Oviedo High School’s
Mane Attraction Contract

Purpose and Mission

It is the purpose of Oviedo Mane Attraction to promote school spirit, provide entertainment at athletic events, and to represent the school and community at community events and dance team competitions.

The mission is to provide dancers with a successful and meaningful educational experience. Team members have personal goals of high academic achievement, increasing their dance ability, learning effective time management, and forming strong friendships. The success of this team is due to a strong commitment from the dancers, parental involvement and experienced coaches. The dancers exhibit good sportsmanship, positive attitudes toward team members, competitors, schoolmates and parents.

Requirements

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A. Mane Attraction dance team must take priority over all other extracurricular activities, including jobs.

B. Team members MUST attend ALL required activities, such as dance camp, games, practices, performances, competitions and spring & winter show, unless the dancer is ill or has a family emergency. Failure to attend a mandatory event will result in a benching. Three benchings will result in a dismissal. Unless otherwise noted, all events are considered MANDATORY.

C. For each semester, members must maintain appropriate grades and credits are outlined by FHSAA:

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<td>a. Maintain an overall grade point average of 2.0</td>
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<td>b. Pass 5 out of 6 classes</td>
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D. A semester GPA of less than a 2.0 will be grounds for probation for the following semester.

E. Members must maintain good citizenship marks, attendance, and class performance and teacher recommendations during the time on the squad and for auditions. Problems in any area will be disciplined.

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F. All members must have a physical prior to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. This physical must be completed after May 1st and will then be good for the upcoming year. Physical forms from the Seminole County School Board must be used and will be given out by the Dance Director.

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G. All members must go through the same audition process each spring. Third year members may earn a guaranteed spot on the team their senior year. Any third year members not in good standing must re-tryout their senior year. In addition to ability, each dance team member’s cooperation, effort and attitude will be considered via a teacher evaluation form. The squad will be chosen by outside and inside judges hired by the dance director. The judges’ and director’s decisions are FINAL.
Requirements Continued

H. Officers will be chosen by a means determined by the director. Being an officer one year does not guarantee a position for the following year.

I. Any member who quits the team during the school year is required to sit out one calendar year before re-auditioning. If a dancer quits as a second or third year member, she will not be considered a member in good standing if and when she tries-out in the future.

Conduct

A. By accepting the privilege and honor of being a member of the Mane Attraction, a dance team member accepts the fact that her actions are more prominent than those of persons not associated with such an activity.

B. Because of this prominence, and because members represent Oviedo High School, exemplary behavior is mandatory at all times, anywhere in the community of OHS and at all functions where dance team members are recognized as representatives of OHS. The Seminole County Citizenship Policy applies to all dancers throughout the year. There is NO off time.

C. Smoking or drug usage (including alcohol) is not allowed at any time according to the Seminole County Citizenship Policy, either on or off campus. The consequences are explained in the Citizenship Policy. Involvement with people who are in possession of alcohol or other drugs could result in disciplinary action.

D. Excessive public displays of affection are never considered appropriate, especially in uniform, at games or in school.

E. All rules and regulations imposed on any Oviedo High student will be imposed on dance team members. Members are responsible for knowing all school rules.

F. Members must display proper behavior in class, including, no skipping, cheating, or tardiness. Punishment will vary from infractions to benching, depending upon the severity of the offense.

G. The director will back all members 100% if they are right. However, members must expect the same 100% against anyone who is wrong.

H. A merit/infraction system will be used throughout the school year to deal with minor violations. Merits may be earned for behavior above and beyond that which is expected of a dance team member. The system occurs as follows:

a. 1 infraction will be issued for such offenses such as tardiness, wearing jewelry, talking, chewing gum, missing poms or uniform items, missing return dates of certain items, failing to follow instructions, etc.

b. A benching will occur when a dance team member receives 5 infractions during a season (summer, Football, Basketball, Competition, spring), or for more serious offenses such as missing practice without notification.

c. A dismissal will result from a member receiving 3 benchs.

