



2022-2023
Martinez Middle School
Sensations Dance Team
Tryout Packet



MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

SENSATIONS DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS

2022-2023

Dance Team Applicants' Informational Meeting

Tuesday, February 1st – 6:00pm-7:00pm

via Zoom

Please text @mmsdance22 to 81010 to join the Tryout Remind

All Zoom info and anything else will be posted there

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PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION PACKET

At least one Parent/Guardian and Student Applicant are encouraged to attend a Dance Team Applicants' Information Meeting on Tuesday, February 1st from 6pm-7pm via Zoom.

Please read the enclosed information very carefully and have this packet with you in the orientation meeting. Included are membership requirements, Sensations responsibilities, finances, application requirements, audition format, timeline, schedules, Audition Application & Results Agreement, Teacher evaluation forms, and Candidate questionnaire. A Parent/Guardian signature is required on designated forms and they are to be turned in at designated times as stated in this packet.

Any questions you might have will be answered the night of the Dance Team Applicants' Information Meeting, or please feel free to email Coach Hayley Leonard at hayley.leonard86@gmail.com.

Hayley Leonard

DANCE TEAM COACH

MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL SENSATIONS

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2022–2023 DANCE TEAM TRYOUT PROCESS:

All Audition processes are closed to Parents/Guardians, Family, and Friends

Your Parent/Guardian or ride home may wait at the front of the school for you

- Tryouts will be conducted for each season during the Spring. Coach Leonard will negotiate the specific dates and times for Tryouts.
- Sensations Candidates will be taught a combination of dance routines that includes jazz, pom, and hip hop styles. They will also be taught everything else they need to know for Tryouts! Candidates are not required to have dance experience. Showmanship, discipline, responsibility, respect, and performance will be judged at all times!!
- ALL POTENTIAL AND/OR PREVIOUS MEMBERS need to attend all days for Tryouts. Video Tryouts may be accepted for extenuating circumstances, however, you must receive approval from Coach Leonard.
- All previous Sensations will need to re-audition for the new year. Officers will be chosen during the Tryout process based on their leadership and performance experience over the course of their time on the Team.
- Sensations will be selected at Tryouts based on score sheets used by Judges.
- Candidates must turn in COMPLETED Tryout packets and requested documents by the due date or they may not be eligible to try out for Sensations.
- Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding Tryouts or selection of Sensations MUST be first directed to Coach Leonard.

INFORMATIONAL PARENT / DANCER MEETING:

Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 6:00pm-7:00pm via Zoom

TRYOUT DATES:

Tuesday, February 22nd (4:45pm-6:15pm) – Martinez MS Gym

Wednesday, February 23rd (4:45pm-6:15pm) – Martinez MS Gym

Thursday, February 24th (4:45pm- 6:15pm) – Martinez MS Gym

Results posted/emailed by the following morning, February 25th

TRYOUT PROCESS:

Tryouts are held over three sessions. During each session, you will be observed by Coach Leonard as well as a Judging Panel each day.

SESSION 1: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND FROM 4:45PM–6:15PM

LOCATION: MARTINEZ MS GYM

- *Welcome
- *Warm-Up
- *Pom Technique and Choreography
- *Across the Floor/Center Floor Progressions:
 - *Kick Combinations (across the floor and center floor)
 - *Side Tilt Kicks
 - *Fan Kicks
 - *Toe Touches
 - *Leg Holds + Leg Hold Turns
 - *C-Jumps

SESSION 2: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD FROM 4:45PM–6:15PM

LOCATION: MARTINEZ MS GYM

- *Warm-Up
- *Hip Hop Technique and Choreography
- *Across the Floor/Center Floor Progressions:

SESSION 3: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH FROM 4:45PM–6:15PM

LOCATION: MARTINEZ MS GYM

- *Warm-Up
- *Jazz Technique and Choreography
- *Across the Floor/Center Floor Progressions:
 - *Right and Left Single/Double Pirouettes
 - *Right and Left Splits
 - *Grand Jeté Leaps
 - *Leaps in Second
 - *Any individual skills not demonstrated throughout the Tryout process that are specific to each Dance Team Candidate*

TRYOUT ATTIRE:

Tops – Plain black t-shirt or tank top (No spaghetti strap! Must be 2-fingers across shoulders)

Bottoms – Black bottoms: Softee shorts, dance shorts, jazz pants, or yoga pants. If you wear shorts that are of shorter length, I do require you wear tights or leggings underneath. No jeans or school uniform pants please.

