of tryouts are closed to the public.
- Tryouts will be March 4th and 5th at AMCMS from 4:30pm - 7:00pm..
- Dancers will audition all combinations in front of a panel of 3 qualified judges, as well as Coach Rivera and Mrs. DeLeon.
- All dancers must exit the building at the conclusion of tryouts.
- Results will be posted at 8:00pm on the doors leading to AMCMS on March 5th.
- Do not be late as we will begin promptly at 4:30pm everyday.
- Communicate all tryout date/ time conflicts and expected absences at least 1 week in advance so that alternative arrangements can be made.

What to Wear:

- Any **ALL BLACK** form fitting tank top or t-shirt and leggings or athletic shorts
- Tennis Shoes or Jazz Shoes (tan jazz shoes are worn for most team events)
- Hair securely pulled back & out of face in a ponytail, braid, or bun

Results will be posted at 8:00pm on March 5th on the side entrance doors to AMCMS.

All tryout results are final. If you wish to inquire about the results, it must be done within one week of the tryout date. When inquiring, you and your dancer can only receive information that pertains to your individual tryout results. Please email arivera@csisd.org with any questions or concerns.

If selected as a member of the 2024 - 2025 AMCMS Dance Team:

If you are fortunate enough to become a member of the AMCMS Dance Team, remember to be gracious and kind. Never take the team for granted because there are many young dancers who would do anything to be in your spot. Should you make the team, you need to understand that it is a full year commitment, and you are committing yourself to a team. Teammates do not quit on each other and instead treat each other with respect, encouragement, and love. As an AMCMS Dance Team member, you will be representing A&M Consolidated Middle School. You will be held to a higher standard and are expected to practice and perform at your absolute best. Being a member of the AMCMS Dance team will bring you many new friendships and experiences. I promise that all of the hard work will be worth it!

Weekly Expectations:

- NO phones in practice, including water breaks. They are to be in the phone bucket on "do not disturb."
- Be on time or early to practice, and come with a good attitude. We DO NOT put each other down, even if it is in a joking manner.
- Remember all dances, choreography, and polish.
- Participate in fundraising events.
- Continuously improve dance technique, fitness level, and choreography retention.
- Maintain academic eligibility & behavior expectations of A&M Consolidated Middle School in order to perform (Passing = 70).
- If you are sick or have a conflict with a practice or event, that must be communicated through an email in advance (Email: arivera@csisd.org).
- If given an academic behavioral consequence by administration, further consequences will ensue with the dance team. If given ISS or OSS, possible suspension from the team can take place - subject to coaches discretion.
- HAVE FUN!!!! (Remember there is a reason for all the rules, and ultimately that is to help us have a successful and fun year!)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding tryouts or expectations please email Coach Rivera at: arivera@csisd.org

24-25mAMCMS Dance Team Estimated Yearly Costs

The following is a list of general expenses for the dance season. These are estimates from previous years' quotes. All are subject to change due to yearly updates with company pricing. A finalized yearly cost will be given to dancers after the conclusion of tryouts.

All dance attire purchased will be the dancers to keep. If you are a returning member and already own some of the items below, you do not need to repurchase those items. The dance team will purchase a new practice top and team t-shirt each year.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Crowd Pleasers Team Camp & Choreography	\$200.00
Competition Registration	\$75.00
23' - 24' Team T-Shirt	\$25.00
Team Jacket	\$75.00
23' - 24' Team Practice Tops (2-3)	\$35.00
2 Poms	\$50.00
Team Tennis Shoes	Purchase on your own
Tan Tights	Purchase on your own
Tan Jazz Shoes & Turners	Purchase on your own

TOTAL Estimated Cost for New Members: \$460.00

TOTAL Estimated Cost for Returning Members: \$335.00

All payments will be made using the CSISD online portal. Payments must be paid in full by **March 15th.**

If you have any concerns financially, please don't hesitate to reach out. We never want this to hinder a student from auditioning to be a part of the team.

23' - 24' Student Media Consent and Release Form

Throughout the school year, dancers may be highlighted online in efforts to promote the AMCMS Dance Team activities and achievements. For example, the dancers may be featured on the AMCMS official instagram that promotes positive activities, accomplishments, and events happening around the campus of AMCMS. Please email me a copy or have your dancer bring me a hard copy of this form signed by March 1st.

I, as the parent or guardian of _____, hereby give the AMCMS Dance Team and its representatives the authority to photograph and record my child for use in audio, video, film, or any other electronic, digital and printed media.

- a. This is with the understanding that neither CSISD or its representatives will reproduce said photograph, interview, or likeness for any commercial value or receive monetary gain for use of any reproduction/ broadcast of said photograph or likeness. I am also fully aware that I will not receive monetary compensation for my child's participation.
- b. I further release and relieve CSISD, its Board of Trustees, employees, and other representatives from any liabilities, known or unknown, arising out of the use of this material. I certify that I have read the Media Consent and Release Liability statement and fully understand its terms and conditions.

Please understand that failure to return this release form within ten (10) school days from March 1st will constitute approval of the above requests.

Please Print Name of Child: _____

Please Print Name of Parent/ Guardian: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Rank One Instructions

Student- Athletes and Parents/ Guardians,

In order to be eligible to participate for any team within CSISD, both parent and student will need to complete and sign the UIL required Athletic Forms within the Rank One system for each academic year. These forms can be found and filled out online via [Rank One](#)

Athletic Forms to be completed:

- [Rank One: How To Complete Online Forms With A Parent Account](#)
- [Rank One: CSISD Parent Portal](#)
- [Rank One: Required Physical PDF](#)
- [Rank One: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

If you have any trouble completing this task, please don't hesitate to reach out!

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I have read and understand the information for the AMCMS Dance Team. I understand the tryout procedures and how the dance team members are selected. I also understand that it is a privilege and not a right to be chosen as a member of this team. I agree to follow all tryout guidelines and procedures. I understand the expectations and commitment required of me/ my dancer if I am to make the team. I agree to pay all costs with being a member of the AMCMS Dance Team on time. I understand that tryout results are final, and that if I wish to inquire about the results it must be done within one week of the tryout date. When inquiring, I understand that I can only receive information that pertains to my individual tryout results. If I am selected to be a member of the AMCMS Dance Team, I will abide by the rules of the organization. I understand that if I am unable to meet requirements set forth, that I may have to forfeit my membership as an AMCMS Dancer.

Tryout Qualifications Due March 1st 2023:

1. All forms in this packet completed and turned into Coach Rivera (Media Release, Candidate Information, Tryout Permission)
2. All registration forms completed on [Rank One](#)
3. An electronic copy of your current physical turned in to [Rank One](#)
4. An electronic or paper copy of your current physical turned into Coach Rivera
5. Candidates must pass all classes to be eligible to audition (Passing = 70 or higher)

Dancer Name (Printed): _____

Dancer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____