

2016-2017

# *Dance Team Tryouts Sign-Up*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade:**

8<sup>th</sup>

9<sup>th</sup>

10<sup>th</sup>

11<sup>th</sup>

**Forms To Return by April 22, 2015:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Sign-up Sheet**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Candidate Information Sheet**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Tryout Permission Form**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Constitution Contract**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Eligibility Form**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Copy of Last Report Card**

\*Average of all grades from 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> six weeks must equal a 75 or higher

\_\_\_\_\_ **Average of 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> six weeks grades**

## Candidate Information Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade: 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (street) \_\_\_\_\_

(city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

(work) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (street) \_\_\_\_\_

(city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

(work) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (street) \_\_\_\_\_

(city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_

# Pure Gold Dance Team

## Tryout Permission Sheet

Your daughter has expressed interest in trying out for the Pure Gold Dance Team. We are honored that she has shown interest and hope that it is a wonderful experience for her. Please take the following information into consideration when making the decision to tryout for membership on the team.

Estimated expense for a Pure Gold Dance Team member is \$800. This cost covers the various shirts, pants, shorts, tights, shoes, and sweats that make-up the Pure Gold uniform and practice outfits. This expense may be paid in three installments beginning immediately after tryouts with the total paid in full by August. There may be additional expenses throughout the year for such things as meals at competition or banquet, but these are kept to a minimum. We have made every effort to keep the cost reasonable so that dance team will be accessible to everyone.

The Pure Gold Dance Team requires many hours of practice time to achieve the quality of performances it has demonstrated this year. Practices begin around the first of August and last most of the school year until 6:30 every day. Some practices or events are at night or on weekends or even some school holidays. Pure Gold performs at all football games, many basketball games, several competitions, and many other events. All practices and performances are mandatory. Therefore, any girl trying out must be willing and able to dedicate a great deal of time and have transportation to all Pure Gold events.

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to tryout for the Pure Gold Dance Team. I am aware of the financial and time obligations required of Pure Gold members and am willing and able to provide for her transportation and expenses.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

## EM-S ISD Dance Team Eligibility

**This sheet must be signed by an administrator.**

**Attach a copy of the fourth *six weeks report card***

**Candidate's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendance compliance:** \_\_\_\_\_ **yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **no**

**SAC/suspension (dates)** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADC** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expelled** \_\_\_\_\_

**Administrator**

**signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

# **EAGLE MOUNTAIN-SAGINAW ISD DANCE TEAM CONSTITUTION**

## **I. Auditions for Team Membership**

- A. Candidates must meet all extracurricular participation criteria in academics, citizenship, and attendance up to the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> six weeks.  
Criteria are:
  - 1. Must have an overall grade average of 75 calculated on six weeks grades of all reporting periods completed in the current school year prior to tryouts. There will be no distinction between advanced and on level classes.
  - 2. No more than 1 U in citizenship (3 N's are equivalent to 1 U)
  - 3. Must be in attendance compliance and be a registered student at specific campus at the time of tryout
  - 4. No more than 1 placement in ISS/SAC or OSS. The director's discretion will be used on ISS/SAC placement due to tardies.
  - 5. Cannot have been placed in ADC or DAEP
- B. Candidates must attend all tryout practices in order to be eligible for final auditions unless there are special circumstances approved by the director.
- C. The constitution must be read and the contract signed by both parents/guardians and by the candidate and returned to the director by given deadline.
- D. Parents must be fully aware of the time commitment and expense of dance team and willing to meet all financial obligations.
- E. Auditions will be closed to the public. Only judges, director, officers, and administrators will be allowed to attend.
- F. Auditions will be judged by 2 or 3 qualified judges. Criteria to be judged will be determined by the director. Judges' selection is final.
- G. Members must tryout each year for a place on the team. Members who have resigned or been dismissed from the team for any reason during the year may tryout upon permission from the sponsor and approval of the principal.
- H. Qualifications for eligibility to tryout for varsity or junior varsity team will be determined by the director.
- I. Members who have resigned or been dismissed from the team must continue to participate daily in team workouts until the student has received a schedule change. Students must comply or the result will be point deductions on a daily basis which could result in a failing grade.
- J. Returning members must have met all financial obligations from the previous year in order to audition.

