

# *Black Pearls Dance Team Auditions*

## *2025-2026 April 9th, 10th, & 11th*

Team Coach/Sponsor: Cindy Cooper  
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### *Audition Schedule:*

Wednesday 4/9 & Thursday 4/10:  
4:45-6pm

Learn the Audition Dance Routine

Friday 4/11: 4pm-5:30pm  
Auditions

LOCATION:

**BRHS Dance Studio**

\*\*\*CLOSED/NO SPECTATORS\*\*\*

Dear Candidates and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the BRHS Black Pearls Dance Team. As a member you can show your pirate pride through performances, competitions, and community events. The qualifications to become a member and dancer expectations are:

- ✓ Maintain a 2.0 Minimum GPA
- ✓ Have pep, enthusiasm, & BRHS Pride
- ✓ Enjoy performing & ready to work hard at dance
- ✓ Arrive on-time to practices & performances
- ✓ Contact Coach of any conflicts in schedule in advance
- ✓ Participate in fundraisers, pep rallies, & school events
- ✓ Ready to assume the responsibility of representing BRHS in a positive way

### **Audition Checklist:**

- Purchase insurance through School District on BRHS Website/Athletics prior to audition \$25 (MANDATORY)/Current BRHS athletes/dancers do not need to purchase.
- Dancer Application & Constitution
- Dancer Evaluation Sheets
- Signed Financial Commitment

\*\*ALL FORMS +INSURANCE MUST BE COMPLETE TO AUDITION\*\*

### **Parent Expectations Commitment:**

- ✓ Read the entire packet and be certain you fully understand the rules, time, & financial responsibilities of a Black Pearl Dancer
- ✓ Completely fill out all forms correctly.
- ✓ Attend mandatory parent meeting if your dancer is chosen.
- ✓ Represent BRHS in a positive way at events & competitions
- ✓ Volunteer for fundraisers and events throughout the year
- ✓ Transport dancer to camp, competitions, & performances
- ✓ Cheer on our dancers at games, competitions, & performances!

Being a Black Pearl Dancer is a rewarding experience but it also is a large time and financial commitment, make sure you understand the time involved AND the cost before committing to the team for the season. This time commitment may cause you to limit your time in other extracurricular activities.

### **What to Wear to Auditions:**

- ❖ Form fitting dance/athletic wear.
- ❖ Dance shoes/sneakers
- ❖ Veterans: No Black Pearl apparel
- ❖ Tank tops worn over sports bras
- ❖ Audition day: proper **BLACK ONLY** dance attire/hair pulled neatly back.

### **TEAM SELECTION:**

Dancers will be evaluated on audition performance, dance skills, musicality, coachability /attitude throughout the audition process, across the floor comb.

Scores are private and only shared with judges. Decisions are final and non-negotiable.

Team will be announced evening of 4/11

**Parent /Dancer  
Meeting for  
Selected  
Dancers:**

**Wednesday 4/23 at  
5:30PM: BRHS  
Media Center**

## Spring/Summer Practice Schedule:

Tentative: May 15<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>: 4:45-6pm

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>: 9am-11am

July 29<sup>th</sup> & 31 9am-11am, August 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 9-11am



## SUMMER CAMP:

**All Dancers will attend UDA Camp June 22-25 @ Embassy Suites-Hilton Tampa/USF. This is an overnight camp. Cost \$530/dancer.**

## School Year Practice Schedule:

- ❖ TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: 3-5PM
- ❖ Occasional Saturdays or extended times during weeks of major performances.

## Expected Mastered & Emerging Dance Skills:

## School Year Performances:

- ❖ **ALL** Home Football Games /Local Away Games & Play-off games (Fall Friday Nights)
- ❖ Freshman Orientation (Early August)
- ❖ Pep rallies (HOCO/Early Morning Courtyard)
- ❖ Junior Dance Clinic (Fall Saturday)
- ❖ Basketball Halftimes (Occasional)
- ❖ Dance Competitions (2-3 Saturdays/Winter)
- ❖ Dancing with the Pirate Show(Winter)
- ❖ Yes, We Can Dance Show (County Dance Festival-March)

- Kicks: Battements & developpe, tilts, fan kicks, heel stretch
- Turns: Pirouettes(2+consecutive), a la seconde, coupe turns, foutes
- Leaps: Right & Left Leaps, toe touches, tilt jumps, calypsos, turning discs, axels
- Tricks: ariel, cartwheels, kip up, head-spring, walkovers, front & back handsprings, splits
- Focus, ability to learn & retain choreography quickly

## Financial Commitment:

### New Black Pearl Dancer:

\$530 UDA Summer Camp  
\$200 Performance Wear  
\$75 Black Pearl Dance Bag  
\$85 Shoes  
\$150 Practice Wear  
\$110 Team Jacket  
\$35 Spirit Day Top  
\$40 Team Sweatshirt  
\$30 Team Sideline Raincoat  
\$400 Choreography, Training & Competition Fees  
\$15 Bows  
\$ 1, 670 TOTAL

### Returning/Veteran Black Pearl Dancer:

\$530 UDA Summer Camp  
\$200 Performance Wear  
\$85 Shoes  
\$150 Practice Wear  
\$35 Spirit Day Top  
\$40 Team Sweatshirt  
\$400 Choreography, Training, & Competition Fees  
\$15 Bows  

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+ Any Items needing replacement (Jackets, etc.)  
\$ 1,455 TOTAL

# Financial Agreement Form

o Fundraisers: ALL TEAM MEMBERS are required to participate in all planned fundraisers. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the team. Fundraisers assist the team fees as a whole, and help to offset additional competition season expenses. Usual fundraisers are: Junior Dance Clinic, Dancing with the Pirates Show • We will have an optional fundraiser as well to assist with Summer/Fall financial obligations.

