

# 2018-2019 Fort Calhoun Dance Team Handbook

## **A. Purpose**

Each member of the Fort Calhoun Dance Team should promote and uphold school spirit, develop a sense of sportsmanship among students, and contribute to a fun and safe atmosphere that positively represents our school.

## **B. Communication**

Communication between coach, team members, and parents is of utmost importance. Communication between coach and parents will be primarily through e-mail, and telephone when needed. It is the responsibility of the team members to communicate with their parents any information that is received. Once the team is decided, I will request email addresses and cell phone numbers from each dance team member's parents.

## **C. Attendance**

Attendance is an extremely important aspect of this team. It is important to me that the girls are involved in many different activities, and I understand time conflicts. Girls may be excused from part or all of a dance practice to attend other school activities as long as the coach knows ahead of time.

There will be a zero tolerance policy for unexcused absences-meaning not showing up for a mandatory, scheduled practice or performance will result in performance suspension(s). More than two suspensions will result in dismissal from the team.

Practice and performance schedules are given months in advance. For this reason, work conflicts and other non-medical appointments will be considered excused.

## **D. Practice**

Summer practices are tentatively scheduled from 5:30 to 7:00 on Tuesday nights, beginning Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Practices will remain at this time during the school year. On performance days, there may be an additional morning practice at 7:00 a.m.

\*Due to gym/ space availability, practices may be held at the elementary building.

In the past, the girls have gotten together in the mornings before school as well. It is important to note that this is not required, and the

sponsor will not be there at this time. Team members are also expected to practice routines on their own time.

### **E. Fundraising/Costs**

Fundraising is optional, but extremely helpful in paying for uniform and camp costs. We will begin fundraising immediately after the team is announced. Money raised from fundraising is kept individual- each girl will receive the profits they individually have earned. None of that money is put into the dance-team joint account.

Account balances for uniform costs will need to be paid to the high school office (Patty Appel) by July 1, 2018. I plan to hand out uniforms shortly after this date.

### **F. Eligibility**

Dancers must meet grade and attendance requirements as set forth by the Fort Calhoun School District. They must follow all expectations as outlined in the Fort Calhoun School and Athletic handbooks.

### **G. Additional Info**

- Thoughts and concerns from parents are welcome at any time and taken into consideration. **Final decisions regarding music and performance attire are made by the coach/sponsor and athletic director.**
- Parents of dance team members are expected to pay admission to all events they attend (no matter if their child is dancing, they're just going to the event for halftime, it's the little girl's dance camp, etc.)
- Proper Chain of Command (member -> sponsor -> athletic director)

