



SAN JOSE UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lincoln High School
Academic, Visual and Performing
Arts

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Dear Dancer and Parents,

First and foremost, I would like to welcome you to the 2019-2020 Audition for the Lincoln Performance Dance Teams, the Lincoln Convertibles and the Lincoln Performance Company (LPC). This packet has been designed to provide you with some important information that will hopefully answer any questions you may have in regard to the audition process. In addition, you will find some basic information about the expectations and commitments required as a member of the Lincoln Performance Dance Teams. *Please read over all the material and return the signed parent consent form attached to the completed application to the first day of the audition process, Monday April 22, 2019.*

Audition Dates:

DAY 1: Monday April 22, 2019 5:30pm-8:30pm

Clinic to learn audition material and potential first cut. Please be patient if the clinic goes past 8:30pm. We want to make sure everyone feels comfortable with all audition material. Completed applications are due when you arrive.

DAY 2: Wednesday April 24, 2019 5:30pm-8:30pm (possibly later depending on the number of dancers called back)

Call Back Audition in front of a panel of judges.

Location: Lincoln High School. 555 Dana Ave. San Jose, Ca 95126

Rehearsal Hall/Dance Studio (located directly behind the main gymnasium)

General Information about the audition:

Day 1: Bring the completed application and turn it in at the registration table outside of the rehearsal hall. At registration you will receive a number that will need to be worn in a visible place on your shirt/leotard. All dancers will participate in a quick warm up that will be lead by graduating Convertibles. After the warm up, all dancers will be taught the Across the Floor Combinations and a short dance by the director and/or coach. Both, Across the Floor combinations and the dance will be performed at the call back audition on Day 2, April 24, 2019. At the end of the clinic a call back list will be posted and/or announced for those dancers we would like to see at the call back audition.

Day 2 (Callback): Upon arrival please check in at the registration table to receive your preassigned audition number. Dancers should plan to stretch and warm up on their own and will be given a few minutes to review the audition material. The audition will start with the Across the Floor Combinations from Day 1, to be performed in numerical order. At the conclusion of the Across the Floors, dancers will then perform the dance in small groups of 3-4 people. Each group of dancers will perform the dance twice, and will have the opportunity to show the judges any specialties or advanced technical skills they would like to share (ex. Tumbling, any trick(s), or technical skills not included in the audition material). Following the last group's performance, there may be a need to see dancers an additional time. Please don't leave until you know the audition is finished. The 2019-2020 Lincoln Convertibles and LPC lists will be posted soon after the call back audition date on the Lincoln Performing Arts website, www.lincolnperformingarts.com, and the new Lincoln Dance Alliance Website: <http://www.lincolndancealliance.com>. An email will also be sent to the dance teachers at both Castillero and Hoover Middle Schools.

Information/Expectations for those auditioning:

The following information has been provided to give you a brief background on the expectations and commitment it will take as a member of the Lincoln Convertibles and LPC Dance Teams. The Convertibles are a competitive traveling Varsity dance team, and LPC is a local competitive JV dance team. LPC was founded in 2016-2017 due to the amazing talent auditioning for the Convertibles. We wanted to create a team that gave more dancers a chance to perform at school and compete. Both team's successes and the 26+ National Championship Titles won by the Convertibles the past 31 years has been due to the dedication and commitment from each individual dancer.

Conduct/Attitude Expectations: Both the Lincoln Convertibles and LPC represent Abraham Lincoln High School and the Lincoln Dance Department on campus, off campus, through out California and Nationally. Both teams are considered high profile groups on and off the Lincoln campus and are expected to exhibit exemplary personal conduct and maintain a positive image, role model, and attitude at all times. It's also expected that each member of the either team act as a mature, responsible member of society/community. Each member is expected to display appropriate behavior(s) at all times and to have respect for one-self, the

director, the coaches, the Lincoln Staff, other members of the each team, Parents of the Lincoln Dance Alliance, the Lincoln Student Body, other dance teams and the community.

Academic Commitment: All team members must maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of a 2.0 or higher to be eligible to audition and be considered for either team. Once selected on one of the teams, it is expected that each member will maintain the 2.0 GPA requirement that has been outline in the Performance Dance Team contract, the Lincoln High School Administration and the San Jose Unified School District for all sports teams and performing arts groups. If a member's GPA falls below the 2.0 requirement, that member will be placed on probation and pulled from any future performances until his/her grades are brought back up to the 2.0 eligibility requirement. Grade checks, conduct reports and attendance checks will be administered on a regular basis to insure that all members are meeting the requirements for eligibility to perform.