## **II. Auditions for Officers**

- A. Candidates for varsity officer must have been a varsity dance team member for at least one full year immediately preceding officer auditions. All requirements for team membership also apply to officers.
- B. Candidates will be scored by a panel of judges, the director, and team members. Criteria to be judged will be determined by the director.

## **III. Social Officers**

- A. Social officers must be returning members and will be elected by returning members.
- B. Social Officer positions are chosen at the discretion of the director.
- C. Social Officers may attend and pay for summer camp at a site chosen by the director.
- D. Social Officers must be willing to spend extra time outside of practice planning and organizing events and activities and performing additional duties without complaint. Expenses for Social Officers may be higher than those for team members.

## **IV. Officers' Duties**

- A. An officer is responsible for setting an example for other team members to follow. Officers should be positive, cooperative, helpful, and dedicated.
- B. Officers may be asked to assist in evaluating team members during dance auditions.
- C. Officers are responsible for their particular squad of members. They are to provide individual help in learning and perfecting routines, checking attendance, inspecting uniforms and equipment, and any additional duties involving their squads.
- D. Officers must be willing to spend extra practice time to choreograph and learn routines, organize activities, and perform additional duties. Expenses for officers will be higher than those for team members.
- E. Officers must attend and pay for summer camp at a site chosen by the director.
- F. The director may remove an officer from the position at any time if the responsibilities and duties of the position are not being fulfilled.

## **V. Attendance**

- A. All members must register for and participate in dance team class for the first and second semesters.
- B. All practices, performances, appearances, and meetings are mandatory. Each member is required to attend all scheduled events.

- C. An absence will be excused only if it is approved by the director in advance.
- D. Reasons for an excused absence include:
  - 1. personal illness or accident
  - 2. funeral or death in the family
  - 3. other school activities with special permission from the director in advance
  - 4. special circumstances excused by the director in advance
- E. Excused absences may result in the removal from the upcoming performance.
- F. Unexcused absences include but are not limited to:
  - 1. appointments
  - 2. vacations
  - 3. work – Work cannot interfere with any dance team activity. It is not an excuse to be absent, late, or leave early.
- G. Any unexcused absence will be brought before the director for discipline or possible dismissal.
 

Unexcused absence

  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense = 2 demerits, cut from the performance, and a warning
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense = 2 demerits, cut from the performance, and a warning
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense = dismissal from the team
- H. Any member who is absent from dance auditions whether excused or unexcused will be cut from the performance.
- I. Members will arrive on time and stay until dismissed by the director. To be counted present and on time, a member must be in rank at the designated location and time. Tardiness results in an automatic demerit.
- J. No student who is absent for more than the district policy's definition of a half school day may participate in any extracurricular performance that day unless special permission is given by the director and principal.
- K. Members will be allowed to participate in activities that generally do not conflict with dance team activities. Involvement in other extra-curricular activities that conflict with dance team on a regular, recurring basis including school and non-school related activities may result in removal from the squad. Exceptions may be made for isolated conflicts at the discretion of the director.

## **VI. Discipline & Grade Probation**

- A. Any member suspended, placed in ADC and/or DAEP, or assigned ISS/SAC may be immediately dismissed from the team. The dismissal may be for any period of time, as decided by the coach/sponsor and the campus principal. The campus principal will have the final say concerning disciplinary action.
- B. All members will comply with the drug testing program of EM-S ISD and are subject to all rules and procedures associated with the

program. Violation of the Student Code of Conduct related to smoking, drug use, and alcohol will result in immediate dismissal from the team.

- C. Members must meet all current state educational requirements.
- D. Members who receive a failing grade in any class for a grading period will be placed on grade probation following the restrictions, limitations, and time period set by the state. The principal may remove this suspension if the class is identified as pre-ap or advanced placement class. Per EM-S ISD policy, only one class may be waived per year.
- E. Members who fail for two grading periods will be dismissed.

