In accordance with the regulations governing dance team members as established by the Jefferson County Board of Education, the local school is allowed to establish its own guidelines for the purpose of monitoring its dance team.

*All financial obligations from the previous year including any outstanding balances, fees from other sports and academic classes must be paid before a student is eligible to try out for the North Jefferson Middle School Dance Team.*

Sixth grade and seventh grade students that are trying out for membership on the 2020-2021 Dance Team must meet the required academic standards set by Jefferson County to be considered eligible.

*Any student with a Class III offense during the previous year will not be allowed to try out.*
Dance Team Member Conduct Contract

Good citizenship must be maintained at all times by dance team members. Since membership on a team/squad is an honored and highly respected position at our school, the conduct of a dance member, IN AND OUT of school, should ALWAYS be above reproach.

Members of the squad will be expected to abide by all rules set forth in this constitution/contract as well as follow the Jefferson County Code of Conduct. It is NOT the sponsor’s SOLE responsibility for the dance member’s behavior; parents are expected to encourage their child to adhere to all the guidelines in this constitution.

Maintaining a higher standard of conduct will also ensure that a dance team member’s social media outlets are appropriate. Dance Team members are responsible for their personal posting as well as their postings on another person’s social media outlets. The areas of appropriateness will include but are not limited to; language (abbreviated and alluding to), pictures, suggestive poses, clothing, reference to alcohol, drugs, and tobacco/tobacco related products. Any question of appropriateness will be decided between administration and sponsor. Possession and/or use of alcohol, tobacco/tobacco related products, and illegal drugs are forbidden and will not be tolerated. Any infraction on or off campus will result in review by administration and the sponsor. Dismissal from the team may be a result of this review. A second infraction WILL result in immediate dismissal from the team.
Demerits

Demerits will be given for the infractions listed below. The sponsor, designee, and administration will have the final say in assigning demerits. Each dancer is expected to maintain the proper attitude and accept the sponsor’s decision.

Any student committing a Class III offense will immediately be dismissed from the Dance Team.

Any student committing a Class II offense will immediately be subject to a conference with the principal, assistant principal, sponsors, and parents to discuss further actions, which will include demerits.

(-10) Fighting
(-10) Class II offense
(-5) Deliberately refusing to follow the directions or instructions of the sponsor or designee.
(-5) Late to game without sponsor’s permission (5 minutes or more)
(-5) Rudeness or disrespect to the sponsor, any faculty/staff member, any classroom teacher
(-3) Failure to greet members of other squads and teams in a courteous manner.
(-3) Not performing to acceptable standards as instructed by the sponsor.
(-3) Behavior that does not promote school spirit during games, practices, pep rallies, or any activity involving the dance team.
(-3) Rudeness or disrespect to team members
(-3) Deliberately refusing to follow the directions of any designee of the sponsor/instructor.
(-3) Leaving the game early or preparing to leave before the game is over (collecting coats, purses, etc.)
(-3) Late for a practice or approved activity without sponsor’s permission (5 minutes or more)

(-2) Late to game 5 minutes or less

(-2) Chewing gum

(-2) Hair not worn in a uniform manner chosen by the sponsor/instructor

(-2) Leaving practice before everything is cleaned up and sponsor has dismissed practice.

(-2) Failure to fully participate during practice (includes talking to each other in groups and not paying attention to sponsor, instructor, or designee)

(-2) Failure to stay in designated area during games and other performances unless instructed otherwise (includes halftime, water, and restroom breaks)

(-2) Not being in appropriate clothing for practice including appropriate dance shoes.

(-2) Not bringing pom-poms or wearing selected garments (including hair accessories, correct shoes, etc.) when assigned to do so. This includes not wearing assigned clothes to school (example: game day t-shirt). Must have all materials in possession 15 minutes prior to game/pep rally time.

(-2) Extended conversations with bystanders while in performance area. This includes parents/family members.

(-2) Lack of appropriate attitude while practicing or performing.

(-2) Using or having cell phones out during practices or games

(-1) Late to practice 5 minutes or less

(-1) Eating on field or on court (includes in bleachers at basketball games).

(-1) Failure to turn in money on time (1 demerit per day), unless special arrangements are made with the sponsor or principal.
Demerits for Absences

Attendance at practice, pep rallies, games, and the approved activities is very important. Excused absences will be given only for sickness or injuries that are verified with a doctor’s excuse, religious holidays, verifiable family emergencies, sponsor’s approval, or administrative approval. Absences for family trips will not be considered as excused. Attempts will be made to provide for family commitments when possible. However, dancers are required to attend summer camp, all practices in preparation for summer camp, and all practices the two weeks before school begins.

Camp is a mandatory event. Absence from camp will result in an automatic dismissal.

If a dancer is absent from school on game day for more than half a day without a doctor’s excuse, the dancer is still expected to attend the game. She will not be allowed to perform at that game, but attendance assures that no demerits will be given.

(-10) Demerits will be given for the following: failure to perform at a game, pep rally, or other required activities without a doctor’s excuse or prior approval of sponsor. Doctor’s excuse must be presented within two days of the dancer’s return.

(-7) Demerits will be given for the following: absence from mandatory practices scheduled to prepare for performances designated by the sponsor, this includes camp.

(-5) Demerits will be given for the following: absence from practice without a doctor’s excuse or prior approval of sponsor.
Prior approval of the sponsor is required for absences or tardiness to games, practices, and other required activities. Sometimes emergencies arise, and it is not possible to get prior approval of the sponsor. In these cases, the dancer must notify the sponsor as soon as possible.

If a dancer is absent or checks-out and misses a practice, game, or required activity, she must notify the sponsor so that arrangements can be made to accommodate for her absence.