During the audition process we must still abide by Hillsborough County School dress code. ABSOLUTELY NO MIDRIFF TOPS, SPORTS BRAS, OR BOOTY SHORTS WITHOUT TIGHTS/LEGGINGS UNDERNEATH!!! Keep it plain and simple...you don't want to distract from your dance talents!

FOOTWEAR:

Sneakers or jazz/hip hop shoes are the permissible footwear selections. NO socks, sandals, or bare feet please!

HAIR STYLE:

Hair must be completely pulled back and off your face. Please pin bangs back if you have them. The Judges need to see all of you to properly assess your potential spot on the Team.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:

**No loose jewelry (i.e. necklaces, bracelets, anklets, dangling earrings, etc.) Stud earrings are okay. Additionally, no facial jewelry, rings, or watches permitted.

**Makeup is optional. If you choose to wear makeup, please make sure it is daytime makeup and not too heavy.

**Cell phones must be off, silent, or vibrate during your tryout. You may not be in possession of your cell phone during your tryout. It must be put away in a bookbag or purse.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Martinez Middle School Sensations Dance Team Members must show dedication and pride in all Team activities and accept the following requirements. They must be prompt, willing to devote time and energy to the Team, and abide by all regulations in this Tryout Packet.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Team is to give Dancers the opportunity to promote school spirit, encourage school and Team involvement, be supportive to sports programs, encourage high standards, and develop or increase skills in dance, responsibility, leadership, and self-discipline. The Dance Team is also involved with dance programs such as UDA, NDA, MA, Disney Performing Arts, Universal STARS, and other competitive venues.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Martinez Middle School Sensations, the following requirements need to be maintained:

- Dancers are required to maintain passing grades during the quarter, semester, and/or during Progress Report and Report Card time and may not have D's or F's in any class. Any Sensation not maintaining the appropriate grade requirements will be placed on Academic Probation.
- Sensations on Probation will need to do weekly grade checks with Coach Leonard until grades allow them to become eligible for performances.

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance expectations are very strict. All Sensations are required to attend scheduled practices and performances for the Team unless a legitimate excuse is communicated to Coach Leonard prior.
- In addition to the above dates, ALL Sensations are required to attend one (1) Home Game with the entire Team for each sport Martinez plays. We do not perform at these games, but it is important to show support for other Martinez teams and organizations. Coach Leonard will decide when these games will be on the calendar.
- As a Team we will also participate in one (1) community service/donation activity per quarter. ALL Sensations are required to participate in these events. Coach Leonard will decide when/what these events will be.

MEMBERSHIP

The Martinez Middle School Sensations shall consist of one level of Dance Team Members (no "Varsity" or "JV.") Team Members will be selected at Try-Outs and are based on scoring values and Coach observation. Sensations are expected to participate in school events, Summer Camp, and are expected to participate in Team performances. Sensations must maintain a highly cooperative attitude and uphold Team standards. The quality of an individual Dancer's participation and skill level will determine their placement on the Team. The final decision as to membership rests with Coach Leonard.

The following is the list of Team Performances and Events to expect in the '22-'23 year:

- UDA Dance Camp: July 9-12, 2022 @ Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront Hotel
- Sensations Bootcamp: July 13-14, 2022 @ Martinez Middle School (9:00am-3:00pm both days)
- Varsity Spirit Day #1: TBA (September/October/November 2022) @ TBA University
- Varsity Spirit Day #2: TBA (September/October/November 2022) @ TBA University
- Hillsborough HS Tiny Terriers: TBA (September/October 2022) @ Hillsborough HS
- Sickles HS Little Sensations: TBA (September/October 2022) @ Sickles HS
- Steinbrenner HS Band Night: TBA (September/October 2022) @ Steinbenner HS
- Land O' Lakes Swampfest: TBA (October/November 2022)
- Disney Performing Arts Weekend: TBA (November 2022) @ Walt Disney World
 - o November TBA – Dance Workshop (will miss school)
 - o November TBA – Performance on Disney Springs Marketplace Stage
 - o November TBA – Team Day @ Magic Kingdom
- Santa Fest Holiday Parade: December 3, 2022 in Downtown Tampa
- Plant HS Showcase: TBA (January/February 2023) @ Plant HS
- Florida State Fair Showcase: TBA (February 2023) @ FL State Fairgrounds
 - o *Possible out-of-school performance*
- Universal STARS Performance Weekend: TBA (March 2023)
 - o March TBA – Dance Workshop (will miss school)
 - o March TBA – Performance on Universal City Walk Lagoon Stage
 - o March TBA – Team Day @ Universal Studios/IOA
- Spring Dance Showcase: April 17, 2023 @ Martinez MS
- School and Community events such as Pep Rallies – more performance opportunities could be added if opportunities arise
- Practices throughout the year – Monday/Wednesday/Friday mornings 7:45am-8:45am
- Conditioning Sessions – 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of each month 7:45am-8:45am

MEMBERSHIP CONT' D

While all events are important for the Team to attend in its entirety, I do understand there are scheduling conflicts, family emergencies, etc. that come up. I have carefully comprised a list of events that are required of Sensations as well as those that are *highly encouraged*. The required events are non-negotiable and Tryout Candidates MUST be able to commit to those select events to be considered for the 2022-2023 Team:

Required Performances/Events:

UDA Dance Camp

Sensations Bootcamp

GSHS Band Night Performance

PHS Showcase

Spring Dance Showcase

Choose one or both:

-Disney Performing Arts

-Universal STARS

Highly Encouraged Performances/Events:

Varsity Spirit Day #1

Varsity Spirit Day #2

HHS Tiny Terriers Performance

SHS Little Sensations Performance

Land O' Lakes Swampfest

Santa Fest Holiday Parade

Florida State Fair Showcase

Again, while there are select performances and events that are not *required*, I ask that Sensations not miss any performances if possible unless a legitimate excuse is conveyed to me (Coach Leonard.) The Martinez Sensations Dance Team is just that – a TEAM – and therefore should be together as much as possible.

Other events and opportunities could/will arise throughout the year but this is the best framework that can be provided at this time. Please look over all events provided and make the best decision for your candidate to try out for the Team.

Depending on what event(s) Dancers do/do not participate in could bring total Team Dues down.

UNIFORMS, COSTUMES, AND OTHER EXPENSES

- Returning Members will have dues of \$2,630 and New Members will have dues of \$3,260 These dues will cover the cost of the following:

New Members:

Team Music Mixes + Rights
Pom/Performance Top
Pom Skirt
Team Performance Poms
Team Performance Hair Bow
High-Waist Performance Shorts
High-Waist Performance Leggings
Black + Tan Performance Tights
Black + Tan Jazz Shoes
Silver Sequin Team Performance Sneakers
White Team Sneakers
Team Spirit/Performance Jersey
Team Spirit Polo
Team Spirit Tshirts
Team Fleece Spirit Sweatshirt
Long-Sleeve Team Spirit Tshirt
Warm-Up Suit (jacket + pants)
Personalized Dance Bag
Drawstring Dancewear Bag
Team Performance Earrings
Practice Poms
Campwear/Practicewear (3 complete outfits)
UDA Summer Dance Camp fees
Varsity Spirit Day #1 Performance fees
Varsity Spirit Day #2 Performance fees
Hillsborough HS Tiny Terriers Performance fees
Sickles HS Little Sensations Performance fees
Plant HS Showcase Performance fees
Disney Performing Arts Performance + Workshop fees
(includes park ticket!!)
Universal STARS Performance + Workshop fees
(includes 2-park ticket!!)
Disney Hotel Room (2-nights' stay)
Universal Hotel Room (2-nights' stay - includes
Express Pass Unlimited for each person!!)