I. Each case will be judged individually, but each may also serve as a basis on which to judge future cases.
J. Every attempt will be made to penalize fairly and equally, and to make consequences of actions known ahead of time. Parents will be kept informed of problem situations. Severity of offenses or repeated offenses may dictate harsher action.

K. Because all situations may not be foreseen and thus outlined here, each will be dealt within a manner decided upon by the director, with assistance from the administration, if deemed necessary.

L. Poor conduct/behavior under any of the above circumstances could result in warning, infractions, and/or suspension/removal from the team. Inappropriate behaviors not only reflect on the individual, but can also affect the image of the entire team. The good of the squad always comes before any one individual. No one is irreplaceable or indispensable. If it is in the best interest of the squad that an individual or individuals be removed from a performance or from the team, this action will be taken by the decision of the director. Parents and dancers are free to discuss with the director all decisions and questions about conduct, however all decisions are final.

**Uniforms and Other Expenses**

A. Uniforms will be provided by the Oviedo High School dance team and therefore belong to the team (as do poms, props, items purchased with fundraising money). A uniform replacement fee will be charged each year. This replacement fee is used to provide correct sizes and any replenishing needed for the dancers each year.

B. Dance team members must provide other personal items such as shoes, socks, tights, etc.

C. Uniforms are to be kept clean, neat and in good repair at all times. Uniforms may ONLY be used for performances. Uniform/poms/props ruined, lost or stolen will be replaced by that member at her own expense. If a uniform is damaged and it was not the fault of the dancer, she has 48 hours to report this damage to the director and/or equipment chairperson. The incident will be investigated and the findings will be reported to the dancer and her parent. If the findings support the accidental damage, no fees will be charged to repair or replace the damaged item.

D. The Mane Attraction Booster Club will plan fundraising events to help defray the costs associated with team membership. All dancers and parents are expected to take an active role in all fundraisers. The fundraisers will be a combination of team events and individual events.

   a. Spring show costumes will be chosen by the routine choreographer with approval by the dance director, and will be the responsibility of each dancer. Every effort will be made to use items already owned by the team. It should be understood that costs could occur for the minimum of 2-4 routines that each dancer will participate in. Costume prices for Spring Show have already been factored into the yearly cost.

   b. A technique/choreography fee will be charged for classes/instruction with a private coach. This will be required of all members.
Uniforms and Other Expenses Continued

- Attending summer dance camp is a MANDATORY activity as it helps to unite the team and prepare the member for the upcoming year. Fees are the responsibility of the individual. If a dance team member is unable to attend the chosen team camp, she will be required to attend a separate camp.
- Trips to any competitions will be paid for through the squad and individual fundraising with the remaining costs being covered by the individual’s family.
- Please see separate cost break down for more specific fees.
- E. If a dance team member quits or is removed from the squad, she will be expected to return all uniform items within one week. No funds will be reimbursed and monies will go to the general fund.
- F. A dancer’s fund may be transferred to a sibling, if an overage occurs.
- G. When a dancer chooses not to be on the squad for the next year, monies in her account will go into the general fund. If a dancer tries out and does not make the team, her monies will go into the general fund.
- H. If a dancer is delinquent in fee payment and has not made arrangements for payment, the dancer will not be allowed to perform until her account is cleared.

Dance Team Class

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A. Oviedo High School has made available to dance team members a 7th period dance class. Students who are enrolled in this class will receive ½ of a fine arts credit per semester.
B. Members are not required to take this class but it is STRONGLY recommended. IF class conflicts arise, a member will not be removed from the team if she is not in the class, BUT she may miss some events if the activity requires a great deal of class time for preparations.

