

Dear Dancers and Parents,

First and foremost, Welcome to the 2020-2021 Audition for the Lincoln Performance Dance Teams, The Lincoln Convertibles and the Lincoln Performance Company (LPC). This information packet has been designed to help you through our new virtual/online audition process. Thank you all for being flexible with the process as we are all experiencing this crisis together. This link is also designed to give you more information regarding the commitment it takes to be a member of one of the Lincoln Performance Teams. Please read over all of the content and submit your application by Monday April 27, 2020.

** Important – if you are a new dancer to the Lincoln Dance Department, please register for the dance department placement auditions in addition to this audition. Thank you.

Online Audition Process

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we will be administering our 2020-2021 Lincoln Dance Team Auditions online. The following information will help you through the process.

1. Download all Audition information from the Lincoln Performing Arts Website. Click on Audition Prep
2. Read the Audition information and go over the tentative schedule at the end of all the information.
3. Complete the Online Audition Form by Monday April 27, 2020 – click on Audition Form.
 - a. Please make sure you list two teacher references that will be contacted during the audition process. Please try to have one reference be a current or previous dance teacher.
4. On Monday April 27, 2020 look for an email with links to Audition material and Videos. This link will go out to everyone on the same date to be fair in the amount of time given to each person to learn and submit audition videos.
5. Learn the three across the floor combinations and the short dance from the videos
6. Record yourself performing the dance and the three combinations. Create a video (or multiple separate video files) and make sure your name is listed in the title of the video files.
7. By Monday May 4, 2020 submit all audition videos via the link provided with Audition material or the Video Upload button on the Lincoln Performing Arts Website.

Please read the following thoroughly.

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 32 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.

Time Commitment: The two teams meet as a class for one class period each school day, Convertibles 4th period, and LPC 3rd period (that could change for the 2020/21 school year). 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.

****NEW starting in the 2020/21 school year.*** Dancers auditioning for and selected as a Convertible will need to make Competition season their top priority. From November 1, 2020 to March 15, 2021 (Competition Season) Convertibles will not be allowed to miss any practices and performances for the competition season for any Lincoln sport and activity and/or ANY outside Lincoln activity. Dancers who audition and are selected on the LPC team, will have an two options for competition season. Option one – commit to the competition season from Nov 1, 2020 to March 15, 2021 and make LPC your top priority. Option two – Do not compete, so you can attend other activities you would like to do at or outside of Lincoln. Please note this option will still require LPC dancers to attend normal practice during competition season, learn and practice the competition dances as they are also performed in the spring show, STEPS, and to fundraise for costumes and choreography. This is ideal for dancers who want to have a strong commitment to their competition studios or outside teams and activities.

****Please find the tentative events calendar for the 2020-2021 school year and the end of this information. The schedule is subject to change, and will need to be updated, as this is a tentative schedule based off of the 2019-20 school year, and not everything has been confirmed. Don't forget to list any and all potential calendar conflicts when submitting your application.**

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 Licnoln 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 regualr basis to insure that all members are meeting the requirements for eligibility to perform.

Financial Commitment: the financial commitment is considerable. The yearly cost for a 2020-2021 new Convertible member is approximately \$3,500.00 (vaires 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 2020-2021 new LPC member is approximately \$1,500.00 This includes all LPC attire, the Blues, compeititon 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 so that dancers only have to pay for things they want ot keep. Dancers planning on purchasing their own costumes, warms, duffle bags, team apparel, and other misc item will need to have payment ready at the first meeting or deadline date.

Upcoming Dance Camps/Trips/Summer Practice: The Convertibles have been invited to and are scheduled to attend the USA Elite Dance Team Camp July 30 – August 2, 2020 at Cal Lunteran 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 August 8 & 9, 2020 (they pushed the date back from June due to COVID-19). Attendance for LPC and Convertibles this camp is highly recommended and encouraged but optional. Lincoln will also be hosting the officer's camp this year. That camp too has been moved from June to July. This camp is offered to the officers of both LPC and Convertibles.

