

2025-2026 North Garland High School World Dance Company Tryout Packet

Dear World Dance Company Hopeful and Parent,

We are excited that you are considering becoming a member of our organization. WDC has many wonderful benefits including great high school memories, lasting friendships, and a sense of pride that comes from being part of a team.

In the upcoming year we will be working hard to grow as a team and experience new things. We perform at the select pep-rallies, NGHS Dance Showcase, GISD dance events, competitions and other in-school and community events.

There are no prerequisites for becoming a WDC member. You just need a positive attitude and a willingness to learn and work hard. There will be mandatory after school practices but you would be notified weeks in advance.

Thank you,

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WDC Director

World Dance Company year in review

WDC practices about once to twice a week from 3:30-5:30. Students will be notified at least two weeks in advance. We will use the Band app for our communication and calendar. Here is a tentative schedule of some events we do during the year. During contest season, practices are usually later in the evening due to gym availability such as until 6:30. I will share a calendar for the year at fittings on May 13th.

Monday, May 12, 2025 Team Practice 5:15-7 pm

Monday, May 19, 2025 Team Practice 5:15-7 pm

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 Team Practice 12-3 pm

Wednesday, May 28 Team Dance Workshop 8 am - 3 pm

WDC Team Camp Week of July 21-July 30 Specific dates and details TBD

August: Raider Rush, Practices the first week of August TBD

September: Garland Labor Day Parade, School pep rally and local elementary event performances

October: Garland Dia De Los Muertos Event, School pep rally and local elementary event performances

November: Recruiting events and community events

December: NGHS Dance Showcase & Community events

January--April: MLK parade, Contest, Community and School events, WDC Spring Show

May: Community performances, recruiting events and end of year banquet

World Dance Company Expenses

Payment #1 due May 13, 2025 to Teamleader cash or card

(prices are estimated and including tax)

Female dancers: \$197

Team Shirt \$15
Team bag \$37
Tan jazz shoe \$49
Delivery Fee \$3
Warm-up jacket \$65
Dance tights (2) \$28

Male dancers: \$141

Team shirt \$15
Team Bag \$37
Compression shorts \$21
Delivery fee \$3
Warm-up jacket \$65

OPTIONAL THROUGH TEAM LEADER:

Black team sweatshirt \$22 and Solid black t shirt \$5 and a parent supporter shirt \$16-22

Payment #2 order by June 11th online to DanzGear for Females Dancers

Female Dancers \$51.50 (estimated prices)

Team Sports Bra \$26
Team Shorts \$25.50

\$100 Summer classes: Students must take 3 hours of folklorico classes and 2 hours of hip hop classes minimum during the summer. Students will be provided with information on local studios pricing and summer schedule. Estimated cost will be determined by the studio you choose, estimated cost for summer classes are \$75-100

Payment #3 Estimated \$280-360 due July 22nd to NGHS World Dance, cash or check

Female Dancers:

Team sneakers, estimated \$70-\$80

Folklorico Shoes & earrings, estimated \$65-100

Team Practice Skirt (female dancers only) \$70-80

Team Yearly Expenses Payment \$100

Team yearly expenses cover supplies for costumes, team crafts, team parties, meals for contest, spring shirt, and any field trip transportation.

Male Dancers:

Team sneakers, \$70-\$80

Team Folklorico Shoes, \$70-100

Ballroom Shoes \$40

Team Yearly Expenses Payment \$100

Estimated price for a new member is a maximum of \$710, for returning members maximum prices is \$380

Some items may be available at a lower cost if purchased used from graduating seniors. Returning members only need to purchase bolded items. New members must purchase all items.

There are some price ranges, this is calculating the max possible cost, based on sizes needed and availability, it will determine final prices. These items are stuff you will use for years and won't need to repurchase unless you lose the item.

Additional items needed: You need to get these items on your own if you don't already own them by July 1st. Links on where you can purchase some of these will be on the team canvas page under modules.

