

Jackson School for the Arts

Edge Dance Company

2016-2017

Edge Dance Company is a performance group auditioned from JSA advanced dancers. The purpose of the performance group is to help student participants and spectators enjoy the spirit of any given event and, above all, for group members to exemplify Character, Leadership, Attitude, Scholarship, and Service (C.L.A.S.S.). EDGE dancers will be highly visible among student peers and community; therefore, high standards and proper conduct are essential at all times. The dancers will promote a positive attitude and environment.

Rehearsal Schedules:

All participants are required to be at all scheduled rehearsals. EDGE will rehearse on Wednesday evenings @5:00-6:30pm weekly. All missed rehearsals must be excused ahead of time with company instructor. After three unexcused absences, dancer will be on probation from up and coming performance opportunities. All scheduled rehearsals will be in line with Jackson Local School policies. If a student is absent from school they will not be able to participate in either rehearsal or performances.

Academics:

JSA students already are held to a suggested GPA requirement. EDGE dancers will be responsible for upholding this standard. Any reason given to company instructors to withhold a dancer from performing due to academics is at their discretion.

Health:

Dance is a rigorous activity and all participants are expected to be in top physical health. All EDGE members are expected to condition and train in such a way as to benefit not only themselves, but the company as a whole. We are a team, and will function as a whole, and not as individual parts! We will conduct ourselves in such a way as to model a strong, cohesive, and motivated athletic team. All injuries will need to have medical documentation to allow dancers to participate. Dancers' health comes first, and Edge will need medical clearance per Jackson Local Schools health policies. As soon as injured dancers are medically released by their physicians they will retain their position back with the company.

Uniforms:

All dancers will be provided with JSA owned uniforms. At the end of every season dancers will be responsible for turning in all purchased pieces of their uniforms. Some small articles of clothing may be required to individually purchase depending on the seasons full set show.

Dance Behaviors and Expectations:

- * Above all, dancers will abide by all school rules, and always model C.L.A.S.S.
- * Dancers will be dressed and ready to practice by specified practice time.
- * Dancers will not use cell phones, ipods, or other devices during practices, games, or other dance events.
- * Dancers will not eat during practices, games, or events unless given permission by the coach (this includes gum).
- * Dancers will be focused and on task at all times.
- * Dancers will be respectful of themselves and others.
- * Dancers will be responsible for their actions, attitudes, and performances. Coaches have the right to pull dancers from games/events if they feel dancer is not performing up to their expectation or he/she is not reflecting the appropriate attitude.
- * Dancers will maintain a positive and outgoing attitude when performing.
- * Dancers will use appropriate language at all times.
- * Dancers will demonstrate only appropriate displays of affection, especially in uniform or spirit wear at games and at school.
- * Dancers will represent the school in a positive manner on and off campus.
- * Dancers will always give the task at hand 100% effort, and without complaint.
- * Dancers will ALWAYS represent themselves with class on **ALL SOCIAL MEDIA** including text messages. Foul language, inappropriate pictures, hazing or harassing on any social media will not be tolerated. The advisors reserve the right to determine the appropriate action which could include dismissal from the company.



Edge Dance Company Handbook Acknowledgment:

Signing The Edge Dance Company Handbook Parent/Student Acknowledgement form confirms agreement to the expectations outlined on the previous pages. The dancer must follow the rules and expectations throughout the entire season. Failure to follow this contract may result in dismissal from the company.

Student Signature X _____

Student Name (print) X _____

Parent/Guardian Signature X _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) (print) X _____

Best form of contact for parents/guardian:

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Cell: _____

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