

MV Toros Dance Elevate Dance Company & Hip Hop Crew

Dear Dancers and Parents,



Congratulations on taking the exciting step to audition for Elevate Dance Company and/or the MV Toros Hip Hop Crew for the **2025-2026** school year!

Both Company and Crew are more than just classes—they're teams. As a member, you'll be a leader in MV Toros Dance and a role model on campus. This means committing to:

- ✓ Attending all classes and rehearsals on time
- ✓ Maintaining passing grades in all classes throughout the year
- ✓ Choreographing at least one piece to audition for the semester dance concerts
- ✓ Fully participating in fundraisers
- ✓ Leading by example, both in and out of the classroom



What to Expect:

- Elevate Dance Company trains rigorously in ballet, jazz, modern, lyrical, and hip hop, with conditioning and technique sessions 2-4 times per week (varies by season). Members may also have additional responsibilities, including choreography study, to help make concerts a success and weekend rehearsals.
- Hip Hop Crew focuses on high-energy movement, including jazz, acro, tumbling, and flow. Training is physically demanding and designed to push dancers to the next level. Dancers will have weekday performances at games and events and weekend rehearsals regularly.

Leadership Opportunity:

Dancers interested in becoming MV Toros Dance Officers or Elevate/Crew Captains can attend Leadership Camp this July—an incredible experience! If you're interested, see Mrs. Carson or Mrs. Kanaly ASAP to be added to the candidate list and receive the necessary paperwork.

Audition Process:

- Dance Placement Audition: All dancers must first audition for class placement.
- Team Audition: Once dancers reach the Intermediate level, they may audition for Hip Hop Crew. Those at the Advanced level may audition for Elevate Dance Company. You can audition for both teams!

The audition process includes online paperwork and an in-person evaluation—but don't stress! Just show up, do your best, and most of all, HAVE FUN!

Please, review all audition information available in the AUDITION BAND APP completely, and don't hesitate to ask if you have questions. **Scan the QR code below, or join at: <https://band.us/n/a1adA4W7C3K6U>**



Please feel free to email us at: mvtorosdance@gmail.com

Good luck and we'll see you at auditions!

Mrs. Carson & Ms. Kanaly
MV Toros Dance

Elevate Audition and Workshop Info



★ General Info:

All dancers auditioning will need to fill out the [Audition Registration Google Form](#), found in the 2025 MV Toro Dance Auditions Band App. You will also need to have a parent complete the [Parent Consent Google Form](#), to ensure they know you are auditioning. Come have fun with us at the Dance Placement Workshops and Auditions! Auditions are required for Hip Hop Crew and Elevate Dance Company Teams.

★ What to Wear:

Dancers must wear solid-colored, fitted, and conservative attire that allows for free movement and clearly shows body alignment. Large visible logos or lettering are not permitted, but rhinestones are allowed. Acceptable options include solid-colored leggings or athletic shorts. Hair should be styled for performance and kept out of the face. Makeup should be light and performance ready. No jewelry is allowed. Footwear should be appropriate for the movement style. Sports bras should be worn under form-fitting tops, but they should not be worn alone—ribcage coverage is required. Dancers should present themselves professionally and adhere to school-appropriate dress standards.

★ What Will We Do?

For the auditions, you will perform across the floor and center floor combinations you will learn in the Audition Workshops, so please plan to attend all dates. Learning videos of these combinations will be recorded and available for review in the Audition BAND App on the Workshop dates, but it's definitely easier to learn in person! **BAND APP (URL: <https://band.us/n/a1adA4W7C3K6U>)**

Workshops (Saturday, April 5, and Monday, April 7):

CHOREOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: All dancers will learn the Dance Combos. You will have a 10-minute warm up and then time will be split between the two combos. Attending one of the Workshops is necessary to learn the combos for auditions. Dancers auditioning for Captain must attend to be considered. Dancers will also learn a few across the floor combos they will demonstrate at auditions at this time.

Additional Elevate Dance Company Material:

If you are auditioning for Company or Captain, you should prepare a 1-minute solo of your own choreography in your preferred style showcasing the items below. This provides additional information to the audition judges for placement.