Time Commitment: The two teams meet as a class for one class period each school day, Convertibles 6th period, and LPC 4th period. In addition to regular class meetings, the teams attend **TWO (2)** after school/evening practices weekly. Currently, *Convertible practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays for 2 ½ hours, LPC practices will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays for 2 ½ hours, and all members are expected to attend the entire length of the rehearsals.* It will be encouraged to have dancers attend technique class out side of team rehearsals and classes. This technique class may be an additional class at Lincoln and/or your dance studio. Occasionally additional rehearsals or extended rehearsals will be scheduled through out the year to prepare for performances and/or competitions. *Convertibles and LPC members must make team top priority, all outside Lincoln Commitments must come after Convertibles or LPC.* All rehearsals are mandatory and can only be excused through special arrangements with the director. All performances are mandatory, as this is a huge part of the class. *Performances that can not be missed, Big Bone, Dance & Dessert, ALL Competitions, Our Steps and Steps.* **Attached, please find a tentative events calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. The schedule is subject to change, and will need to be updated, as this is a tentative schedule based off of the 2018-29 school year.. Please list any and all potential calendar conflicts on the area provided on the Application packet.

Financial Commitment: the financial commitment is considerable. The yearly cost for a 2019-2020 **new Convertible** member is approximately \$3,500.00 (varies depending on travel to nationals). This includes all Convertible attire, the Blues, competition costuming, travel expenses, USA camps, competitions, Nationals in March, and technique classes for the year. **Returning members and officers** yearly costs will be slightly adjusted depending on clothing ordered and the number of extra competition dances they will be in. The yearly cost for a 2019-2020 **new LPC** member is approximately \$1,500.00 This includes all LPC attire, the Blues, competition costuming, USA camp, competitions, and technique classes through out the year. There are numerous fundraising opportunities through out the summer and the school year which could potentially raise almost all of the costs. Both parent groups work hard to fundraise all of this money, so cost is kept to a minimum. Dancers planning on purchasing their own costumes, warmers, duffle bags, team apparel, and other misc item will need to have payment ready at the first meeting

Upcoming Dance Camps/Trips/Summer Practice: The Convertibles have been invited to and are scheduled to attend the USA Elite Plus Dance Team Camp **August 1-4, 2019** at Cal Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, California. It is highly encouraged that all Convertibles attend this camp as a team. Lincoln will be hosting the annual USA Dance Intensive camp **June 20-22, 2019**. Attendance for LPC and Convertibles this camp is highly recommended and encouraged but optional. Practices will be scheduled through out the summer to focus on technique as a team, exact practice dates will be available soon. Attendance to these practices are required if you are in town and not on vacation.

Mid-year both teams will compete in regional and/or national competitions through out Northern California or Orlando (see tentative calendar). Please keep all weekends in January, February and March free until the finalized competition schedule has been printed and handed out. The final competition schedule has not been decided, the list of competitions are potential dates we will be attending. Please open the calendar file, see separate file.

More detailed information, expectations, guidelines, schedules, and contracts will be handed out to those dancers who have been selected for the Lincoln Performance Dance Teams for the 2018-2019 school year. I would personally like to Thank You for your interest in the Lincoln Performance Dance Teams. I also look forward to a great audition and successful year. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the audition process or anything else in regard to the Lincoln Performance Dance Teams. I can be reached at:

Email: DGeorge@sjusd.org (school email)

Phone: (408) 535-6300

Good Luck and Dance Well,

Mr. Danny George

Lincoln HS Dance Department

Lincoln Convertibles and LPC Director

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Lincoln High School
Performance Dance Teams
Lincoln Convertibles and LPC
Audition Application

Personal Information:

*Print clearly please. * - Required information*

*Name: _____ *Grade Level Next Year: _____

*Address: _____ *City / Zip Code: _____

*Phone #: _____ *Cell #: _____

*Birthdate: _____ (month / date / year)

*Your Email Address: _____

* I am auditioning for: (please check all that apply) Convertibles LPC

Parent's Information: (At least one parent email should be listed)

*Mother's Name: _____ *Phone _____

*Mother's Email Address: _____

*Father's Name: _____ *Phone _____

*Father's Email Address: _____

Back Ground Information:

School Currently Attending: _____

How Long Have You Been Dancing? _____

Please list all studios you've trained at, or currently taking from, along with all styles of dance you have studied. List any additional experience/training you would like us to know:

Academic Information:

Please have your current teachers write your current grade and sign below:

Class / Course	Current Grade	Teacher Signature

** A copy of your most current progress report or report card will also be accepted**

Current Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

Have you received confirmation that you will be attending and will be registered at Lincoln next year?