*If a dancer misses the practice prior to a performance, she may be required to sit out during that performance, whether the absence was excused or not.*

A folder will be maintained by the sponsor concerning each dance team member. It will contain a report of all infractions committed. The dancer will be made aware of each demerit given. Demerits are cumulative, and the completion of a suspension does not remove accumulated demerits.

If a dancer’s behavior or condition, while at school or while functioning as a dancer team member, is such that continued participation could be detrimental to the success or welfare of the group, the sponsor/administration will have the immediate right to withhold the dancer from participation. If a dancer’s behavior outside of school is such that continued participation could be detrimental to the success or welfare of the group, the sponsor/administration will have the immediate right to withhold the dancer from participation. If, after review of the situation, the principal finds evidence of sufficient violations of the terms of this document, the North Jefferson Middle School Handbook, or the Jefferson County School District Student Code of conduct, the principal may remove the dancer from the team temporarily or permanently.

*Participation in outside competition teams is neither encouraged nor discouraged. However, it at NO POINT should interfere with school dance requirements. The school dance team should be each dancer’s first priority. Dance team seasons are: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.*

*Dancers will be assigned positions/locations on the dance line by the sponsor/coach. Positions are NOT based on what grade a dancer is in. There are no senior dancers in middle school. It is strictly at the sponsor/coach’s discretion.*
Academic Probation

If a dancer cannot maintain passing grades in all of her classes, she may be put on academic probation. She will remain on probation until the grades can be brought up. While on probation, she may not participate in any after school activities (practice, games, etc...). This is to help ensure that academics remain a priority for all dance team members.

Suspension and Dismissal

The accumulation of ten (10) demerits will result in suspension from the team for one game and any pep rallies scheduled during the suspension. During the suspension, the dancer must be present, in attire designated by the sponsor, and sitting with the sponsor at all functions where the team is performing.

The accumulation of fifteen (15) demerits will result in suspension from the team for three (3) games and all pep rallies scheduled during the suspension. During the suspension, the dancer must be present, in attire designated by the sponsor, and sitting with the sponsor at all functions where the squad is performing.

The accumulation of twenty (20) demerits will result in dismissal from the team.

If a dancer is absent from school, the dancer will not be eligible to practice or perform at a school event on that same day. As previously stated, the dancer must notify the sponsor prior to missing a dance activity.

If a student is dismissed from the team or resigns, the money already collected by the school will not be refunded and any accumulated debt must be paid before any records can be released.
North Jefferson Middle School Dance Team
Constitution Receipt Form

2020-2021

I have received a copy of the North Jefferson Middle School Dance Team Constitution. I have read the guidelines contained within and agree to abide by them if selected as a North Jefferson Middle School Junior Devilette.

Parent’s Signature _________________________ Date________________

Student’s Signature _________________________ Date________________

Student Lunch #_________________________
The following forms must be turned in no later than the first day of dance clinic. (June 22, 2020)

1. Physical Form (signed by a doctor)
2. Proof of Insurance (complete info below)
3. Constitution Receipt Form (previous page)

Medical Information:
Student’s Name________________________ D.O.B._______
Parent’s Name ________________________________
Address___________________________________________
Health Insurance Company Name ______________________
Policy # ________________ Group # ____________________
Allergies__________________________________________
Contact numbers (cell#) ____________________________

I, ________________________________ do hereby give permission to the sponsor, instructor, sports medicine staff, or other designees permission to seek and obtain medical care and attention that may be necessary for my child who is in their care and custody. I hereby release and hold harmless the aforementioned staff for any and all claims that may arise.

Parent’s Signature _________________________ Date_________________
Student’s Signature _________________________ Date_________________
Junior Devilette Dance Team
Requirements

I. Fundamental Skills
   a. Toe Touch
   b. Right Leg Split
   c. Left Leg Split
   d. Right Leg Leap
   e. Pirouette
   f. Straight line kicks

   All fundamental skills are worth 10 points each

II. Jazz/Pom Routine (20 points)
   Routine is worth a total of 20 points (10 for execution, 10 for style)

III. Overall Appearance (20 points)
   This includes characteristics becoming of a dance team member, such as: correct technique, rhythm, style, attitude, and smile.
ESTIMATED YEARLY EXPENSES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

All dance team members must purchase all required uniforms and each member is responsible for her camp expenses and transportation to and from camp, practices, and games.

Total $950.00

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MANDATORY parent meeting for those students who make the dance team is Friday, June 26th at 5:00 P.M. First payment is due on Friday, June 26th. Give to Mrs. Densmore.

As of right now, the fitting for Varsity Wear is to be determined.
Projected expenses: Budget

Universal Dance Association Camp Fee: $210

Miscellaneous: $65

Required Uniforms: Approximately $675 Items listed below.

- Dance Dress: $170
- Poms: $40
- Transition tights: $40
- Tan jazz shoes: $35
- Hip-hop pants: $30
- Hip-hop vest: $30
- Jazz tank top: $30
- Jazz capris: $25
- Hip-Hop sneakers: $30
- Tank: $15
- Camp wear: $120 (includes 3 shorts & 3 t-shirts)
- Body suits – Sleeves: $70
- Backpack: $40 Optional Uniform: Pullover: $75

MANDATORY parent meeting for those students who make the dance team is Friday June 26th, 7:00 P.M. First payment is due on Friday, June 26th. Give to Mrs. Densmore.
## Devilette Dance Important Information

Name ________________________________________________________________

Remember it is your responsibility to get all three forms to me before tryouts. Physical form must be up to date.

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If your child makes the dance team, you will be required to

Concussion Form
Birth Certificate
Permission to travel.
See the school website or contact the school for forms.