



Chapter Sponsor of the
National Honor Society
for Dance Arts

Secondary Chapter (grades 9-12)



About the National Honor Society for Dance Arts

The National Honor Society for Dance Arts™ (NHSDA) is a program of the National Dance Education Organization. It is one of the most exciting benefits that NDEO offers its Institutional Members. The Secondary Program (grades 9-12) was implemented in 2005. The Collegiate Program was implemented in 2012, and a Junior Program (grades 6-8) was separated from the Secondary Program and officially launched in 2016. To date, there are over 1,000 chapters in the US and over 15,000 students have been inducted in the past few years.

NHSDA Vision

We envision a nation in which all students have equal opportunity and access to quality dance arts education and are recognized for their outstanding artistic merit, leadership and academic achievement in the field of dance.

NHSDA Mission

1. To recognize outstanding artistic merit, leadership and academic achievement in students studying dance in public and private schools in K-12 education, dance studios, cultural/community centers, performing arts organizations, and colleges / universities.
2. To foster an appreciation for dance as a true art form and one worthy of recognition and prestige.

NHSDA Secondary Program Goals (grades 9-12)

- To identify honor students for nomination to the NDEO Artistic Merit, Leadership and Academic Achievement Award, one of the highest honor programs for dance in the United States. This applies to honor society members in grades 11 & 12 only.
- To promote a desire for life-long learning in the field of dance.
- To encourage an understanding of, and an appreciation for, dance as an art form and develop knowledgeable audiences for tomorrow.

When are Inductions Held?

All for Dance will hold NHSDA inductions once a year at the recital. Student applications must be submitted by April 20 for induction at the recital. Dancers meeting the eligibility criteria that are wishing to be induced in NHSDA must submit a transcript, a point tracking spreadsheet and an induction rubric by April 20 for consideration.

Student Benefits

- Recognition of their artistic merit, academic achievement, and leadership throughout their educational experience (Junior High - Collegiate)
- Certificates at each level of induction, opportunity to wear the gold Honor Pin (Inductees) and blue and white Honor Cord (graduating students)
- Mentorships and networking with peers
- Leadership and development opportunities within our NHSDA Chapter, as they can assist our Chapter Sponsor with Chapter administration, record keeping, fundraising, and event planning
- National and State-level scholarship and award opportunities
- All student inductees will receive an official certificate of induction. Inducted students may be eligible to wear the NHSDA honor cord and gold pin during graduation ceremonies; however, separate approval from the Chapter Sponsor, the principal, or other school administrators may be necessary. Students are encouraged to cite their NHSDA induction in scholarship applications and/or resumes for college or dance employment.

Eligibility Criteria for Student Induction

Induction into the All for Dance Secondary Chapter of the HSDA is earned through the accumulation of at least 30 points awarded for dance activities such as rehearsals, performances, research, workshops, or community service activities, alongside a minimum GPA of 3.5. Students should track their points and provide the Chapter Sponsor with a record of points earned through worksheets, portfolios, or other agreed-upon methods. For points earned outside of chapter activities, verification of points earned should be provided to the Chapter Sponsor through playbills, registration forms, photos, or other agreed-upon methods. The Chapter Sponsor will keep a record of points earned on file. In addition, the prospective student's demonstration of collaborative teamwork, motivation, and leadership in the many aspects of dance (e.g., choreography, performance, mentoring, production) are factors in the determination of eligibility for induction.

GPA Requirement

Students must earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 for NHSDA Induction. A copy of your transcript must be presented to the All for Dance NHSDA chapter along with your point tracking worksheet for induction consideration.

