Dancers:

Let me begin by saying how thrilled I am at the prospect of working with you next year in the Baker High School Encore Dance Company. It is my wish that as you begin to read the qualifications necessary to audition for the company, that you are indeed eligible to proceed with the audition process and you understand the requirements of being a member of the company. Please read this entire packet carefully. You must meet all of the requirements for membership, and be prepared with all the necessary forms and paperwork to audition on Monday May 20th. Please email Mrs. Williamson with any further questions at k.williamson2@mcpss.com

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**Eligibility Requirements**

1. You must be a registered student at Baker High School for the upcoming school year; 2019-2020.
2. You must have earned a minimum of a C average in all classes for third quarter of the present school year.
   a. If chosen as a dance company member, you must not earn below a C average in any class.
3. Only dancers present at the audition will be eligible for membership. No private auditions, nor video auditions will be allowed.
4. Students must remain in good standing within all classes and set standards of integrity and responsibility at Baker High School.

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**Dance Company Involvement and Commitments**

1. Performances in the annual Mobile County Public School System’s Honor Dance and any other potential opportunities.
2. Performances in the annual Baker High School Miss Hornet Pageant, the Baker Dance Department Spring Showcase, and the Causey Middle School Spring Showcase.
3. All dancers are expected to attend class daily. Excessive early dismissals, unexcused absences, and tardiness may result in performance probation.
4. The cost for each company member is $100.00. This fee covers the cost of each dancer’s company clothing and costumes.
   a. Fundraising opportunities will be available once the 2019-2020 school year begins.
   b. Fundraisers will supplement any additional funding that may be necessary for costumes, props, or other expenses.
Audition Schedule and Procedures

1. Auditions will be held Monday May 20th from 3:00pm-5:00pm in the Baker High School Dance Room.
2. Registration will take place from 3:00-3:15. Dancers will be required to warm themselves up and the audition process will begin no later than 3:30.
3. All participants must complete and turn in the following information on May 20th:
   a. Audition Application with Photo
   b. Copy of recent physical
   c. $10.00 audition fee (cash or checks payable to: Baker High School)
4. Auditions will be in the format of a ‘master class’. Dancers will be required to execute proper technique through a series of progressions, learn a short modern/contemporary-styled routine, and perform routine in small groups in front of a panel of judges.
5. One cut may be made as the audition progresses, depending on the number of dancers auditioning.
6. Dancers who are asked to continue to the next round of auditions will be required to perform a solo. All dancers should come prepared (with music) to perform a solo. Please bring your music on your phone and be able to connect to an auxiliary cord. Solo’s may be Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical/Contemporary.
7. Dancers should wear appropriate dance attire. No bare legs with shorts, you must wear tights, no camisole strap tops, no crop tops. You must wear dance shoes or perform barefoot, no socks allowed! No jewelry should be worn and your hair should be pulled back out of your face.
8. Auditions are closed to spectators—this eliminates noise and distractions to the dancers.
9. At the conclusion of the auditions the new Encore Dance Company will be posted on the Baker High School website.
10. This is a formal audition and should be respected as such by all participants. In the event you do not make the dance company, you are absolutely encouraged to continue your dance education at Baker High School by enrolling in a dance class to improve your skills. Mrs. Williamson may suggest a specific level class for you to be enrolled in and will indicate such on your evaluation letter following auditions.
   a. Mrs. Williamson will turn in your name to the counselors so that they may add you to the appropriate dance class. You may withdraw yourself from the class at the beginning of the school year if you wish.
Encore Dance Company
Audition Application 2019-2020

This application, along with the following items are due when you register for auditions on May 20th:

*Audition Application & Photo
*Copy of recent physical
*$10.00 Audition Fee

You will NOT be allowed to audition if all requirements are not submitted on May 20th

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Your Cell Phone # __________________________
E-mail Address: _________________________________
Grade for 2019-2020 School Year: __________ Age:________
Parent(s)/Guardian(s)Name(s): ______________________________________________
Emergency Contact Name and Phone #: ______________________________

Briefly explain why you want to be a member of the Baker High School Encore Dance Company, and what will be your contribution(s) to the organization:
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Description of prior dance training:
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Attach Photo Here (do not staple)
Baker High School

Encore Dance Company

Teacher Recommendation Form

Teachers: Please complete this form and return it to the dancer who gave it to you. The dancer should provide you with an envelope. Please seal the envelope and sign the envelope across the seal. The dancer will be responsible for retrieving this form from you prior to auditions on May 18th.

This Form Is Confidential!

Dancer’s Name: ___________________________________________________________________
School Currently Attending: _____________________________________________________
Teacher’s Name: __________________________________________________________________
Teacher’s Signature: _____________________________________________________________
Subject: ___________________________________________________________________________
Core or Elective Class: _____________________________________________________________

Read each statement below and rate the student by circling one response for each description.

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Additional Comments:
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Thank you for your participation! - Mrs. Williamson, Baker Dance Department Director