- All monies must be paid in full to receive access to camp or any items ordered by the team.
- However, any funds not generated by fundraisers will be the responsibility of the dancer/parent or guardian to pay.
- Team members will be responsible for the following financial obligations in order to participate (Amendments will be made to costs if needed at the coach’s discretion—parents/guardians will be consulted prior to ANY changes being made):
  - Fall only dancers will have a reduction of \$200 from the season cost. No refunds if your dancer changes their mind once payment is made, the budget has been set on your commitment.

o First Payments: At the 1<sup>st</sup> team meeting on **Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025 in the BRHS Media Center @ 5:30pm** a NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of \$500 (Payment #1) will be due to secure your dancer’s spot for UDA Dance Camp.

o Balances will be broken into 2 additional payments; Due May 2nd & May 16th 2025. Fees due no later than May 16th 2025 FEES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING UDA Summer Dance Camp (June 22-25, 2025) includes most meals \$530.00; Dance Team Bag approx. 75\$, Team Warm Up Jacket approx. 110\$, Team Sideline Shoes approx. 85\$, 3 sets of Camp/Practice Gear (for remainder of 25-26) approx. 150\$, Performance Wear approx. 200\$, Spirit Top (to wear on gameday) approx. 35\$, Team Sweatshirt 40\$, Raincoat approx. 30\$, Choreography, Training, & Competition fees approx. 400\$ \*Starred items may be owned by former team members and they would not be required to purchase. Payments turned in on-time is important for practice wear to arrive prior to camp and uniforms/gear to arrive before football season in August.

New dancers, Payment # 2 Due May 2<sup>nd</sup> \$585, Payment #3 Due May 16<sup>th</sup> \$585

Veteran dancers, Payment #2 Due May 2<sup>nd</sup> \$477.50, Payment #3 Due May 16<sup>th</sup> \$ 477.50

**Purchase on your own:** Black AND Tan Jazz Shoes, Black shorts as well as other personal dancer needs including tights, undergarments—sports bras, makeup, shoes, accessories – etc. – These are not covered competition fees or costumes, we hope to use fundraisers to cover those

**\*\*KEEP PAGES 1-2 FOR YOUR RECORDS – ONLY TURN IN THE BOTTOM AND PAGE 3\***

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\*Based on team size and need, such fees above MAY CHANGE on the Coach’s discretion. All parents/guardians/dancers will be notified of such changes before committing to the team. I, the undersigned, have read and understand the financial responsibilities of my child being a BRHS Black Pearl Dance Team Member. I understand some expenses can be paid through participating in fundraising efforts. However, I understand that I am responsible for any unpaid amount. There will be no refunds if my child quits or is removed from the team for failure to abide by the Black Pearls Constitution.

Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# DANCER NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Dancer Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE (next school year):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Unweighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Info:

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent 2 Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Other Extracurriculars/Interests/Commitments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## DANCE TRAINING & EXPERIENCE:

Studio/Team	Years	Styles

I want to be a Black Pearl Dancer because:

I am planning to dance:

FULL Season

Fall ONLY-Sideline

*As the parent/legal guardian of the above-named student, I give my permission for him/her to audition for the BRHS Black Pearl Dance Team, under the direction of Mrs. Cindy Cooper (Coach). Your signature on this form indicates you understand the rules and requirements of the BRHS Dance Team audition process and agree to support them.*

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

As a potential BRHS Black Pearl, I have read, understand, and agree to follow the rules and requirements should I make the team.

Dancer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Black Pearl Constitution:

As a Black Pearl Dancer, I am representing BRHS and my team in a positive way in my community and at school. I will work with my fellow dancers to form bonds and friendships that will maintain a dance culture for growth as individuals and success as a team. Failure to have a 2.0 GPA, serious discipline infractions resulting in suspension, excessive absences from school, team events, or practices, will have me removed from the team for the remainder of the season. I must be present at school during the day to participate in practice and performances in the afternoon/evening.

**EVALUATIONS: Dancers: PLEASE FILL IN YOUR NAME AND HAVE AT LEAST (2) TEACHERS AND (1) COACH COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW**

**Teacher/ Coach – Please complete and return to Mrs. Cindy Cooper (Braden River High School)**

**Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have known this student for** \_\_\_\_\_ **years**

**What is your affiliation with this student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RATE THIS STUDENT ON A SCALE OF 1-5 – 5 BEING THE BEST/HIGHEST SCORE**

<b>PUNCTUALITY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>EFFORT/ QUALITY OF WORK</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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<b>HONESTY &amp; INTEGRITY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

Would this student make a suitable addition to the Braden River High School Black Pearls Dance Team?

Circle one

Yes

No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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