Student Induction Rubric

- Participation Points:
 - To qualify for induction at the Secondary Program level, a student must earn 30 points, at least 25 of which should be earned while participating in dance activities within the program with All for Dance. A student may earn up to 5 points while participating in community dance activities or other activities in the performing arts outside of All for Dance.
 - Please see the NHSDA participation point system guide on the next page for specific details.
- Participation Points (Custom Studio Points):
 - Following are additional points that can be earned and accounted for under custom studio points:
 - Student Assistant (unpaid) - 1 point per 10 classes assisted
 - Community Performance - 1 point per performance
 - Pre-Season Studio Clean Up - .5 points
 - Birthday Party Volunteer Assistant - .5 points per party
 - AFD Summer Intensive - 1 point per intensive
 - AFD Recital - 1 point per day
 - AFD Drop In Class - .5 points per drop in class
 - AFD Summer Camp Counselor - 1 point per week
 - AFD Summer Camp Lead Counselor - 3 points per week
 - Dance Competition with AFD - .5 points per day
- Character Points:
 - Demonstration of collaborative teamwork, motivation, and leadership
 - All for Dance will evaluate the student's demonstration of the above qualities on the basis of observation during classes, rehearsals and other dance program activities, as well as demonstrated leadership (e.g., serving as a dance team or club officer, participation in dance program service projects) ▪ A minimum "Above Average" rating in this category is required for induction.
 - All for Dance will review and rate a dancer's character points and provide a rating from the following scale:
 - Excellent
 - Above Average
 - Average
 - Fair
 - Poor

Graduation with Honors Information - Optional

Graduation with Honors is a prestigious opportunity that is offered to graduating students. It indicates that not only have they met the national requirements for Induction into the National Honor Society for the Dance Arts but that they have reached even higher and have continued to excel not only in dance but in their dedication to the tenants of the NHSDA.

Graduation with Honors Criteria - Optional

The NHSDA Induction and Graduation with Honors criteria are designed to allow for flexibility at the chapter level so that honor society induction reflects and supports the school or studio's mission and circumstances. There are 3 main criteria - earned participation points, character and GPA.

Earned Participation Points and Essay Submission

- This category reflects points earned for meritorious participation in a wide variety of dance activities. The NHSDA National Induction Point System provides a range of points possible for various activities. Chapter Sponsors may use their discretion in awarding points from zero to the maximum according to the quality of the work performed in a given activity. After being Inducted, students will continue to accumulate points until they have earned the points required for Graduation with Honors.
- To qualify for Graduation with Honors within our Secondary Program, a student must earn 15 points beyond their initial induction requirements of 30 points for a total of 45 points. At least 35 total points must be obtained through All for Dance programs. Prospective inductees should submit documentation (e.g., programs, signed letters of participation) for any activities outside of the chapter's program to the Chapter Sponsor.
- Students applying for Graduation with Honors will need to submit a 250-500 word essay to our All for Dance chapter that describes: What impact dance has had on your life, in and out of the studio? How do you plan to use this influence in the future to have an impact on other people and communities? An equivalent essay as approved by the Chapter Sponsor, will also be accepted.

Graduation with Honors Criteria - Optional

Demonstration of Character

- For Graduation with Honors, the Chapter Sponsor affirms the qualities observed for Induction. However, the character reference expands to be more inclusive of group and society observing one's ability to motivate others, offer thoughtful solutions that unite rather than divide, exercise judicious behavior in communications, do team-building, offer creative paths to new directions, encourage others to lead, and develop tangible personal and professional responsibilities to dance (as an interest, profession, or life-long learning experience) at local, state and national levels.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Students must maintain the chapter GPA minimum of 3.5 at the time of graduation to receive Graduation with Honors.

