

Plant High School Dancers

2024-2025 Tryout Information



Please refer to
<https://plantdancers.weebly.com/>
for information, forms and links related to
Dancers

2024-2025 Tryout Dates

Monday, May 20, 2024, 6-8 PM, Coleman Middle School Gym

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 6-8 PM, Coleman Middle School Gym

Registration

- Make sure you have registered for tryouts through Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/plant-high-school-dancers-2024-tryouts-registration-tickets-858133389067>

- All communication related to tryouts will be sent to the email address provided to Eventbrite; please check email for updates to the tryout process

Tryout Attire:

- Dance apparel - no baggy or street clothes allowed
- Dance shoes - twylas, foot undeez, jazz shoes, hip-hop shoes
- Tryout number will be provided and MUST be always worn
- Hair must be secure and pulled away from face in a ponytail/braid/bun
- Gum is not allowed during any portion of the tryout process

Finals Attire:

- Black leotard, tank top, or tight -fitting t-shirt
- Black dance shorts
- Tan tights- mandatory & must be tan! Avoid runs and holes
- Proper dance shoes
- NO JEWELRY- stud earrings only

Dancers need to arrive ON TIME, or they may not be permitted into the tryout. Dancers must attend all portions of the tryout to be considered for the 2024-2025 Dancers

All portions of the try-outs are closed to observers

Results will be posted on the team website after final tryouts are completed on May 21th at www.plantdancers.weebly.com

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Dancers Tryouts

Dear Dancero applicants,

We are so excited you have decided to take this opportunity to experience and participate in the H.B. Plant High School Danceros tryout process. The Danceros are a crucial piece in the promotion of school spirit at Plant High School. It is our goal to provide an atmosphere where dancers can foster not only their dance ability, but other life skills such as responsibility, leadership, and self-discipline. The Danceros are a talented group of dancers who are also leaders on campus. It is our expectation that all future Danceros continue to exude this excellence in all they do, both on and off campus. Hopefully, tryouts will be a positive and energizing experience for you. It is a great way to demonstrate your talents, learn new things, and meet other students on campus with similar interests to yours. As the coaches of the Danceros, we expect 100% dedication, commitment, poise, responsibility, and a lot of sweat during the tryout process and continuing into the season. We wish you the best of luck!

Paws Up!

Mrs. Allison Castellano

Danceros Sponsor

What can I expect this season?

The Dancers are not considered a sport at Plant High School, but instead a club that is associated with the Plant High School band. Dancers must earn their spots for each performance by abiding by team rules and demonstrating their ability to pick up the choreography and style of the routine.

Dancers and parents can expect the following this season:

- An Initiation Dinner for the 2024-2025 Dancers will be held **Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Palma Ceia Country Club**
- **Seniors** will attend the Summer UDA Leadership Camp on May 28th in Tampa, Florida. Please let Mrs. Castellano know ASAP if you are unable to attend.
- Attendance at UDA camp **July 8- July 11, 2023, at the University of South Florida**; please let Mrs. Castellano know **by May 22nd** if not attending. Dancer will be charged full fees if notice is not given **by May 22nd** since rooms will be finalized on this date.
- Performing pregame at most football games
- Perform most halftimes with band, which includes home and away games, as well as mandatory band competitions, which may include props.
- Performances at other school events (open house, pep rallies, select sports games, Panther Prowl etc.)
- Community events such as Gasparilla Parades, TB Buccaneer halftime, Humane Society Tuxes and Tails Gala, etc. throughout the season
- UDA competition in January for members who are selected
- 2024-2025 Team Philanthropy Partnership - "Finding Kind" (events, workshops, assemblies, committees, etc.)
- Required fundraisers such as Jr. Dancers Camp (Fall) and Showcase (Spring)
- Optional additional fundraisers may be available throughout the season
- Summer practices to be added to Weebly for the current calendar (will be in June) prior to UDA.
- Practices during the school year will be held from 3:45-5:15pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (Thursdays are on an "as needed" basis throughout the season)

2024-2025 Financial Obligations

The Dancers are a 100% family/team-funded group. We are not considered a district sport and therefore do not have county or school funding. Based on revisions made to the current team budget, we estimate the following out-of-pocket expenses for the year:

\$1900 – Returning Seniors

\$1800 – Returning Dancers (rising 10th/11th grade dancers)

\$2200 – New Members

\$2300 – New Senior Members

**Members selected to compete at UDA camp may incur additional fees up to \$500.00 in the spring.*

Financial Timeline:

**Dancers have more up-front cost due to apparel needs and camp deposits.*

Assessment #1:

The first assessment will be due at the Initiation Dinner on **May 22, 2024**, at the Palma Ceia Country Club. Assessment #1 for Dancers will be based on a returning/new member status.

