

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 form along with the information form must be turned in to the directors on or before the Monday, September 20th deadline in order for your student to become a member of NDE. We do allow students in fall sports or activities to join, as long as all the paperwork is turned in by 9/20/21! In this case, they will join immediately after their season ends. Optional NDE gear may be purchased and there may be some minimal costs for costumes.

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. The season begins September 20th with our casting day, and the NDE Showcase and Dance Day are both on Thursday, December 16th, 2021. This is the day before winter break, 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

Northfield Dance Ensemble Parent/Student Contract

(Sign and turn in to the directors)

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 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 your choreographer AND Mrs. Riner BEFORE the rehearsal begins: rinerl@nthsh.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. We need to know that you are committed to this dance company from the start.
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. Please remain on campus so we know you are safe.
6. You are expected to come to all rehearsals fully prepared and ready to work.
7. Please demonstrate respect, hard work, commitment, and kindness in all aspects of your life. You are a representative of NDE in and out of rehearsals.

I agree to and understand all of the rules in the Northfield Dance Ensemble Contract, and I am prepared to make this commitment. I have read through the NDE calendar and agree that I am available for all rehearsals.

Dancer's Printed Name/Signature _____ / _____

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Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____