

Platinum Dolls Dance Squad - Nansemond River High School “Virtual 100” Magnificent Marching Warriors

The “Platinum Dolls” Dance Squad is an auxiliary group within the Magnificent Marching Warriors of Nansemond River High School in Suffolk, VA. The dancers are a part of the auxiliary squad and serve to enhance the aesthetic beauty of the marching band’s music through the art of dance.

Audition requirements:

- **Candidates are selected based on talent, artistic awareness, potential, and technical skills. They must be at least a rising 9th grader at the time of audition.**
- **Candidates must live within the zone or have written permission to attend Nansemond River High School at the time of the audition.**
- **You must submit a signed parental /guardian permission slip.**
- **Candidates must be dressed appropriately.**

Try outs will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2013 at Nansemond River High School. Spring camp tryouts are TBA. Each year there are many students with the desire to be a dancer in high school. Most plan to audition for the dance squad without considering the possibility of what may happen if the student does not make the squad. I recommend that any student taking an audition should sit down and talk with their parents through all of the potential scenarios. Any audition process can bring on added stress and pressure to the student. The audition process at NRH has been pre-planned to ensure that we have the best possible candidates to add a quality visual artistry to the musical element which is the total marching band. Many students ask “what happens if I don’t make the squad?” This is something that only you and your parents can answer before committing to audition for the squad. I can assure you that it will probably affect your feelings more than it will your future career if you are a true student of dance. Frankly, I hardly know a dancer candidate who hasn’t been turned down by a school, a college, or a band program of some sort. The most important thing is that you have decided to take a step toward fulfilling a personal goal or dream. History (and the odds) tells us that, as an artist, you will face the unfavorable end of auditions far more often than the favorable end. It's part of the system. Little good comes from fretting over it. None of the judges stand to gain anything from not selecting a student who auditions. Remember, that the judges are going to select what is best for the band. The final decision is always up to the **band director**.

Thank you for your interest in trying out for the “Platinum Dolls” dance squad and I wish you all the best in your endeavor.

Edward J. Woodis M.A. Ed

Director of Bands and Orchestra, NRH

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Audition Requirements:

Candidate Information:

Name: _____

Current Grade point average: _____

I am currently in the _____ grade.

Address: _____

City : _____ **State:** _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Do you currently live in the zone to attend Nansemond River? Yes / No

I give my student permission to audition for an auxiliary position in the marching band at Nansemond River High School. I understand that my student may have to be picked up from school NLT 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2013 if the auditions go past 2 p.m. I understand that the results are the decision of the band director and are final.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____