\$1100 – Returning Seniors

\$1100 – Returning Dancers (rising 10th/11th grade dancers)

\$1400 – New Members

\$1400 – New Senior Members

Assessment #2:

The second assessment will be due the morning of sendoff to UDA Camp on **July 8, 2024**. The balance will remain in each dancer's individual accounts to pay for costume items, etc. Assessment #2 for Dancers will be based on a returning/new member status.

- \$600 – Returning Seniors
- \$500 – Returning Dancers (rising 10th/11th grade dancers)
- \$600 – New Members
- \$700 – New Senior Members

Assessment #3:

The third assessment will be due on **August 1st, 2024.**

- \$200 – Returning Seniors
- \$200 – Returning Dancers (rising 10th/11th grade dancers)
- \$200 – New Members
- \$200 – New Senior Members

**We understand Dancers can be an expensive financial obligation. Scholarship assistance may be available as needed. These circumstances must be brought to our sponsor's attention, as well as our Finance Chair, immediately.*

Required Team Sponsorships:

All Dancers are required to solicit team sponsors. Early season sponsors will be included on the football banner and in the football program. Each Dancer is required to solicit **\$400 worth of sponsorships**. Any additional sponsorships received will be credited directly to the Dancer's personal account. Should the required \$400 not be earned by the Dancer, the remaining amount must be paid by families who may choose to cover the \$400 independently and not solicit sponsorships. Sponsorships are due by **July 25, 2024 (subject to change)** to be included in the football program and banner.

Other Financial Obligations:

Throughout the season, dancers and their families may be required to contribute items for various activities/parties. These items may include, but are not limited to, cases of water, food, costume enhancements, etc. The total approximate cost is \$100 for functions not covered by the General Team Fund or various assessments. It will also be the responsibility of each Dancer to individually purchase the required tights and jazz shoe (possibly black and tan), and other items deemed necessary for participation in various dances and activities.

2024-2025 Parent Volunteer Obligations

Dancers is primarily run by the coaching staff, however a large part of our success can be attributed to the families and parents of each dancer. There are numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the year, and it is expected that parents assist with team activities to maintain our standard of excellence.

Mandatory parent volunteer obligations include:

Committee Sign Up - Summer 2024
Jr. Dancero Camp - Fall 2024
Middle School Dancero Camp-Fall 2024
Football Dinners - Fall 2024
Football Game Chaperones - Fall 2024
Dancero Showcase - Winter or Spring 2025

Additional volunteer opportunities will be discussed throughout the season.

Items Required for Completing Tryout Packet

Athletic Clearance Website

- **ALL** prospective Dancers must complete the 2024-2025 Eurhythmics/Band-Aux Packet located at <https://athleticclearance.fhsaahome.org>
- The 2024-2025 version will be available online May 15th
- **ALL** applicants **MUST** be cleared by Ms. Omensetter by 3:00 PM on May 20th to participate in tryouts

Informational Documents (provided in this packet)

- 2024-2025 Plant High School Dancers Application
- Dancers 2024-2025 Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct Document
- Parent/Dancer Commitment Pledges

Current Academic Information

Please include Semester 1 report card, 3rd quarter report card, and a copy of current grades for the 4th Quarter. Report cards must display a minimum 2.0 unweighted GPA or above for Semester 1 of the 2023-2024 school year. Dancers must also have a minimum 2.0 unweighted for all currently enrolled classes (this equates to no D's or F's). Academics will be considered when determining the team at tryouts.

Tryout Fee

Non-refundable \$20 tryout fee (**cash/check made out to HB Plant Dancers**)

Head Shot

Attach a recent head shot (does not need to be professional) to the **FRONT** of the tryout packet; any size is acceptable.

Place all required documentation/monies listed above in an envelope and bring to the first day of tryouts.

