

DDH DANCE ACADEMY HIP HOP CREW COMMITMENT FORM

The DDH Dance Crew is a **hip hop based performance team** that was developed for dancers who desire to perform more often and compete in dance competitions. Members of our Dance Crew also perform at local events and have the opportunity to attend professional dance workshops to expand their technique and style.

Requirements/Expectations:

- ✓ All dancers must attend an audition for a position on the DDH Dance Crew. Judges will critique **technique and ability** as well as **performance** quality. **IN ADDITION** to the audition score, the dancer's technique, attitude, previous attendance record, health, teamwork skills, age, skill & ability level, concentration and maturity are major factors in placement on the Hip Hop Crew.
- ✓ Unfortunately sometimes health issues happen that are out of our control when it comes to sickness and or injuries however it is another factor that is considered when determining placement and eligibility to compete and/or perform.
- ✓ Dancers age 12 to 19 will be considered for Crew. It will be up to the instructor's discretion to allow any younger dancers on Crew team as maturity & concentration level will be a factor. Younger dancer should also be aware that later practice times may be scheduled (we will try our best to not go past 9:15 p.m. when scheduling extra practices).
- ✓ Any inappropriate **social media posts** will result in the dancer being dismissed from dance crew and or troupe. Also, please be respectful and considerate of choreography rights. Any video-taping or filming of choreography will need to be okayed with the choreographer/instructor. **No posting of choreography without permission.**

Attendance:

- ✓ The DDH Dance Troupe requires a higher level of commitment from dancers, parents and staff. It is necessary to insist on good attendance because dancers will be learning material at a faster pace. Dancers may be asked to have mandatory additional practices, especially at times just prior to a competition or special event in which they will participate. DDH does offer a certain amount of additional practices and rehearsals as a benefit to the dancers and does not at this time charge additional fees. However, a small additional rehearsal fee will be necessary, if the allowed **free** complementary extra practice time exceeds what is allowed for its DDH 2019 -20 dance budget.
- ✓ Dancers must be in attendance for **ALL** practices in the weeks prior to competitions and special events. We may choose to not allow a dancer to participate in such events if they have excessive absences (with no refund of any fees).
- ✓ Dancers must be on time or early for classes and should commit time to practicing routines and improving flexibility at home.

Parent's financial commitments:

- ✓ The fee is for one term of Dance Crew and is non refundable unless there is a serious illness or injury or if dancer is moving out of the Wausau area.
- ✓ There will be 1 costume deposit due for each Crew Dancer. A certain style hip hop shoe will also be required which is determined by instructor each year. All costume fees are due the end of October & are **non-refundable after Nov. 15**. Late payments will be assessed a late fee.
- ✓ Competition participation is a requirement. There will be a minimum of 1-2 competitions per dance year. Parents are responsible for all fees involved, and any costs of transportation, lodging, and food.
- ✓ Competition fees are non-refundable for any reason unless it is due to serious injury or serious illness. Should a serious injury or illness arise, DDH must receive a letter from a parent or guardian requesting the need to withdraw from Troupe, otherwise full tuition will still be due.
- ✓ Additional costs include: special hair requirements, props, specific tights and shoe expenses. We work hard to keep these costs as low as possible.

All the stated requirements/commitments should be carefully considered and discussed by both the dancer and parents before auditioning for a position. Audition results will be posted on the website & at the studio a few days after try-out date or after the 2nd alternate tryout date. You will not receive a phone call or letter with audition results.

***Please note that all previous balances must be Zero to be considered for a 2019/20 Hip Hop Crew Member**

Please turn in this signed form, at your audition time along with your \$3 audition fee.

I, _____, understand and hereby agree to all the above mentioned requirements/commitments for
Parent or guardian name

_____ to participate as a member of the DDH Dance CREW if chosen.
Dancer's name

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Dancer's Signature: _____

Date: _____