Returning Members:

Team Music Mixes + Rights
Black + Tan Performance Tights
Team Spirit Polo
Team Spirit Tshirts
Team Fleece Spirit Sweatshirt
Long-Sleeve Team Spirit Tshirt
Warm-Up Suit (jacket + pants)
Practice Poms
Campwear/Practicewear (3 complete outfits)
UDA Summer Dance Camp fees
Varsity Spirit Day #1 Performance fees
Varsity Spirit Day #2 Performance fees
Hillsborough HS Tiny Terriers Performance fees
Sickles HS Little Sensations Performance fees
Plant HS Showcase Performance fees
Disney Performing Arts Performance + Workshop fees
(includes park ticket!!)
Universal STARS Performance + Workshop fees
(includes 2-park ticket!!)
Disney Hotel Room (2-nights' stay)
Universal Hotel Room (2-nights' stay - includes
Express Pass Unlimited for each person!!)

You get to keep everything you pay for! This payment may be made in full or installments.

- Please do not let the above dues prevent you from trying out for and possibly making the Team. There can be plenty raised on your part and financial aid is also available 😊
- The amount of Team Dues is subject to change based on our potential earnings with Spirit Nights and Fundraising!

- ALL Sensations will be required to pay a portion of their dues by May 26, 2022:

New + Returning Sensations:

Partial Team Music Mixes + Rights
Black + Tan Performance Tights
3 Campwear Outfits (will double as
Practicewear during the year)
UDA Summer Dance Camp fees
Disney Hotel Room (1st night)

New Sensations ONLY:

Team Performance Hair Bow
Black + Tan Jazz Shoes
White Team Sneakers
Silver Sequin Team Performance Sneakers
High-Waist Performance Shorts
High-Waist Performance Leggings
Team Spirit/Performance Jersey
Team Performance Earrings
Personalized Dance Bag
Drawstring Dancewear Bag

- Once this portion of your Dues is paid, you can subtract it from your total amount of Team Dues. New Sensations will owe \$1,254 and Returning Sensations will owe \$852 by May 25, 2021.

All Dancers will owe money by the following dates – payments could fluctuate slightly as needed:

New Dancers:

\$310 due by March 11th
\$157 due by April 1st
\$159 due by April 22nd
\$346 due by May 13th
\$282 due by May 25th
\$359 due by August 19th
\$251 due by September 16th
\$273 due by October 7th
\$279 due by October 28th
\$251 due by November 17th
\$0 due by December 16th
\$140 due by January 6th
\$225 due by January 27th

Returning Dancers:

\$310 due by March 11th
\$35 due by April 1st
\$0 due by April 22nd
\$225 due by May 13th
\$282 due by May 25th
\$310 due by August 19th
\$161 due by September 16th
\$273 due by October 7th
\$186 due by October 28th
\$251 due by November 17th
\$0 due by December 16th
\$140 due by January 6th
\$140 due by January 26th

\$225 due by February 24th

\$225 due by February 24th

TENTATIVE additional costs:

Sept/Oct/Nov 2022 UDA Spirit Day Weekend Hotel Costs:

- Not required overnight stays – no specific hotel required
 - I will let Families know where I plan to stay, and all are more than welcome to book the same hotel if rooms are available. Based on where the performance is located (i.e. UCF – Orlando, UF – Gainesville, USF – Tampa, etc.) as well as the time of that College's football game, our Team may not need to book a hotel room at all!!

November 2022 Disney Performing Arts Performance Weekend:

- Disney's Coronado Springs Resort or Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort
 - ~\$225 per room per night (two-nights' stay REQUIRED – option to add a 3rd night's stay)
 - \$140 per person (Family/Friends ONLY) for Magic Kingdom park ticket
 - *Dancers already have park ticket factored into their Team Dues and therefore will not need to pay this*

November 2022 Land O' Lakes Swampfest Performance:

- Heritage Park (Land O' Lakes, FL)
 - Price is TBA at this point. Additional cost for this performance could be added to Team Dues

February 2023 Florida State Fair Performance:

- Florida State Fairgrounds (Tampa, FL)
 - Price is TBA at this point. Additional cost for this performance could be added to Team Dues

March 2023 Universal Stars Performance Weekend:

- Universal Hard Rock Hotel or Loews Portofino Bay Hotel or Loews Royal Pacific Resort
 - ~\$225 per room per night (two-nights' stay REQUIRED – option to add a 3rd night's stay – each person in the room(s) gets an Express Pass Unlimited to use in the parks!!)
 - \$140 per person (Family/Friends ONLY) for Universal/IOA park ticket