Key Components of the Athletic Clearance Process

Clearance- Setup

Clearance - Setup

Choose Which Year, School & Sport

Year *

2022-23

School *

Sport * (If you are a multiple sport athlete click *Add New Sport*)

Band Auxiliary

Dancers fall under the 'Sport' of Band Auxiliary

EL2 Athletic Physical

- Must be **CURRENT**, completed by a physician **and** uploaded to the Athletic Clearance website
- EL2 form is located on the Dancero website at:
<https://plantdancers.weebly.com/team-documents.html>

National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Required Videos

- Student **MUST** obtain Certification of Completion for the FHSAA Concussion, FHSAA Heat Illness & FHSAA Sudden Cardiac Arrest course videos
- Completion date for these certificates must be dated on or after May 15, 2024
- Certificates must be in the Student's Name

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sudden-cardiac-arrest>

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/concussion-in-sports-2>

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/heat-illness-prevention-2>

Insurance

- Insurance is **NOT** required to be purchased as part of the process

Common Mistakes- Athletic Clearance Process

EL2 Athletic Physical

- Wrong version of the EL2 was submitted
- The EL2 that was submitted has EXPIRED
- EL2 physical form PAGE 1 is missing parent and/or student signatures and dates
- EL2 physical form PAGE 2 is missing doctor's office address and phone number
- Student's name is missing on top of the page 2 of the EL2 physical

General Issues

- Name and/or address on parent photo ID does not match proof of residence and/or home campus
- Upload of parent's driver licenses does not match parent name in electronic signature portion. Names must match
- Address on application does not match school records; must update address with the school; all addresses must align
- Missing upload of parent's driver's license; must be the same parent who completes the electronic signature portion of the application
- Proof of residency MUST be a current TECO/water bill, mortgage statement or lease agreement
- Missing updated enrollment/residential history form
- Missing signatures on the 'Signature' portion of the clearance application
- Missing one of the NFHS completion certificates

2024-2025 Plant High School Dancers Application

Name:

Grade Level for 2024-2025 School Year:

First Semester GPA: _____

Current GPA: _____

Dancer's Birthday:

Dancer's Email Address:

Dancer's Cell Phone Number:

Home Address:

Parent/Guardian Names, Email Addresses, and Cell Phone Numbers:

Years of Dance Experience: _____

Please describe any dance experience you have (including studios, dance teams, awards)

Can you commit to the camp dates July 8-11? YES NO

Please let Mrs. Castellano know **by May 22nd** if you are not attending. Dancer will be charged full fees if notice is not given **by May 22nd** since rooms will be finalized on this date.

List any conflicts you have with these dates:

What do you think it takes to be a Dancero? -----

Please summarize why you would like to become a Dancero. -----

What skills/qualities do you have that you can bring to the team? -----

Do you currently have any injuries that would influence your ability to perform this season? If so, please describe.

Dancers 2024-2025 Rules, Regulations, Code of Conduct, and Commitment Pledge

The Dancers mission is to be student leaders who exemplify school spirit, respect individual differences, demonstrate high visibility with volunteerism, execute the art of dance to a degree of excellence, and model appropriate behavior at all times.

As a Dancer at Plant High School, I recognize my responsibility to my team, school, and community. Being a member of the team is a large commitment. I will assume all responsibilities of the team as outlined in this packet. I understand that failure to comply with these rules could result in dismissal from the team.

**Please initial (parent and applicant) by each statement below, signifying your acknowledgement.*

_____ / _____ I understand that I will be dismissed from the team immediately for skipping school, drug, alcohol, vaping, or tobacco usage. Severity of punishments will be aligned with the behavioral infraction.

_____ / _____ I understand that I must report all PHS conduct/disciplinary actions to the head coach immediately.

_____ / _____ I understand that there is a possibility of injury with my participation in Dancers and will keep my coach informed of these injuries.

_____ / _____ I understand the most important aspect of the Dancers Code of Conduct is to “treat others how you wish to be treated.”

_____ / _____ I understand that creating a negative atmosphere will result in suspension or dismissal from the team and giving anything less than 100% in my performance and attitude will not be acceptable. Negative attitudes and disrespect are not acceptable from anyone (team members, coaches, or parents). There is no room for personal conflicts.

_____ / _____ I understand that gossiping is destructive to the morale of the team, and this type of conduct will not be tolerated amongst team members and/or parents about other Dancers, coaches, and/or parents within the team.

_____ / _____ I understand that as a Dancer, I am expected to work together as a team and help in the growth of my fellow teammates.

_____ / _____ As a Dancer, I understand that I must be respectful to all teammates, coaches, fellow PHS students, and faculty, both inside and outside of school. This includes refraining from derogatory comments about the team, coaches, faculty, fellow teammates and/or parents, be it in-person, on phone, via text, or on social media.

_____ / _____ I understand that I am NEVER to post or share any suggestive or lewd photos, publicly or privately.

_____ / _____ I understand I am expected to respect and support all coaching decisions, knowing they always have the team's best interest in mind.