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.

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 2020-2021 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.

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Good Luck and Dance Well,

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Lincoln Convertibles and LPC Director.

2020-2021
Lincoln Performance Dance Teams
Tentative Performance & Events Calendar

Please note: This calendar is tentative as of 4/9/20. Updates and additions will be necessary after the audition. *Our Steps, Little Bone/Big Bone, Dance & Dessert, ALL Competitions, and STEPS* are major performances for your class/grade and required.

** All performances are a required part of the course, the above performances are the major events for the year. Note that missing these performances for a non-emergency will result in a grade reduction and potential dismissal from the team.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time (subject to change)</u>	LPC	Convertibles
TBA May	First Team Meeting for the 2020/2021 Teams @ Lincoln HS This may be done in an online format	TBA	X	X
July 18-19, 2020	USA Officers Day Camp @ Lincoln HS, San Jose Ca. **Optional camp for Convertible and LPC Officers only.	7:30 am – 4pm Daily	X	X
July 30 - August 2, 2020	USA Elite Dance Team Camp @ Cal Lu Univ. Thousand Oaks, *Highly Recommended Camp for all 2020/2021 Convertibles*	Travel TBA		X
August 8-9 2020	USA Day Camp @ Lincoln - This has been moved to August from June Recommended for Both teams to attend.	7:30 am - 4pm Daily	X	X
ALL SUMMER	Technique practices at Lincoln. Dates will come at a later date.	TBA	X	X
August-November	Saturday Rehearsals for Competition - TBD There will be multiple Saturdays for both teams All Saturdays have potential for rehearsal. In all honestly it's only 2-3 Saturdays during this time.	Saturdays TBA	X	X
Sept/Oct/Nov	Friday night Home Football Game Schedule JV Football Games - LPC Varsity Football Games - Convertibles	Exact Fridays TBA 3:15pm Call Time, 4pm Kick off 5:30pm call time, 7pm kick off	X	X
Oct., 2020	OUR Steps Concert – First semester (10/5-10/10 most likely) – not confirmed yet	TBA	X	X
Nov. 2020	Little Bone and Big Bone rehearsal with the band. During the school day – pulled out for one or two periods	TBA	X	X
Nov. 2020	Little Bone Game @ San Jose HS. Excused after halftime *this is based off of the 2019/20 school year. This could be changing for this upcoming year.	4:30pm call time	X	X
Nov.26, 2020	Big Bone Game/Homecoming – Thanksgiving Day Dancer's will be excused after the halftime performance/start of 3 rd quarter *this is based off of the 2019/20 school year. This could be changing for this upcoming year.	9 am call time	X	X
December 2020	Dance and Dessert Concert	4pm	X	X

December 2020(TBA)	Performance at Christmas in the Park Downtown	TBA	X	X
January 2020 (or earlier)	Recruitment performances	TBA	X	X
	COMPETITION SCHEDULE - this is a very tentative schedule. All potential dates have been listed, final schedule TBD, save all dates <i>Competitions cannot be missed, please make the necessary arrangements NOW with other commitments.</i>			
Jan. 16, 2021	West Coast Elite Competition @ Valley Christian HS San Jose	All Day Event	X	X
Jan 30, 2021	USA Regional @ Bella Vista HS. Sacramento Area	All Day Event	TBD	X
Feb. 6, 2021	USA Regional @ Monta Vista HS – Cupertino	All Day Event	X	X
Feb. 7, 2021	Lincoln Solo Classic – LPC Fund Raiser	All Day Event	X	X
Feb. 13, 2021	Lincoln Celebration of the Stars Competition or Lincoln Solo Classic Convertible Fundraiser	All Day Event	X	X
Feb. 20, 2021	Cupertino Festival of Champions	All Day Event	X	X
March 11-14, 2021	USA Dance Team Nationals, Anaheim, CA			TBD
April 5-10, 2021	STEPS Concert Week	TBA	X	X

To be added when confirmed: Competition rehearsals with guest choreographers, community performances, rallies, and additional fundraisers.