- *Dancers already have park ticket factored into their Team Dues and therefore will not need to pay this*

DANCE TEAM AUDITION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Are you able to attend practices on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 7:45am-8:45am as well as alternating Tuesdays/Thursdays from 7:45am-8:45am?
2. Are you willing to put in the effort and commitment required to create a successful year for Sensations?
3. Are you willing to work as a TEAM and do what is asked of you?
4. Previous performance experience (dance team, studio dance, cheerleading, gymnastics)?
5. Are you involved in any extracurricular activities either at school or outside of school?
6. Describe your personality in three (3) different words.
7. Why do you want to be a member of the MMS Sensations? What would being part of the Dance Team mean to you?

DANCE TEAM APPLICATION:

Name: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

HR/1st Period Teacher: _____

Birthday: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Student Cell: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell: _____ Parent/Guardian Work: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

I/We, the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of _____ grant my/our permission for her to audition for the MMS Sensations. I/We understand the Tryout processes and agree that the Judges' decisions are final.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

DANCE TEAM ELIGIBILITY FORM

Student: _____

Date: _____

In order to participate in Sensations, the above Dancer must have this form filled out completely. It is the Dancer's responsibility to obtain Teacher signatures during the time she has the class, receive signed Parent/Guardian permission for participation, and have this form turned into Coach Leonard on the day it is due. Any D's or F's in academic or C's, D's, or F's in conduct will disqualify the Dancer from participating for the coming Tryout.

Class & Teacher:	Conduct (B or above?)	Academic (C or above?)	Teacher's Signature	Comments:
1	Y or N	Y or N		
2	Y or N	Y or N		
3	Y or N	Y or N		
4	Y or N	Y or N		
5	Y or N	Y or N		
6	Y or N	Y or N		
7	Y or N	Y or N		
8	Y or N	Y or N		

I have read this contract in its entirety and agree to uphold the Contract if I am selected to be part of the MMS Sensations.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

DANCE TEAM ELIGIBILITY FORM

~TO BE FILLED OUT BY TEACHER AND SENT TO COACH LEONARD~

**** PLEASE SEE BOTTOM FOR INSTRUCTIONS ****

Student: _____ Date: _____

Teachers: It is the mission of the Dance Team program at Martinez MS to select Dancers that exemplify the highest moral, academic, and athletic standards. I thank you for taking the time to provide an honest evaluation of this Candidate.

Rating Scale:

5 – Excellent

4 – Very good, superior

3 – Average, good, could be better

2 – Fair, needs a lot of work, lacking

1 – Poor, inadequate, totally unacceptable

0 – Unattempted

0	1	2	3	4	5	Attendance
0	1	2	3	4	5	Capability of leadership
0	1	2	3	4	5	Dependable and responsible
0	1	2	3	4	5	Self-Discipline and motivation
0	1	2	3	4	5	General attitude and disposition
0	1	2	3	4	5	Ability to accept constructive criticism
0	1	2	3	4	5	Ability to work well in groups and with a variety of students
0	1	2	3	4	5	Appearance (dress/hair appropriate, follows school dress code, etc.)
0	1	2	3	4	5	Good representative for MMS

Any additional comments or concerns about this Candidate?

Please take a picture of this form and either text or email it to me:
Email: hayley.leonard86@gmail.com Phone: (813) 335-2894

If there is anything specific that you do not feel comfortable sharing in this form, you may direct those concerns to Coach, Hayley Leonard at hayleyleonard86@gmail.com.

SENSATIONS 2022–2023

RULES AND REGULATIONS CONTRACT

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND TURNED IN BY TRY-OUTS FOR THE 2022–2023 SENSATIONS YEAR.
FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS FORM COULD RESULT IN INELIGIBILITY OF THE DANCER.

As a Sensation at Martinez Middle School, I recognize my responsibility to my Team, school, and community. Being a Member of the Team is a commitment. I will assume the responsibilities of the Team. I know that failure to comply with these rules could result in eventual dismissal from the Team. I also understand that there is a possibility of injury with my participation in Sensations. I understand that anything less than 100% in my performance and attitude will not be acceptable.

I have read and agree to abide by all policies and procedures set forth in this document.

Dancer Name: (print)

Date: _____

Dancer Signature:

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: (print)

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: _____