

Buffalo Grove High School

# ORCHESIS

Audition Packet

2018-2019





## **BUFFALO GROVE HIGH SCHOOL Orchesis 2018-2019**

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Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the 2018-2019 Orchesis Dance company at Buffalo Grove High School. Please take some time to thoroughly read through all of the information in this packet! This packet was developed to communicate policies, procedures, and purpose of the program to parents and students interested in Orchesis. As director, I would like to make it known that it takes dedication and cooperation from myself, the members of orchesis and their parents/guardian in order to have a successful year. Together we can make this a positive, educational, and fun experience. In order to be sure that everyone involved is willing to make the commitment and abide by all of the rules and regulations set forth, please be sure you fully understand all of the issues addressed in this packet.

### **SELECTION/AUDITION**

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Participation in Orchesis is a privilege and an honor, not a right to be taken for granted. One of the most difficult jobs as a director is to select its members. It is necessary to hold auditions for placement. The Auditions are judged by professionals that have worked in the dance field or professional performance environment. The criteria evaluated through out the audition process is: knowledge, technique, performance, and rhythm of the combinations. A *teacher recommendation* or information sheet on dedication, work ethic and attitude, and their questionnaire can also be used as a reference.

#### **Additional Guidelines-**

Once a student has tried out for and been accepted into any of the above organizations, the student can no longer tryout or be accepted into another organization. Please note the

conflicts: Fall team sports, All Winter Sports and productions, Spring Team Sports, Bisonettes and Cheerleading.

## **ORCHESIS AUDITION INFORMATION**

Clinics and Auditions are held in the BGHS Cafeteria. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to start to check in. All dancers are expected to audition in person.

### **SCHEDULE:**

**April 24 - in the BGHS cafeteria (clinic #1) 6:00-8:30 pm**

**April 25- in the BGHS cafeteria (clinic #2) 6:00-8:30 pm**

**April 26- In the BGHS cafeteria Audition start 5:00-9:00 pm ( also depends on audition number)**

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### **WHAT TO WEAR:**

Girls:           Black Leotard/Fitted top ( any color)  
                  Black Leggings/capris  
                  Bare feet, jazz shoes, ballet shoes  
                  Hair pulled back away from face  
                  No Jewelry  
                  No Gum

Boys:           Black T-shirt or tank top  
                  Black warm up pants/sweat pants  
                  Bare feet, jazz shoes, gym shoes or ballet shoes  
                  No Jewelry  
                  No Gum

### **Schedule/Criteria:**

Clinic #1           Warm up, Skills across the floor, and learn combinations #1 and #2

Clinic #2           Warm up, Across the floor, Finish learning combinations-Practice #1 and 2!!!

Audition           By number in groups –  
                          Combination #1 ballet/modern  
                          Combination #2 jazz/hip hop. Skills: pirouettes, leaps

**Special skill or trick of dancers choice for all dancers.**

Judge:           **Knowledge**-Memory of combination; **Rhythm**-timing on with the music; **Technique**-pointed feet, arm and body placement, focus, body control, flexibility, coordination, sharpness and follow through of movements, Alignment. **Performance**-execution of movements, stage presence, personality, and projection to the audience.

**If needed:** Conduct during clinics-working hard on task, teacher recommendation, application (dance training) sheet

## **WHAT IS ORCHESIS?**

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Orchesis is a performing dance company that encourages all forms of dance including: jazz, ballet, modern, hip-hop, lyrical, tap, character, ethnic styles etc. It is a co-curricular activity that, along with performing, focuses on exploring, creating, and producing dance as an art form. Orchesis is also an excellent opportunity to make close friends and offers many performance opportunities at several school related events.

## **PE CLASS CREDIT**

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Upon being invited into Orchesis, your school schedule will include Orchesis as your 8th hour class in place of general Physical Education. Please be aware that although Orchesis spends most days dancing during 8th hour, the group does take the place of your PE class, so you will be responsible for fulfilling your PE credits as well as participating on Fitness Days and Fitness Testing.