_____ / _____ I understand that while representing PHS and Danceros, the team and parents are expected to always display good sportsmanship to everyone they are in contact with.

_____ / _____ I understand I will be required to pass a performance and uniform check prior to each event, or I will not perform.

_____ / _____ I understand that my grades and conduct at school must remain in good standing or I will be academically suspended.

_____ / _____ I understand that two or more unexcused absences will result in a week's suspension from the team. Each additional absence will result in an additional week suspension for each absence.

These rules are a basis for expectations that will be gone over in further detail with Coach Sullivan over the summer. All members are signing this to show that they understand the basic rules that will be in place.

Parent/Dancero Commitment Pledges

To be completed by parent/guardian:

I _____ as parent of _____ (applicant) understand and commit to comply with and support the obligations and expectations for team membership, should my dancer be selected as a member of the 2023-2024 Danceros team, including an acknowledgement of the mandatory activities and events. I understand my dancer will be placed on the team based on the scores earned at tryouts, and prior membership on the team does not guarantee a spot for next season. I have reviewed this tryout packet in its entirety with my dancer, and confirm all information is accurate and current. I understand the time commitment and financial obligation associated with the Danceros and agree to take responsibility for making prompt payment when funds are requested.

I _____ as parent of _____ (applicant) understand that volunteer time is required by parents for each dancer. If unable to meet this obligation, an additional fee may be debited to my dancer's account.

I _____ as parent of _____ (applicant) agree to the academic commitment of the Plant Danceros and understand that the Dancero/student must display a minimum 2.0 unweighted GPA for semester 1 of the 2022-2023 school year and may not display any D's or F's for current 2023 classes. I understand my dancer will be placed on academic suspension if she cannot maintain a 2.0 GPA with no D's or F's each 9 weeks.

I _____ as parent of _____ (applicant) understand that Plant Danceros must maintain and comply with Plant High School conduct codes, and consequences may vary depending on the severity of the disciplinary action, including benching and/or dismissal from the team.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by applicant (please read carefully):

If selected as a member of the 2024-2025 Dancero team, I _____ (applicant) fully understand what is expected of me to remain a Dancero in good standing. I understand the team is determined by scores earned during the tryout process. I will remain knowledgeable and informed of all team rules and expectations. I also commit to participate in all mandatory activities and events. Absences and tardiness to practice/performance will result in consequences from my coaches. I will do all I can to uphold the honor and tradition of H.B. Plant High School and the Danceros team. At all times I will respect my fellow team members, my coaches, my school, my community, and all persons in leadership roles associated with H.B. Plant High School and the Danceros. I will maintain a 2.0 unweighted GPA with no D's or F's each nine weeks, or risk being placed on academic suspension. I understand that I will not be allowed to participate in Danceros-related activities if I do not meet these requirements. I understand failure to comply with and meet the obligations and expectations of team membership may be cause for dismissal from the team.

Dancer Name: (print) _____

Dancer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: (print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

You're Invited!

An Initiation Dinner for the
2024-2025 Dancers will be held

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024
from 6 PM- 8 PM**

at The Palma Ceia Country Club

Questions regarding Initiation Dinner
Please contact Vicki Weissman (813) 453-2978 or at vickiweissman5@gmail.com
after final team selection

*The General Team Fund will pay for all Dancers. We have made reservations to include **one** parent per Dancer.*

Parent attendees should bring a \$40 check to cover their portion of the event. Checks should be payable to HB Plant Dancers.

Please note that the first assessment is also due on this day.

Dancero Competition Season

The Danceros last reported competition season was in 2007. The goal for the 2024-2025 season is that a select group of the team will compete for the first time in over a decade.

- The Danceros team will compete in two routines to be determined at a later date.
- The team will compete at two different competitions in the month of January, with the main event being the Florida State Championships with UDA.
- Members will be selected for the competition ensemble in one of two ways:
 - Competition team will be selected as a Varsity team at main auditions in May.
 - Competition team will be selected following UDA camp and summer rehearsals in August.
 - The selection of the competition team will be dependent on the amount of people who are trying out at auditions, as well as the division of talent.
- Competition team members will have additional fees, which could extend up to \$500.00
- It is NOT required to participate in the competition team if offered a spot. All potential members will be asked at tryouts what their intent would be with competing.
- Competition team will make good use of the Thursday rehearsal times in the fall, as well as the majority of all the rehearsal times following the football season.
- If accepting a spot on the competition team, the expectation is following through with the competitions. If a member were to start, and then quit the competition ensemble- they would be removed from the Danceros team as a whole.