



MdN Dance

Auditions 2020-2021

Are you interested in being a part of the Marcos de Niza dance program? If you would like to take beginning dance all you have to do is request beginning dance on your MdN course registration. If you are interested in a more challenging, exciting course with more performance opportunities, register for intermediate or advanced dance on your MdN course registration forms AND complete the MdN Dance Auditions. Your participation in an MdN dance course could earn you P.E., Elective, or Fine Arts credit.

Due to this year's unique circumstances, dance placement auditions will be entirely virtual. All of the information, links, documents, and forms you will need to complete the audition are in this document. **All final audition materials will be due via google form by 11:59pm on Sunday March 21, 2021.** If you have any other questions or need help with anything please contact Mrs. Remer using the contact information below.

I am very excited to welcome you in the MdN dance program! Good luck!

Mrs. Remer Contact Information

Google Voice Phone or Text: (623) 980-3543

Email: trem@tempeunion.org

Audition Remind 101: text "@mdn" to 81010



Live Virtual Audition Prep



Participation in a live virtual audition prep workshop is not required. These workshops are an opportunity for you to get help, ask clarifying questions, and learn choreography first hand. You are welcome to attend as many audition prep workshops as you would like. If you choose not to attend an audition prep workshop you can learn the entire movement sequence using the reference videos linked on the next page (see the big blue arrow.) All reference videos will be posted by 9:00am on Monday March 15th.

If you choose to participate, make sure you have plenty of **space** to move and dance without running into your surroundings. You should be able to stand with your arms outstretched, turn around, and take two steps in each direction without hitting anything. Any type of flooring will work, but try to find a space that has only one type of flooring. Also please make sure to wear school appropriate **clothing** that allows for freedom of movement. Jeans are not recommended.

Audition Prep Workshop Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/ios-orof-zkn>

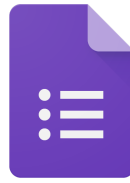
Audition Prep Workshop Dates & Times

- Tuesday March 16, 2021 3:30-4:30pm
- Wednesday March 17, 2021 12:00-1:00pm
- Thursday March 18, 2021 3:30-4:30pm
- Friday March 19, 2021 7:00-7:30 am & 3:30-4:00pm

To Submit All Audition Materials



Please submit **ALL** auditions materials using this google form.



Google Forms

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSco--8EAj3YHrMTDPL9fMluwB0mX41pmJMRIAyOMajFhJaBww/viewform?usp=sf_link

The google form will ask you to provide the following information:

- Student Name
- Student email address
- Parent/Guardian Name
- Parent/Guardian email address
- MdN Student ID # (if a current Marcos student)
- Parent/Guardian OR Student contact phone number
- 2021-2022 School year grade
- Current dance enrollment (if applicable)
- File uploads
 - Completed [Permission to Participate form](#)
 - Completed [Informed Consent form](#)
 - 1-3 audition videos as outlined on the google form



- Use this [link*](#) to view all audition movement sequence reference videos

All videos will be posted by 9:00am on Monday March 15th

All final Audition Materials due via Google Form submission

Sunday March 21, 2021 by 11:59pm.

You will be contacted about your audition results by Thursday April 1, 2021.

Frequently Asked Questions



Do parent(s)/guardian(s) need to attend an informational meeting ? No. If parent(s)/guardian(s) have questions please reach out using Mrs. Remer’s contact information.

If I have no dance experience, can I audition? Yes. Anyone may audition and will be placed accordingly. If you do not place in intermediate or advanced dance you will be placed in beginning dance. If you know you would like to be in Beginning Dance, no audition is required. Simply register.

If I have dance experience, do I need to share my requisites? No. You can illustrate your skills and experience through full participation and performance in your audition video.

Is it possible that I will not make a dance class? Can I be “cut”? This is a no-cut audition. We have a place for everybody! This audition process is to place participants with dancers they will be able to grow with because their skill and ability are similar.

What should I wear? Dancewear should be conservative & non-restrictive to movement. Hair should be up and away from the face. Footwear should be bare foot or appropriate dance shoes. We do follow a school dress-code: no half tops or dancing in just a sports bra are tolerated.

What’s the best way for me to practice & prepare learned material? It is best to find a friend(s) to work with throughout auditions. You can be great motivators, supporters, and teachers for one another. You may also choose to participate in as many of the scheduled audition prep workshops that you feel you need. At these workshops Mrs. Remer will go over the choreography, answer questions, and give feedback as requested. Videos of the audition sequence with counts and with music as well as from the front and the back will be posted for you to reference by 9:00am on Monday March 15.

What if there are movements in the audition sequence that I cannot do? Please try your best to practice and perform all movements as demonstrated in the movement sequence videos. If there is something you truly cannot perform please choose an alternative, but similar movement to perform in its place. If you need help deciding an alternative movement, please attend one of the scheduled Audition Prep Workshops and ask Mrs. Remer for assistance.

How is my audition being evaluated? Your audition will be evaluated based on your dance technique, accuracy, and performance.

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How will placements be posted? You will receive an email at the address provided on your google form with your audition results by Thursday April 1, 2021.

Once I receive my placement, how do I register? Make certain you have marked DANCE on your Marcos registration materials. Counseling will receive audition results and class lists and assure you are placed into the appropriate class.

I missed this information & the audition. What do I do? Due to tardiness of audition and classes already being filled: placement in dance will be as available. Please contact Mrs. Remer for additional information about how to submit a late audition.

How do I cope with not making a level I hoped to? Remember loving to dance comes without a title. All our levels of dance at Marcos receive the same opportunities; (dance class daily, performance in 2 shows, guest choreography, student choreography, student leadership, etc.) Our top level does require a few extra appearances as they represent the Marcos Dance Department in the same way a varsity level sports team would. As a teacher and mentor, I value a student that wants to continue to grow from experience. I am happy to meet with participants and review what went well and what can be worked on for future auditions. This meeting is a reflection between student and teacher to help process the audition experience. Emails or any other communication regarding auditions will not be returned until Monday after notification of audition results post with the priority being communication between student and teacher. Please give yourself the weekend to process an audition result before communication and reflection with dance department.

Parent/Guardian: How can I help my child cope if they are unhappy with their dance placement? We ask that parents and guardians are supportive of their child in order to help them find perspective. In an effort to support our dancers' well-being, below are a few resources that can be utilized to help dancers appropriately cope with outcomes and build resiliency from unmet expectations. Let your child know you are proud of them for going through this audition process! Remind them that if they love to dance, they will continue to do so regardless of a title.

Provided by TUHSD Health & Wellness Coach:

Coping with disappointment:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-power-prime/201106/parenting-disappointment-is-good>

<https://psychcentral.com/blog/how-to-cope-with-disappointment/>

Resilience:

<https://wellmd.stanford.edu/content/dam/sm/wellmd/documents/10-ways-to-build-resilience.pdf>

I am excited about being in dance! Now what? We are so happy to have you a part of Marcos de Niza Dance. Once you have registered for dance on your class schedule, you are all set for now! We will see you in August for the start of the 2021-2022 school year ☺ All important dates and performances will be shared then.