## VII. The Demerit System

- A. A total of 3 demerits in one week will automatically suspend a member from the following week's performance. The member must still attend the performance in uniform.
- B. A total of 6 demerits per semester will result in a 3 week probation and a warning for possible removal will be given.
- C. A total of 10 demerits per academic year will result in a disciplinary hearing with possible dismissal from the team.
- D. Members may have demerits removed from their records by accumulating merits **as long as you have not reached 10 demerits**. Merits are given for performing duties above what is required.
- E. The following violations may receive demerits:
  - 1. Poor citizenship grades
  - 2. Forgetting or failing to wear any part of the uniform or equipment
  - 3. Wearing any jewelry, colored nail polish, or hair ornament during a performance or appearance
  - 4. Uniform or equipment not clean or in bad condition
  - 5. Being late for any activity
  - 6. Failure to turn in specified items or money by deadline given
  - 7. Refusing to follow directions set forth by director or officers
  - 8. Showing disrespect or lying to director, officers, or fellow members
  - 9. Talking when director or officers are instructing or speaking
  - 10. Vulgarity at any time, either in speech, actions or *social media, ie: Facebook, etc.***
  - 11. Showing lack of spirit or a negative attitude
  - 12. Allowing someone other than a member to wear part of the uniform
  - 13. Wearing jewelry or chewing gum at any dance team activity
  - 14. Any other infraction of the rules as determined by the director.
- E. Probation Rules



1. Attend games/pep rallies/practices per coach's discretion. (Not allowed to participate in other team functions during or after school.)
  2. Must follow directions set forth by the director.
  3. Will not be allowed to travel with the team.
- F. **\*\*Probation will affect a dance team member's ability to participate in any trip or activities. Probation also affects any down payment or money already spent on a trip or function. **The money will not be reimbursed if the District is unable to have the money reimbursed.** The only time demerits are "wiped away" is at the end of the year when the new teams are chosen.**

### **VIII. Performance Auditions**

- A. For each performance there will be an audition judged by the officers and director. A member unable to meet the standards set for that performance will not be allowed to perform.
- B. Officers will also audition for each performance and will be judged by the director.
- C. Any member absent on the day of dance auditions, whether excused or unexcused, will be removed from the performance.
- D. A member missing any practice will be subject to replacement upon the discretion of the director.
- E. The director reserves the right to replace or dismiss any member from a performance if the member is not meeting acceptable standards for that performance. This can occur at any time prior to the performance.
- F. A member who is removed from a performance must still attend the performance in uniform and assume responsibilities as usual.
- G. Any member suffering from illness or injury will be excused from workouts/performances only by a parental conference with the director and/or a doctor's note.

### **IX. Uniforms & Supplies**

- A. Certain parts of the dance team uniform and equipment will be purchased by the member and will remain the property of the member. This financial obligation must be met to remain a member of the team.
- B. Certain parts of the uniform and equipment will be provided by the school. These will be issued to the member at the beginning of the season and returned to the school at the end of the season. The member will pay to replace any lost or damaged articles.
- C. Each part of the uniform, whether school or privately owned, must have the uniform number or member's name on it and must be kept clean at all times.
- D. All dance team uniforms will be worn by members only.

## **X. Fundraising**

- A. Each member will be given the opportunity to participate in general fundraising activities.
- B. If a student member participates in a fundraiser, members will be required to turn in fundraising money on particular dates set by the director. Failure to do so will result in one demerit for each day the money is late.

## **XI. Trips**

- A. Members must ride the bus to and from all out of town games, competitions, or other events. Only parental permission, in written form and presented by that parent, will release a member to ride home with that parent only. Special permission may be granted by the director and the principal in writing.
- B. Members are responsible for their equipment for the duration of the trip.
- C. Members must conduct themselves appropriately and responsibly on all trips as representatives of EM-S ISD.

## **XII. Managers' Duties**

- A. Managers are chosen by the director based on criteria determined by the director. All Manager duties are under the director's discretion.
- B. Managers are subject to the same rules of this constitution as other team members in the areas of attendance, fundraising, trips, discipline and grade probation, and the demerit system.
- C. Managers are responsible for all video and audio equipment, uniforms, props, or any other dance team supplies entrusted to their use and care, whether school or privately owned. Any loss or damage to any equipment caused deliberately or through the carelessness of the manager will be paid for by the manager.