Female dancers:

Solid black leggings \$10+
Team red lipstick- specific color will be sent out \$10+
Nude strapless/clear strap bra \$30+
Fitted solid black t-shirt \$5+

Male dancers:

Black solid joggers/sweatpants for practice \$20+
Black slacks \$35+
Fitted solid black t-shirt \$5+
Black belt \$30

TRYOUT CHECKLIST

- Attend the Tryout Meeting Tuesday March 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm in NGHS Library
- [Read the 2025-2026 Fine Arts Handbook](#)
- Turn in the following signed & completed items to Ms. Numa (Varsity) Ms. Portillo (JV) no later than Friday, May 2nd at 3:15 pm
- NGHS Drill Team Expectations and application signature page
- Fill out the google form that is on the expectations page at the bottom with QR code
 - GISD Media Release Signature Page
 - GISD Fine Arts Handbook Signature page
 - UIL Concussion Acknowledgement Form
 - GISD Pre Physical Evaluation Form - Page 1 ONLY
 - SCA awareness form,
 - Page 2 - Physicals will be due before the first team practice on May 19th



Scan the QR code to view all the documents that need to be turned in as stated above. If you pick up a packet in person, they will be attached to the packet already.

WDC Tryouts

Tryouts will consist of 3 judges evaluating the dancers as they perform the tryout dance by using a yes or no scoresheet.

Candidates must receive yes from 2 or more judges to be selected as a World Dance Company Member.

Judges have an evaluation sheet where they identify skills in dance execution, showmanship/presentation, and technique to determine their decision.

- Monday, May 5th learn tryout dance. NGHS Dance room door #13 5 pm - 7 pm. Please arrive about 10-15 minutes before for check in.
- Tuesday, May 6th, Review and practice in NGHS Dance room door #13 from 5 pm - 7 pm. Please arrive about 10-15 minutes before for check in.
- Wednesday, May 7th 5-7 pm **MOCK TRYOUTS**, meet in the dance room - wear exact attire like you would for tryouts. Please arrive about 10-15 minutes before for check in.
- Friday, May 9th, Team Tryouts 5:15-7:30pm WDC tryouts at North Garland HS. Must arrive by 5:15 pm. **Results will be posted on our team instagram and NGHS Dance Interest google site by 9 pm**

Tryout attire

Solid black fitted t-shirt or tank top

Black ankle leggings (females), Black joggers/ sweatpants (males)

Black socks or no socks

Jazz shoes or tennis shoes

Hair: Low ponytail with no bangs, ponytail holder that matches your hair, straight or curled hair, no ribbon, scrunches or headbands.

Performance makeup including eyeshadow, blush and red lipstick.

No gum, jewelry, or nail polish

WDC Standard of Uniformity

Nails: Nails must not exceed sports length and only nail color allowed during performances is French tip, natural color or no color.

Make up: *All dancers are expected to wear makeup to performances and team appearances.*

- Female dancers: Eye makeup must be neutral color; examples are brown or gray on the crease and a shimmery color on the eyelid. Mascara on the eyelashes will help eyes stand out. False lashes are optional. For evaluation, competitions or spring show, make up should be smokey eye and heavier than normal.
- Male dancers: Male performance makeup is expected for stage and evaluation performances. Such as concealer and blush.
- Blush that stands out, shimmery is acceptable but the color should be visible from a distance.
- Team lipstick- part of your team payment. It will be ordered for each female member and is the lipstick you will wear for each performance.

Hair: *Style will depend on the style of dance being performed. These are the three styles we will use during the year.*

1. Half up, half down hair with two braids/twist and hair natural style. Hair ties should match your hair color.
2. Low slicked back pony tail with middle part. Hair tie must match your hair color.
3. Two dutch braids
4. Slicked back donut bun

Male dancers: Hair must be neatly styled, out of face. No distracting hair designs.