

# 8th Grade Dance Tryouts February 22-25, 2021

## Tryouts

8<sup>th</sup> grade dance tryouts for the 2020-21 school year will be held February 22-25, 2021 at the North Gym at Conway Junior High.

February 22 - Check in begins at 4:45, Tryouts start at 5

February 23-24 - 5:00-6:30

February 25 – TBA

Students must be picked up promptly at 6:30 p.m. Monday through

Wednesday. Thursday's ending time will be announced later.

Tryouts are open to students currently enrolled in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in

Conway Public Schools. This is a closed tryout.

**Participants should complete the Information sheet/participation form and submit it by email to [williamsme@conwayschools.net](mailto:williamsme@conwayschools.net) by Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Dragonfly documents (physical and athletic consent) should also be entered by Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Current athletes are already entered in Dragonfly and will not need to resubmit information unless their physical has expired. Students with incomplete paperwork will not be allowed to participate until completion is verified.**

Click to access the required forms

- ✓ [Information sheet/participation form](#)
- ✓ [Dragonfly Information](#)

Tryout numbers and/or names for those making the team will be posted on the school website after tryouts are completed.

## What should I wear to tryouts?

All students trying out for dance should wear:

Blue shorts

Plain white short sleeved t-shirt, no camis or tank tops

Athletic or dance shoes

Hair should be in a ponytail, a natural color, and no bow.

No or neutral nail polish.

Jewelry is not permitted.

## How much time is required of a dancer?

Dance is a year-long class meeting 6<sup>th</sup> period, Monday-Friday. We dance for blue and white side football and basketball home games for both boys and girls teams. That involves approximately 40 school nights of required attendance. Parent/guardians must provide transportation to and prompt pick up after games. Dance practice/camp may begin as early as the last week of July and is mandatory. Meet the Cats is typically the first Friday night after school begins and attendance is mandatory.

## Participant Expectations for Dance Tryouts

- ✓ Great attitude
- ✓ Follows and takes direction well
- ✓ Learns quickly
- ✓ Can collaborate effectively
- ✓ Facial expressions
- ✓ Desire to practice
- ✓ Kicks, turns, and leaps a plus

Top scores during the formal tryout will make the team.

## Costs for Personal Items

Required personal items to be purchased MAY include items such as shoes, poms, windsuit/jacket, rain jacket, bag, and bows. There will also be a cost for choreography. Approximate cost is \$250.

## Uniforms

Dance uniforms are property of the Conway Athletic Department. They will be assigned by the coach and returned clean to the coach the week after the last game.

## Dance is a Sport!

Dance is considered a team school sport and part of the Athletic Department. Team members are expected to be in physical shape for athletic participation. Physical conditioning is part of team sports. When basketball season is over, off-season dance conditioning will be an everyday class expectation.

## Behavior Expectations

Dance team members represent Conway Junior High and are expected to demonstrate leadership and act as role models for our school. Respect for coaches, teachers, and teammates is expected at all times whether on or off campus, during school hours or non-school hours.

Texting and social media sites should not be used to gossip or make suggestive, derogatory, or harassing comments about anyone. Harassment or bullying of teammates or other students is strictly prohibited.

Poor attitudes/behavior is detrimental to our program. Poor attitudes/behavior can result in benching or removal from the team at the coaches' discretion.

## Volleyball and Basketball Conflicts

Any girl who will be participating in both Volleyball and Dance in 8th grade needs to understand that Volleyball games are played on Monday/Thursday and all football games are played on Thursday. There will be days when your volleyball team plays at home, you might have the chance to play the volleyball game and then get to the football game to cheer and perform at half-time. On Thursday's when your volleyball games are out of town, you would not have that option.

Boys' and girls' basketball games are played at the same times but at different gyms with few exceptions. You will not be able to cheer during basketball season if you are a basketball player unless there is not a scheduling conflict.

## Covid-19 Policy

All participants will be asked screening questions upon entering the tryout facility. Participants will be required to maintain social distancing throughout the tryout process. If a participant tests positive or becomes quarantined prior to or during the tryout dates, a later date will be set for a formal tryout. Required documentation from a medical professional will be required before a make-up tryout will be administered.

## Questions?

For more information regarding dance, please contact Meagan Williams, 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance coach, at [williamsme@conwayschools.net](mailto:williamsme@conwayschools.net).



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## 8th Grade Dance Tryouts 2020-21 Contestant Information Sheet and Participation Agreement

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tryout # (TBA) \_\_\_\_\_

Middle School (check the box): Courtway ☐ Stuart ☐ Simon ☐ Doyle ☐

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name and number other than above: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any current medical conditions that the coaches should know about? For example: allergies, asthma, concussions, breaks/sprains, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTICE!!!

#### 8th Grade - Volleyball - Cheer/Dance Conflicts

Any girl who will be participating in both Volleyball and Cheer/Dance in 8th grade needs to understand that Volleyball games are played on Monday/Thursday and all Football games are played on Thursday. There will be days that when your volleyball team plays at home - you could/would have the chance to play the volleyball game and then get to the football game to cheer/dance - perform at half-time. On Thursday's when your volleyball games are out of town- you would not have that option - and would have to make a choice - and that would need to be discussed ahead of time with all coaches involved. There would be no conflict after volleyball season for any cheerleader/dancer - and you could be full participation.

#### 8th Grade - Basketball - Cheer/Dance Conflicts

Any girl who is participating in both Basketball and Cheer/Dance in 8th grade needs to understand that you would play in your basketball game - and cheer only on game days that you did not have a game. (Girls and Boys usually play at the same time in different gyms)

#### Participation Agreement

Please know that if you make the cheer/dance team, it is not just a commitment during school hours; it also requires time outside of school. These out-of-school times will be mandatory, and no absence except another school activity or unforeseen emergency (such as illness or death in the family) will be excused.

If your child is involved in competitive cheer/dance, volleyball or basketball, he/she will not be excused from any school cheer practice or ball games due to competitive events.

If you feel this commitment will be a problem, please don't take a spot of someone who is willing to be committed to our school cheer/dance team.

The financial responsibility for required items will be approximately \$300.

I understand this commitment.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

8th Grade Cheer tryouts are one week after 8th grade dance tryouts. If you do not make the dance team, you may try out for cheer with the same DragonFlyMax forms. If you make the dance team, you may not try out for the cheer team.

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All parents of athletes in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades participating in any sport this year, must download the app or go online and fill out participation paperwork at <https://dragonflyathletics.com>.



**ALL ATHLETES MUST REGISTER IN DRAGONFLY AND UPLOAD YOUR PHYSICAL, CONSENT FORMS AND SPORTS MEDICINE FACT SHEET.**

## **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1) Download the DragonFly MAX app from the App Store or Google Play.
- 2) Tap 'Get Started' and 'Sign Up for Free' then follow the prompts to create your Parent account with your own email address.  
*Note: please do not create an account with your child's name or contact information — you will get the chance to add your child soon!*
- 3) Verify your account with the verification ID sent to your email address.
- 4) Tap 'Connect to your school' to select 'Parent' as your role and search for your child's school.
- 5) After selecting your child's school, tap 'Join' to request access. An administrator at your school will approve your request.
- 6) Tap 'Set up your children' and follow the prompts to add your kid(s) and fill out their participation forms.

NOTE: When selecting your child's sport, please check the "enrolled athlete" box. Do not pick sports at this time. Those will be added when the coach creates their roster.

## PREFER TO DO THIS ON YOUR COMPUTER?

Visit [dragonflymax.com](https://dragonflymax.com) and click 'Log In/Sign Up' to get started.