## **XIII. Lettering Policy**

- A. Team members are eligible for lettering after completing one full year and upon earning membership for their second year on the team.
- B. A first-year senior member is eligible on December 1 providing he/she is a team member second semester.

## **XIV. Student Transfer**

- A. Fall Semester: A student transferring from another school with current dance team membership and good standing may have the opportunity to tryout at the time of the transfer. A recommendation will be required from the former director. Students transferring with no current dance

team membership must wait until regularly scheduled team member tryouts in the spring for membership consideration the following year.

- B. Spring Semester: All transfer students during the Spring Semester must wait until regularly scheduled team member tryouts in the spring for membership consideration the following year.

## **XV. Changes**

- A. Revision of the constitution after initial annual approval shall follow the steps outlined in the Administrative Guideline for Student Organization Constitutions.

**EM-S ISD  
DANCE TEAM  
CONSTITUTION CONTRACT**

I have read and fully understood the rules and regulations presented in the EM-S ISD Dance Team Constitution. I understand that these rules are necessary to ensure that the dance team will be run in an organized and fair manner and that the performances and appearances will always be of the highest quality. I understand that I will serve as a member of the dance team from the time of election until tryouts of the next school year. I hereby agree to abide by the rules of this constitution as long as I am associated with the EM-S ISD Dance Team.

Member signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Manager Application

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE    9        10        11        12        ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be manager of the Pure Gold Dance Team?

What do you see as your job if you were to be manager?

Are you willing and able to dedicate the amount of time required to be a manager for the Pure Gold Dance Team (including nights, weekends, summer, etc.)?

Please describe yourself in the areas of interests, responsibility, attendance, intelligence, and attitude.

Estimated costs for a manager: \$200

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Pure Gold Parents,

It is that time of year again – the end of one season and the beginning of a new one! Just as we have finished banquet to complete this great year, we are starting the process of tryouts for our new team. In addition, the Pure Gold Booster Club is gearing up for the start of a new year. The very first job is electing new booster club officers that will be our Executive Board to run the organization for the next year. As many of you know, the success of our team and the privileges that go along with being on this team (Spring Break trips and national competitions) are very much dependent on the support of the booster club. This support includes not only financial resources, but also a great deal of time and effort put forth by many parents in various projects throughout the year. Without the generous gifts of the time and talents of our parents, the Pure Gold Dance Team would not be half of what it is today. In order to continue our winning tradition, we need parents to donate their time and efforts to the team by volunteering to be a booster club officer. By doing so, you will help to ensure another successful year for your student and their team.

If you would like to volunteer to be a part of the Booster Club Executive Board, please look over the list on the back of this page. There are many different positions that need to be filled. Sign up for any and all jobs that you feel fit your talents and the time that you will have available. We all understand that some people will have a great deal of time available to donate, while others cannot possibly spend that much time. Choose whatever you are capable of doing. The more you sign up for, the more likely we will be able to find a spot for you. All forms will be given to the nominating committee who will assign volunteers to each position. Each person will be contacted to verify the position chosen for them. And finally, at our first booster club meeting of the year in May, the new slate of officers will be voted upon by the entire organization. Remember, booster club officers meet every other month throughout the year.

Just as with your daughter's involvement on the dance team, the more you put into the organization the more you get out of it. Parents who have become deeply involved in the booster club find great enjoyment and rewards as well as good friends. It is nice to get together with other dance team parents, plan events for the girls, work on projects together, and keep informed of what's going on with the team. There are not many ways to be a part of your teenage daughter's life. This is one area where she will actually be glad that you are there. Thank you to a great booster club this year and to all of you who will make it great in the coming year!