## **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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Orchesis is a YEAR long activity and if you are chosen as a member you are making a major commitment. Any member of this group will not be allowed to participate in any other Blue and Orange spirit group (Cheerleaders, Bisonettes) You should consider the rehearsal expectations of Fall and Winter activities when trying out for Orchesis. Many dramatic productions as well as other Fine Arts activities will require a time commitment that conflicts with the expectations of Orchesis. Please consider this carefully prior to trying out. Dancers are encouraged to continue taking dance technique classes at their studio, but please be advised to our rehearsal schedule when signing up. There will be 3 rehearsal schedules throughout the year (see rehearsal section). Please make every effort to schedule work around Orchesis rehearsals and performances as they do in any BGHS athletics or activities. While the desire to participate in outside club sports, work or any other activity is understood, we have found the whole group suffers when its members have too many other commitments. If you plan on being involved in other activities, a hard copy of a schedules must be arranged and discussed with Ms. Carrison.

**Please note that during rehearsal schedules time CANNOT be shared with other sports!!!!**

Failure to adhere to required orchesis rules, rehearsals, and performances may result in suspension from dances and performances opportunities and possibly from the group entirely when necessary. In order to be successful as a team, all members must work together to be honest and committed 100%.

## **CONDUCT**

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Orchesis members at Buffalo Grove High School are to abide by the co-curricular code of conduct. A hand out and form will be distributed at the start of the school year. The way students should act, as well as appear in school is very important. Students should be leaders, respected by their peers. No member should put themselves in compromising situations. Consequences may be issued per co curricular code. All members must have good academic standings according to the Code, or dismissal from performances will be issued.

## **DAILY ATTENDANCE AND REHEARSALS**

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Daily attendance sheets will be kept by the instructor. Dancers **MUST** be on time to all rehearsals, meetings and performances. If a dancer must leave practice early, a written note or e-mail from a parent must be presented to the teacher. Driver's Ed must be planned around rehearsal schedules. *Work schedules cannot interfere, for example consistently leaving early from rehearsal or tech week to get to a job.* If you are tardy 3 times to rehearsals, performances or guest artist, a consequence will be issued.

Transportation arrangements for all rehearsals should be made in advance to facilitate all dancers.

*Rehearsals:*

1. **Schedule I** will run from August until Homecoming Performance and Artist In Residence( District Orchesis performance). After school rehearsals will be every Monday and Wednesday until 5 pm AIR schedule will be TBA.
2. **Schedule II ( SHOW SEASON)** will be the annual show schedule and will run from October up until the show. Rehearsals will be Monday-Thursday until 5:35 pm and sometimes added Fridays or Saturdays (depends on days off and finals schedules) **Mandatory attendance** once we have moved into the theatre prior to show. You cannot be excused for any other activities, work or productions. Any conflicting Orchestra or music performances supported by District 214 must be communicated prior to the date. *Show Contracts stating the above commitments will be signed prior to show rehearsals starting.*
3. **Schedule III** will run after show until May. After school rehearsals will be Monday and/or Wednesdays until 4 or 4:30 pm (if needed). This is in preparation for spotlight assembly and mini concert.

**Extra Rehearsals:** Schedules will depend on rehearsals for Districts at other schools, guest artists, and State Showcase if needed.

**Summer Rehearsals:** Schedules for dance and fitness conditioning, master classes, fundraising, and group activities will depend on dates decided at the orchesis meeting in May. Attending these events is highly recommended.