- Leg strength: Leaps, jumps, or kicks demonstrating power in legs.
- Turns: Your best turn combo on your dominant side.
- Back Flexibility: Backbends, arches, scorpions, king cobra, etc. to demonstrate flexibility of the spine.
- Performance: Happy, sad, excited, lost, confused... show me your character and make me feel with you!
- **NOTE:** Any additional tricks and tech you would like to showcase but don't want in your choreography may be uploaded in a separate video in the Audition Spreadsheet. These may include (but are not limited to) the following:
 - Aerials
 - Handsprings or Headsprings
 - Kip Ups
 - Leg Hold Turns or Scorpions
 - Walkovers or Chest Rolls
 - Toe Rises or Toe Falls
 - Any other trick for which you'd like to demonstrate mastery.

Please, schedule a meeting with us if you are auditioning for Company for more information on Company Requirements.

If you have any questions, please email: mvtorodance@gmail.com



Elevate and Crew Audition Week Schedule

Join the 2025 Elevate and Crew Audition BAND App!

Class BAND App: <https://band.us/n/a1adA4W7C3K6U>

Audition Timeline:

*Friday, March 28th, 2025 * Online Forms Due!*

Complete Paperwork: Register for Auditions, Get Parent Consent, & Send Teacher Evals (Elevate and Captains)

All dancers: Fill out the MV Toros Dance Audition Registration Form and the MVTD Parent Consent Form. If you are interested in an Officer or Captain position for Elevate or Hip Hop Crew, review the offices and fill out the Officer/Captain Form.

Company auditionees: Prepare a 1-2 minute solo of your own choreography for performance on the Thu Elevate auditions.

*Saturday, April 5th, 2025 * 9:00-11:00 am * Dance Room (408)*

Choreography Workshop: Optional Preview Workshop for dancers that like a little extra time to learn combos

All dancers: Learn Audition Combos (Jazz/Hip Hop and Lyrical/Contemporary) to perform at the Wednesday auditions.

Company auditionees: Prepare a 1-2 minute solo of your own choreography for performance on the Thu Elevate auditions.

*Monday, April 7th, 2025 * 4:30-6:30 pm * Dance Room (408)*

Choreography Workshop: Application, Parent Consent forms, & Teacher Evaluations (Company & Captains) due

All dancers: Learn Audition Combos (Jazz/Hip Hop and Lyrical/Contemporary) to perform at the Wednesday auditions.

Company auditionees: Prepare a 1-2 minute solo of your own choreography for performance on the Thu Elevate auditions.

*Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 * 3:30-6:00 pm * Dance Room (408)*

Optional Choreography Rehearsal:

All dancers will have the opportunity to work with each other to master the choreography in the dance room. Space is available; however, choreographers may not be in attendance for this rehearsal. Dancers work together and alone to practice.

*Wednesday, April 9th, 2025 * 1:30-4:00 pm * Dance Room (408)*

Audition Day:

Check in starting at 1:30 pm. Warm up on your own. 1:40 pm- Auditions will begin. Jr High Dancers may check in when they arrive after school. Dancers may leave once they have performed. Auditions will be completed by 4:00 pm. Results for Hip Hop Crew and Elevate Call Backs will be posted in the Audition BAND App by 8:00pm.

*Thursday, April 10th, 2025 * 3:30-4:30 pm * Dance Room (408)*

Company and Captain Solo Auditions:

Check in starting at 3:15 pm. Warm up on your own. 3:30 pm- Auditions will begin. Dancers will remain in the room and perform the audition combos several times together with different groups. Solos will be invited to perform as you audition. Auditions will be completed by 4:30 pm. Elevate results will be posted in the Audition BAND App by 8:00pm.

Audition Helpful Hints

In preparation for your audition, here is a helpful hint page that will help your audition run a bit more smoothly!



1st - Always be on time!

Helpful hint: 15 minutes early is considered on time!

2nd - Make sure you have all needed items

(i.e. jazz shoe, hair ties, the correct clothing, and a great attitude!)

Helpful hint: Make a list of things you need and check it twice before you leave!

3rd - Double-Check Your Appearance

Helpful hint: wear tight fitting clothing so that judges can see movement easily. Solid colors are best and please no bra straps or visible underwear!! Your hair **MUST** be pulled back, no stragglers or bangs please! Lastly, if you wear make-up, keep it natural.

4th - Be Professional

Helpful Hint: treat this as a job interview; be on your best behavior and BE PROFESSIONAL! The entire audition process will be run a lot smoother if everyone is cooperating and has an **awesome attitude!**

5th - Practice Your Technique

Helpful Hint: You all know the elements required, so practice hard and do your best!

Good Luck!

**“Don’t lower your expectations to meet your performance.
Raise your level of performance to meet your expectations.
Expect the best of yourself, and then do what is necessary to make it reality.”
~ Anonymous**