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter's class next year (circle one):      FR      SO      JR      SR

<u>Check all of interest</u>	<u>Time Commitment</u>	<u>Title of Office</u>	<u>Job Description</u>
_____	high	President	preside at all meetings, coordinate projects, ex officio member of all committees, appoint special committees, distribute notebooks, work closely with director
_____	medium	Vice President	preside in absence of president, assist with president's duties, coordinate T-shirt sales, oversee homecoming parade and newsletter, phone contact with board
_____	medium	Secretary	take minutes of meetings, keep membership roster and records, thank you notes
_____	high	Treasurer	keep records of finance, report to members at meetings, collect money at booster club fundraisers (or president in treasurer's absence), disburse funds to pay bills or other purposes as approved by executive board
_____	high	Concessions Chairperson	coordinate scheduling of workers, purchase supplies and equipment, stocking and overseeing the operation of the concessions
_____	medium	Fundraising Chairperson	coordinate various fundraising activities for the booster club, organize parents to participate in booster club fundraisers
_____	high	Prop Chairperson	coordinate buying supplies and building of props, arrange for transportation of props
_____	high	Publicity Chairperson	photography of all team and officer events, assist with slideshow, newspaper publicity
_____	low	Class Rep	represent each class level at general and executive board meetings, phone contact with & recruitment of members for projects Seniors:            coordinate summer snacks, Homecoming parade Juniors:            Christmas party, Banquet Sophomores:      Halloween and Valentine's parties Freshmen:         drinks for girls at games
_____	low	Committee Member	assist chairperson with duties. (circle those of interest to you) Concessions      Fundraising      Props      Publicity

*Pure Gold Dance Team*  
*Tryouts*

- Mandatory practices: Monday, April 25 – Thursday, April 28 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM Boswell Dance Room
- Mandatory Meetings: New Candidate meeting: Monday, April 25 – 7:00 PM in Boswell Cafeteria – all **new** candidates and **new** candidate parents  
First Parent meeting: Monday, May 2 – 7:00 PM in Boswell Cafeteria – **all** team members and parents
- Practices include: Stretching  
Kick technique and split form  
Kick sequence  
Dance routine
- Practice clothes: tank top or t-shirt  
dance pants, spandex or knit shorts  
dance shoes or tennis shoes
- Do NOT wear: street shoes, jean shorts, zippers, or jewelry
- Judged auditions: Closed tryouts on Friday, April 29 4:30 PM - ??  
Callbacks, Announcement of Team
- Tryouts include: Kick sequence  
Splits – both sides (in groups of 3)  
Dance routine
- Tryout clothes: solid black tank top or t-shirt  
solid black spandex or knit shorts  
dance shoes or tennis shoes
- Expectations: 2 weeks of meetings/practices after tryouts  
1 weekend fundraiser in May  
\$800 for uniforms (33% due immediately)  
Technique classes throughout the summer  
All day practices beginning August 1  
Practice until 6:30 every school day  
Some weekend, holiday, and night events  
Great memories for a lifetime!!!



# Important Dates to Remember

**Monday, April 25– Thursday, April 28:**

4:30-6:30 PM – mandatory candidate practices in Boswell dance room

**Monday, April 25:**

7:00 PM – mandatory new candidate parent meeting in Boswell cafeteria

**Friday, April 29:**

4:30 PM – Pure Gold Dance Team try outs in Boswell dance room

**Monday, May 2 – Wednesday, May 4:**

4:30 – 6:00 PM – full team meeting in Boswell dance room

**Monday, May 2:**

7:00 PM – Mandatory parent meeting in Boswell cafeteria

**Monday, May 9 - Wednesday, May 11:**

4:30 – 6:00 PM – new member practices in Boswell dance room

**Saturday, May 14:**

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Car wash fundraiser

**Technique Classes every Tuesday and Thursday Time TBD**

\*required 10 classes, \$5 each class

\*classes start Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and run through Thursday, July, 28<sup>th</sup>

\*No classes during the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> due to district being closed

**Monday, Aug. 1 - Tuesday, Aug. 2:**

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – new member practices in Boswell dance room

**Wednesday, Aug. 3 – Friday, Aug. 5:**

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – team practice in Boswell dance room

**Saturday, Aug. 6:**

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Car wash fundraiser

**Monday, Aug. 8 – Friday, Aug. 12**

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – team practice in Boswell dance room

**Saturday, Aug. 13:**

5:00 – Sports Fest in Boswell High School gymnasium