Learning/Teaching Routines

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A. Members are expected to be attentive and cooperative when learning routines. Repeated disruptions, especially during practice, will result in warnings, infractions and possible removal from that performance. Continued problems will result in calls to parents, additional game suspension and possible removal from the team.
B. Constructive criticism/suggestions given in a polite manner are welcomed. Complaining and/or rudeness to the teacher of the routine are a disruption and will carry with infractions.
C. Everyone must practice the steps learned in class or practice, on their own, before the next class/practice in order to be prepared to go on. Steps missed when absent should be learned within on day of return. All performances will require a try-out. Officers and/or the director will judge try-outs for pep rallies, football games, and other non-competition performances.
**Competition**

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A. Mane Attraction will hold a separate try-out in July for the varsity competition squad. Once the varsity team is chosen, all other members of the Mane Attraction WILL compete on the junior varsity level.

B. Whether the varsity team competes in the small or large division at Nationals will be determined by the coaches.

C. JV and Varsity will go to a variety of competitions throughout the school year.

D. If a dancer does not accept a competition position, they will no longer be a member of the Mane Attraction and will forfeit all rights at that time. They will also be removed from the 7th period Mane Attraction class.

**Practices**

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A. All practices are MANDATORY.

B. Football season practices will be held after school during football season.

C. Competition practices will be held in September and will continue through the competition season.

D. Mandatory after-school practices will be held for Spring Show participation.

E. Additional practices may be scheduled as needed. This will be done with a much notice as possible.

F. Missing a scheduled practice the day before an event will result in the individual not performing for that event and she will also receive a benching for the next scheduled performance. The benching will NOT occur if the member was ill or had an emergency with notification.

G. Missing a part of practice for a test or other approved academic reason will carry no penalty, but the member must get prior approval and make up what is missed.

H. Missing part of practice for another club or meeting will be allowed IF PRIOR NOTICED IS GIVEN at least one day before. It is irresponsible and discourteous to inconvenience the rest of the team.

I. Members must dress out for all practices unless otherwise notified. Clothing should be appropriate for the activity. Dance shoes are required.

J. During competition practices, members must dress in all right black clothes with their hair pulled back in a left part bun. Tights must be worn under booty shorts.

K. Dancers will be required to request permission two weeks prior to plan absences.

L. Members must NOT LEAVE PRACTICE EARLY unless given prior approval; this does carry an infraction, except for family emergencies. Don’t schedule work too early!

M. A dancer who misses more than three hours of school (except for field trips) the day of an event may not perform at that event. The participation in the event will be determined by the readiness of the dancer and the nature of the absence from school.

N. Members must NOT schedule routine dental, doctor or other appointments on practice days.

O. Members must call the director whenever absent from practice.
Parent Organization (MABC)

A. The parents play an essential role in the success of the Oviedo High School dance team. The parent organization is comprised of volunteers, responsible for various tasks, including transportation, accounting, banquet, fundraising, publicity, hospitality, etc.

B. Parent meetings will be held at least two times per year.

C. Executive board members will be selected at the beginning of a dance calendar year, or when needed. These board members will have monthly meetings that are open to the general membership.
Parent/Dancer/Coach Contract Agreement

Dancer’s Name: _________________________________________________________________

Parent(s) Name: ________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian:
I/We, the parent(s) of the above named, have read the Dance Team contract and understand all the requirements and consequences of improper actions. We understand the coach has the final say in my/our daughter’s/son’s remaining on the team. We also realize this is a team effort and that we may be called upon to help throughout the year.

Signed: __________________________ Date: ________________________________

Dancer:
As a member of the Dance Team, I have fully read the contract and understand what is expected of me to remain a member in good standing. I will keep myself knowledgeable and informed of all rules and realize the consequences of poor behavior or inappropriate actions may be severe. I will do all I can to uphold the honor and the tradition of the Oviedo High School Dance Team, and respect my team members, the director and coaches, my school, and all persons associated with school spirit at all times. I understand the importance of maintaining strong grades. I understand that my teammates are depending on me.

Signed: __________________________ Date: ________________________________

Coaches:
As a coach of the dance team, I pledge to keep parents informed of problems before they become serious, to treat all members as fairly as possible, to be reasonable in practice expectations, especially for evenings, and to always keep in mind that academics need to be highly considered within the framework of my expectations.

Signed: __________________________ Date: ________________________________

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