

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child has expressed an interest in joining Northfield Dance Ensemble. NDE is a wonderful opportunity for all New Trier students: no audition is required for dancers, so all interested students may join! **This contract along with the information form must be turned in to the directors on or before the Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> deadline in order for your student to become a member of NDE.** We *do* allow students in fall sports or activities to participate as long as all their paperwork is turned in by September 14<sup>th</sup>! In this case, they will join immediately after their season ends.

Although this is a no cut dance company, we ask that your child is truly committed to coming to rehearsals and working hard each day. Please see our detailed calendar on the Dance Division webpage so you are aware of the commitment before you sign the contract. There are very modest costs associated with NDE; purchasing gear is encouraged and there may be some minimal costs for costumes.

The season begins September 14<sup>th</sup> with our casting day. The NDE Showcase is on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, and Dance Day is on January 11<sup>th</sup> during the school day. **All dancers have mandatory run-throughs, technical and dress rehearsals on stage December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and starting the day we return from winter break (January 8<sup>th</sup>), so please plan your travel plans accordingly!**

Please feel free to contact the Artistic Directors at any time. We are looking forward to working with your child, and we are confident that NDE will be a positive, fun, and rewarding experience. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lucy Riner, Laura Deutsch, and Katie Kritek

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# Northfield Dance Ensemble Parent/Student Contract

We are so excited you are interested in becoming a member of Northfield Dance Ensemble (NDE)! This season promises to be very exciting and filled with many rewarding opportunities for each company member. In order to have a successful and fun season, it is important to realize the commitment that is involved. **We strongly believe that simply because NDE is a no-cut dance company, it does not mean NDE is a no-commitment dance company.** Please carefully review the following NDE guidelines with your parents or guardians.

1. NDE rehearsals are scheduled from 4:00-5:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Please review the NDE calendar for a more detailed description of our season's schedule. Be on time! We ask that the dancers sign-in on Canvas and are ready to dance, in dance clothes 10 minutes before their rehearsal start time. The Artistic Directors have the right to dismiss a dancer for excessive tardiness or absences. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors need to leave the Winnetka Campus *immediately* in order to make it to a 4:00 rehearsal on time!!
2. **If you need to miss a rehearsal, please contact Ms. Riner (and your choreographer) BEFORE the rehearsal begins: [rinerl@nths.net](mailto:rinerl@nths.net) or 847-784-6554**
3. If you decide to be a part of NDE, you will be unable to audition for/participate in other winter sports, clubs, or activities (including the Frosh/Soph musical) that may conflict with your NDE schedule.
4. Please review the Academic Eligibility Policy and the Extracurricular Code in the New Trier Guidebook. These policies apply to all NDE dancers.
5. Remember, you are a student first. Freshmen should take the time between school and rehearsal to complete schoolwork.
6. You are expected to come to all rehearsals fully prepared and ready to work. Please demonstrate respect, hard work, commitment, and kindness in all aspects of your life, which follows New Trier's mission of Being Brave, Kind, and Proud!. You are a representative of NDE in and out of rehearsals.

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I acknowledge and understand all the rules in the Northfield Dance Ensemble Contract and am prepared to make this commitment. I have read through the NDE calendar and agree that I am available for all rehearsals and spoken to my parents/guardians about the mandatory rehearsals before and after winter break!

**Dancer's Printed Name/Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge and understand all the rules in the Northfield Dance Ensemble Contract and agree that my child is prepared to make this commitment! I have read through the NDE calendar and agree that my child is available for all rehearsals. I will schedule any Winter Break travel plans around the NDE mandatory rehearsals.

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print Parent/Guardian E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_