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## PERFORMANCES

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### MANDATORY PERFORMANCES

1. Homecoming Assembly/Halftime football games
2. 214 Artist In Residence
3. BGHS Dance Program Showcases
4. Orchesis Annual Big Show
5. Spotlight Assembly
6. Illinois High School Dance Festival

### OPTIONAL PERFORMANCES

1. 214 District Showcase
2. Senior District Showcase
3. 214 Dance Day
4. Dance Chicago-Dance Slam
5. Other/Travel

## CLOTHING

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The following items needed are for Orchesis rehearsals and performances. **Once items are ordered, a payment must be made. If you own them you do not have to reorder, but everyone on orchesis must have these items!**

### Mandatory

Team warm up (new members only)  
Orchesis team apparel Fall and show apparel  
((selected items mandatory) \$100-\$200)

### Optional

Nude Leotard	\$15-\$18
Nude Tights	\$12-\$15
Show DVD	\$10-\$20

## FUNDRAISING

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Each member is REQUIRED to actively participate in all fundraising activities. The money will be used for costumes, props, and events during the year. Yearly Fundraising events: Summer Garage sale, Car Washes, Lou Malnatis Night, Restaurant of the Month, Fannie Mae Candy, Kiddie Dance Clinic. \* Extra Events are added during the years we travel out of state.

## ATTIRE

For Each rehearsal during school all members need to be wearing Dance attire and shoes needed. A deduction of points will be issued if rules are not followed. Hair must be pulled away from the face. At certain rehearsals dancers will be required to wear ALL BLACK.

**After reading through this packet please sign and attach the bottom half of the form and return it to Mrs. Carrison by the second clinic.** You will not be considered for orchesis unless I receive this form. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michelle Carrison  
BGHS Orchesis Director  
Dance Education  
(847) 718-4353  
michelle.carris@d214.org

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PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE BOTTOM HALF.

I, parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ have  
(candidate name)

discussed my child's intentions to audition for orchesis, and are willing to support the rules and policies contained in this packet.

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(parent/guardian signature)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am aware of the time and  
(candidate name)

dedication necessary to be an Orchesis member, and I am willing to accept these responsibilities as stated in this packet.

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(Candidate's signature)

## TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

\_\_\_\_\_ is interested in auditioning for  
(print candidates name)

the **Buffalo Grove High School Orchestis** for 2018-2019 school year. We would appreciate your time to fill out this letter of recommendation for this dancer. Please print the applicants name on the front and return in a sealed envelope. If you attend BG you can have the evaluator place it in Ms. Carrison's mailbox.

Thank you,  
Michelle Carrison  
Orchestis Director

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**Please rate the student below on a scale of 1-5.**

**5-Excellent, 4-above average, 3-average, 2 below average, 1-poor**

1. ATTENDANCE	1	2	3	4	5
2. POSITIVE ATTITUDE	1	2	3	4	5
3. HONESTY	1	2	3	4	5
4. ORGANIZED	1	2	3	4	5
5. HARD WORKING	1	2	3	4	5
6. WORKS WELL WITH OTHERS	1	2	3	4	5
7. LEADERSHIP	1	2	3	4	5

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

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Teachers signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**BGHS Audition-NEW MEMBER: questionnaire ( Typed responses is preferred)**

Name:

1. Why do you want to be a member of the BGHS Orchestris team?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What qualities do you consider important that you should have while being apart of a team or group?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Would you be willing to take a technique class outside of orchestris on your own time? YES NO
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Are you currently taking a technique class at a studio? YES NO

Please list any dance, or performance related experience. Include Name of Studio, classes taken and years of experience.

3. Please include any commitments, lessons or any other activities that you are involved in after school or on the weekends. List day of the week and time. Be specific!

CURRENT ORCHESIS MEMBERS ( already on the team)

Please answer the following questions:

1. How have you contributed, as a teammate to the Orchesis Company this past year?

2. List any dance classes or workshops you have taken this year, outside of Orchesis. *Include type of class and how long the class was ( time, weeks)*

3. ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE CLASSES OUTSIDE OF ORCHESIS?

YES      NO

4. List any other commitments or classes you are in that would overlap with ORCHESIS

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# \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class Level you will be for **2018-2019** school year  
9    10    11    12

Have you auditioned for Orchestris before?  
Yes        No

Parent Cell number \_\_\_\_\_

Your current Email  
Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency  
contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Middle school ( if you are in 8<sup>th</sup>  
grade) \_\_\_\_\_

**Do not complete**

Audition signed concert	
Info. and questions	
Teacher recommendation	