All for Dance NHSDA Participation Point System

Category	Activity	Point Range
Participation in Chapter Dance Program	Meritorious completion of hours in chapter site dance program (classes in the dance program)	1 point per 45 hours
	Performance in chapter site dance productions (including rehearsal time)	1 - 3 points per production
	Performance in other chapter site presentations (e.g., pep rallies, assemblies)	.5 – 1 point per presentation/performance
	Participation in chapter site extracurricular dance (e.g., dance teams, clubs)	1 point per 45 hours
	Participation in chapter site dance festival or workshop	.5 points per day
Participation in Off-Site Dance Programs Note: Student must submit appropriate documentation.	Participation in off-site dance classes	1 point per 45 hours
	Performance in off-site productions (including rehearsal time)	.5 – 1 point per production
	Participation in off-site dance festival or workshop, or Summer Intensive or Dance Camp	.5 points per day
Participation in Other Dance Activities	Participation in a Formal Adjudication / Judging	1 – 2 points if choreographer .5 - 1 point if dancer
	Choreography – Projects completed inside or outside of chapter site class assignments.	1 – 2 per project
	Scholarship – Written papers, essays, or articles (e.g., essays on dance history, reviews of live dance performances attended, articles for Dance Arts Now! newsletter)	.5 – 2 per essay/article
Participation in Other Duties Related to Dance Production	Stage manager or backstage crew	.5 – 1 point per production
	Lighting designer or crew	.5 – 1 point per production
	Set design or construction	.5 – 1 point per production
	Costume design or construction / Wardrobe crew	.5 – 1 point per production
	Properties manager or crew	.5 – 1 point per production
	Sound technician	.5 – 1 point per production
	Make-up design or crew	.5 – 1 point per production
	Dance captain/rehearsal direct	.5 – 1 point per production
	Business, publicity, box office manager or staff	.5 – 1 point per production
	House manager or crew	.5 – 1 point per production
	Playbill design	.5 – 1 point per production
	Photographer /Videographer	.5 – 1 point per production
Leadership	Taking a leadership role within the NHSDA chapter itself at the school such as President, Treasurer, Secretary, Workshop Organizer	2 – 3 points per role
Custom School Points	Activity that is important to school or chapter sponsor such as participation in a volunteer event, student acting as a dance mentor, student taking on an admin role to help out dance teacher, attendance at dance concert or show.	1 – 3 points per activity/event

Junior: At least 15 points required for induction, 10 of which must be earned through participation in chapter site program activities.

Secondary: At least 30 points required for induction, 20 of which must be earned through participation in chapter site program activities.

All for Dance NHSDA Point Tracking Worksheet

National Honor Society for Dance Arts - Student Point Tracking Worksheet			
Student Name: _____			
School: _____			
Participation Category	Brief Description of Event or Activity	Date of Activity	Points Earned
TOTAL POINTS			

All for Dance NHSDA Induction Rubric

JUNIOR/SECONDARY NHSDA STUDENT INDUCTION RUBRIC as of 2018

Student's Name _____ Grade Level or Age _____

Induction Criteria	Credits Earned toward Induction
Participation Points <ul style="list-style-type: none">To qualify for induction at the Junior Program level, a student must earn 15 points, at least 10 of which should be earned while participating in dance activities within the program of the chapter site. At the sponsor's discretion, a student may earn up to 5 points while participating in community dance activities or other activities in the performing arts outside of the chapter program.To qualify for induction at the Secondary Program level, a student must earn 30 points, at least 20 of which should be earned while participating in dance activities within the program of the chapter site. At the sponsor's discretion, a student may earn up to 10 points while participating in community dance activities or other activities in the performing arts outside of the chapter program.	Using the NHSDA Point System Guidelines, enter the number of points the student has been awarded to date. # of Points Earned = _____
Character Points <ul style="list-style-type: none">Demonstration of collaborative teamwork, motivation, and leadershipThe Chapter Sponsor should evaluate the student's demonstration of the above qualities on the basis of observation during classes, rehearsals and other dance program activities, as well as demonstrated leadership (e.g., serving as a dance team or club officer, participation in dance program service projects)A minimum "Above Average" rating in this category is required for induction	After reviewing the student's performance, rate the student according to the following scale: <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊙ Excellent⊙ Above Average⊙ Average⊙ Fair⊙ Poor
GPA <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chapter Sponsor will determine the minimum GPA for induction but it will not be below a 3.0.Optional: choose a GPA that matches or is competitive with other honor societies in your school. NDEO recommends a minimum of 3.2.	GPA = _____

- ☐ Induction Criteria Met
☐ Induction Criteria Not Met

Chapter Sponsor's Signature _____ Date _____

Chapter Sponsor keeps this form for their own files as well as all documentation of points. It does NOT need to be turned in to NDEO.

It is up to the discretion of the Chapter Sponsor to determine what constitutes an active chapter member and if the student is eligible to wear the honor cords at graduation.