

Northwest Fusion Policies and Procedures

(As of August 2008)

The Policies and Procedures and Calendar in this document are intended to be guidelines for considering membership in NW Fusion Company. These will be finalized and updated for the Summer 2008 and Fall 2008-2009.

Westside Academy's Mission Statement

Providing a safe, fun, positive environment

Promoting creativity and fitness while inspiring students to achieve their goals

Developing self-esteem by instilling the values of good sportsmanship, self-discipline, respect & accountability

Enriching the lives of students and the community through excellence in education, dance and gymnastics

Welcome to Northwest Fusion

Congratulations you have been selected to be a member of NW Fusion. NW Fusion is designed to inspire, motivate and challenge the serious dancer. Our goal is to develop well-rounded performers who will be prepared to enter the professional world. This company will be for the serious dancer who wants to take their dancing to the next level.

It will be a safe and fun environment, showing the dancers how much you can achieve through hard work and dedication.

Faculty

Brad Hampton	Artistic Director/ choreographer	bhampton@westsideacademy.com
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Contact Information

If your child will be absent from class, need a recommendation for a make up or an administrative concern, please contact Brad Hampton. Any billing inquiries can be directed to Westside's front office in person or by phone.

E-mailing information about classes and performance opportunities is the best way for us to communicate with all of our Company members. Please send us any e-mail addresses that may change in the future.

NW Fusion Commitment

Fusion dancers have been chosen to be a part of this special group for their talent and love for dance. We know that many of you are involved in other activities (athletic teams, dance teams, cheerleading, theatre, etc.). We support your choice to be "well-rounded" activities; however, this is a dedicated group and we expect every member to be committed throughout the year. This means that each dancer has a responsibility to attend their company classes wearing the Required Fusion Apparel. They must be willing to work hard, have fun and participate in performance opportunities throughout the year. If you have other commitments you will need to notify Brad Hampton. If you miss rehearsals, the choreographer can ask you to step out of the piece. Not every dancer will be used in every piece. However, every dancer should be watching and learning how a company works.

10 hrs a week required (Monday, Wednesday, Saturday)

Dancers who miss more than 3 of any one tech. Class are in danger of being released from Fusion.

Missing Saturday choreography rehearsal is cause for removal from Pieces.

All missed Tech. Classes must be made up. Options could be Ballet, Hip Hop, Tap, Jazz and Gymnastics.

Saturday Choreography rehearsals can not be made up.

Participating dancers must be available for all scheduled rehearsals.

(Unless Brad Hampton previously approves it)

Dancers and parents will support all faculty decisions.

Dancers and parents will be held to the highest standard of dance etiquette.

Performance Opportunities

NW Fusion will be working on repertoire pieces through out the year. The goal is to have our own Fusion show in the spring. We will also be performing at events in the Portland area throughout the year as opportunities arise. All pieces from the company repertoire need to be ready to perform at any time throughout the year. That is why it is so important to have 100% commitment. If you cannot attend a show you will need to notify Brad Hampton before rehearsals begin. We will give you a rehearsal schedule as soon as we get information on a performance opportunity.

Fusion will attend conventions thru out the year. This will be limited to 1 or 2 due to the intense class and rehearsal schedule of Fusion. If you want to still do solos, duos or trios, you will need to let Brad know what the dates are for the competitions. Please remember that this company is not going to focus on competitive dance, but rather will be giving the dancers the opportunity to develop artistic pieces for performance.

Clothing Requirements

Every dancer in the company will be issued leotards. You are expected to wear your leotard at fusion rehearsals. You can wear shorts or tights. We would like the dancers to wear form fitting dance clothes.

2009 Recital

NW Fusion will perform in the recital. They even can participate in the opening and closing productions. Our season will start in August of 08 thru May of 09. (We hope to have our own concert in April or May). Then the company will start to prepare for the recital.

We are so excited to debut this new company. Our goal is to let Oregon experience this group of unique dancers. We feel that in time we can become a big force in the dance community. We will need support from Parents and friends with fundraising and other activities.

Thanks again for all your support and lets have a fun and exciting year.