



Maryville High School

Dazzlers Information Packet



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Dear Parents and Students,

The purpose of this packet is to provide you with information on the tryout process for the Maryville High School dance team.

Anyone interested in trying out for dance must follow the following steps:

1. Submit the google application
2. Submit a signed copy of the Maryville Dazzler Dance Team – Rules and Regulations (bring to first day of tryout clinics)
3. Request 6 or more teacher evaluations (link will be provided to all teachers by coach, simply ask them to fill out an evaluation google form for dance)
4. Have a current physical on file with the office by the first day of clinics. Physical forms may be picked up in the MHS or MMS offices.
5. Attend clinic days (April 10th & 11th) and try out day (April 13th).
6. Attend an informational parent/team member meeting (if you make the team).

The primary purpose of the Maryville dance program is to generate spirit, pride, and leadership skills through support, performance, and personal conduct. The conduct of the dancers is closely observed by many. It is important that the dancers' behavior be above reproach in order that they might bring credit and honor to themselves and our school.

TRYOUT CLINICS:

April 10th & 11th at 3:30-5:00 pm – MHS Main Gym

FINAL TRYOUT AUDITIONS:

Saturday, April 13th at 8:15am – MHS Main Gym

MANDATORY NEW TEAM & PARENT MEETING:

Thursday, April 25th at 6:00pm - MHS Library

ELIGIBILITY: Tryouts are open to any student who will be attending Maryville High School during the 2024-2025 school year.

WHAT TO EXPECT: When you arrive each day, sign in with the coach. You will learn the MHS fight song and a short pom routine. Dancers will also audition with a solo piece of at least 1 minute in length. There will also be a technique/skills section of the tryout. Final try-out auditions will be done in groups of two or three (chosen at random) and will be evaluated by a panel of qualified and impartial judges. You will be judged on your potential, strength of movement, skills, memory, timing and energy. If you make a mistake don't worry, keep smiling and jump back in. Potential will go a long way. Everyone is required to re-audition each year. Previous members are NOT guaranteed a spot. Only the judges, participants, and coaches will be inside the gym while auditions are taking place. Once all sections of your auditions are complete, you may leave. When scores are tabulated, coaches will reach out to all candidates via school email to inform them of the results.

Dancers will perform a solo routine of their choice. This routine needs to be at least one minute. If you already have a solo and don't want to cut it down, that is fine. We're asking for at least one minute. Judges will know not to judge based on length of the dance but of quality of performance and technique. This routine may be jazz, lyrical, or contemporary (no tap/clogging/or pom). This gives dancers the opportunity to showcase their best abilities and unique talents. Music will be submitted on the google application form.

TRYOUT PRACTICE ATTENDANCE: Attendance at both clinic days is mandatory. However, if you have a spring sports commitment, that should be your first priority. Please do not jeopardize that team's practice schedule or game schedule to attend the tryout clinic. Your first priority is the commitment you made to that team. If you must miss a day(s) of try-outs, then it will be necessary for you to find someone to teach you what was missed outside of the scheduled time. Contact the coach by email to let me know if you will be missing. This is your responsibility; do not relay absences through a friend. (merrill@maryviller2.com)

WHAT TO WEAR TO THE TRY-OUT CLINIC: Nonrestrictive and non-revealing clothing that allows you to learn and dance comfortably. Shorts or dance pants are acceptable, as well as tennis shoes or dance shoes. Please have hair pulled back and remove all jewelry. *Bring a water bottle and all necessary forms

WHAT TO WEAR ON THE DAY OF FINAL TRY-OUTS: A pair of black shorts, leggings, or jazz pants and a solid black, white, or green shirt with no printing. Shirts should be tucked in (or fitted). Hair should be pulled back and out of the face. Dancers should look performance ready! Tennis shoes or dance shoes are acceptable. No jewelry please!

JUDGING CRITERIA: In the skills demonstration, each category is scored on a 1-5 scale (1=poor; 5=excellent). Skills included in the tryout process are: right double and triple pirouette turns, right turns in second, right and left splits, high kicks, toe touch, right, left, and center leaps, calypso, choice jump, choice extension, ariel, headspring, box turns, spinning disc, and combo jump. The pom routine, fight song, and your solo performance will be scored on a 1-10 scale. The following will be considered during judging: technique, memory, degree of difficulty, and overall appeal (facial expressions, enthusiasm, energy, professionalism and presentation of performance). Dancers are also given a teacher evaluation score by **6 teachers they had this year**.

HOW DANCERS WILL BE CHOSEN: All judges will have a score sheet with the above categories and rating scales (as described above). The scores from all judges will be added up for a grand total. The top scores will make the team (based on natural break in scores).

TRYOUT FORMS: Due at our first clinic, April 10th

1. Maryville High School Dazzler Application (google form)
2. Maryville Dazzler Dance Team Rules & Regulation (signed by student & parent)
3. 6 or more teacher evaluations (staff that has taught you in the current school year).
 - a. Evaluations have already been shared with staff members. Simply ask your teachers to fill out the dance specific evaluation google form. We suggest following up with each teacher to make sure they submit your evaluations. If we receive less than 6, you will only get points for evaluations we've received.
4. Have a current physical on file (check with coach or the MMS/MHS office)