Circle One: Y N If No, please explain briefly (Ex: waiting on transfer)

Character Information:

Personal References: Please choose **two teachers** (and list them below) to complete the teacher recommendation form attached. The form must be included with your completed Convertibles application due on April 22, 2019 @ 5:30pm. One reference should be a current (or previous) dance teacher. Please let your references know that they may be contacted by the Lincoln Convertibles/LPC Director at anytime during the audition process or soon after.

	Teacher's Name	Subject Taught	Email Address
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____

Please answer the following questions. If you need additional space please use a separate piece of paper. You may also answer the questions on an entirely separate piece of paper.

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Lincoln Convertibles/LPC? _____

2. What does commitment mean for a team? _____

3. What do you want to gain from being a member of the Convertibles/LPC? _____

4. Why should we choose you to be a Convertible or on LPC? _____

5. Please choose one word that best describes your personality and why? _____

****Your completed application is due Monday April 22, 2019. The following must be completed, and stapled or clipped in the following order**

1. Completed Application
2. Character Information on additional paper (if needed)
3. Signed Parent Permission/Consent Form
4. Teacher Recommendation Form – completed by 2 different teachers (NEW – recommendation points will be included in your audition total)
5. Potential Conflicts Form
6. Any other information you would like to include with your application.

Lincoln Convertibles/LPC Dance Team
Teacher Recommendation Form

Students Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Subject(s): _____

Please rate the student with a number between **1-5 (1=lowest, 5=highest)** in regard to each specific characteristic below.

Feel free to add any other information you would like to include.

When finished please hand back this form to the student to be turned in with the entire application.

If you would like to email any additional information about this student you think is necessary for the director to know, please email him at Dgeorge@sjusd.org

- _____ MATURITY
- _____ PUNCTUALITY
- _____ RELIABILITY
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL): Write on the back if more room is needed.

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The Lincoln Convertibles and LPC Dance Teams
Audition Permission/Parent Consent Form

Parents,

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All applications are due the first date of the audition process as listed above in order to be considered for the Lincoln Performance Dance Teams. Special circumstances may be approved by the director only.

Please fill out the form and sign below.

I _____ and my parent(s) and or Legal Guardian _____
Dancer's Name (please print) Parent's name (please print)
 _____ have read and understand all the information, expectations, and commitments it requires if selected as a member of the Lincoln Performance Dance Teams from this audition process. By signing below, I _____ give permission and consent
Parent's Name (please print)
 for my Child, whose name appears above, to participate in the audition process for the Lincoln Convertibles and/or LPC on Monday April 22 and Wednesday April 24, 2019.

	Print Clearly Please First and Last Name	Signature	Date
Dancer's Name			
Parent/Legal Guardian #1			
Parent/Legal Guardian #2			

Keep this copy for your records!

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Return this copy with your completed application!

Lincoln Convertible Dance Team
Potential Conflict Form

*** please download 2019-2020 Tentative Calendar file***

Dancer's Name: _____

In the space provided below:

1. List any/all conflicts and all potential conflicts you have with the Dance Team performance and events calendar. (See additional file)
2. Please include ALL other performing groups or sports that you plan to be involved with during the 2019-2020 school year. Both on and off Lincoln's campus.

Examples of conflicts:

- a. Sister's wedding on December 1, 2019
- b. Travel arrangements that have been confirmed prior to the audition date of April 22, 2019.

Examples of Other Performing groups/activities

- a. Competing with your dance studio
- b. Musical Theatre/Band/Choir at Lincoln
- c. Playing a sport for Lincoln or outside organization
- d. Performing with CMT

Please list your confirmed and potential conflicts on the space provided below

This information will be used for scheduling information to try and avoid future conflicts when extra practices are scheduled.
