

# Desert Hills High School

## *Tempest Line*

2026-27

### Tryout Information

- **Mandatory Parent/Dancer Meeting** Monday, March 1 at 6:00pm Lecture Hall B.
- Complete and submit all forms listed on Google Classroom.
  - To join enter the Google Class: **ha7efca7**
  - Register My Athlete ALL DANCERS returning and new MUST have a new physical BEFORE tryouts.
    - If you already have an Aktivite (register my athlete) account, login to current account and click "Start a New Registration", click on the 2026-27 season, choose DRILL.

#### Tryout Clinics

Thursday, March 19 4:00-6:00pm DHHS Aux Gym

Monday, March 23 4:00-6:00pm DHHS Aux Gym

Tuesday, March 24 4:00-6:00pm DHHS Aux Gym

Tryouts 5:00pm Wednesday, March 25:

\*Please wear appropriate dance clothes, appropriate dance shoes, have hair pulled back in a bun, no jewelry.

**PLEASE plan to attend the ENTIRE TRYOUT. We will have call-backs. We don't want anyone to leave until the 2027 team is selected.**

\*The 2026-27 Tempest Line will be posted on [tempestline.com](http://tempestline.com) Wednesday night. If selected, please attend the 2027 T-Line Welcome Party in the DHHS Aux Gym.

***\*\*If selected for the 2027 Tempest Line you will be required to:***

***1. Attend the Parent/dancer meeting Wednesday, April 1 at 6:00pm in Lecture Hall B. A parent/guardian and dancer MUST attend this meeting. Usually about 2 hours long... there is A LOT to cover.***

***2. Work at the studio competitions we host April 10-11, April 16-18, and April 24-25. Dancers and parents will sign up in shifts to help accommodate schedules as much as possible.***

For more information please visit: [Tempestline.com](http://Tempestline.com)

or

email: [marcee.christensen@washk12.org](mailto:marcee.christensen@washk12.org)

## **\*\*\*2026-27 Tempest Line Tryout Elements\*\***

**\*\* Tempest Line Drill Team is a huge 1 year commitment! Please consider all it takes to be a member and only tryout if you are committed to completing the full year\*\***

Judges and coaches will evaluate a dancer's ability to complete technical elements, performance quality and movement quality by rating each dancer on a scale from fair to superior execution.

1. At the tryout clinics dancers will learn jazz, hip hop, and military routines that will include the following skills:
  - a. Right double/triple pirouette (Jazz Combo)
  - b. Four right la seconde turns, with spotters (Jazz Combo)
  - c. Right/left split leap, switch leap, and side leap (Jazz Combo)
  - d. Kip up (Hip hop Combo)
  - e. Aerial (Jazz/Hip hop Combo)
  - f. Military arms/angles correct angle/hand placement (Military combo)
  - g. High Kick series (Military combo)
  - h. Right/left splits (Military comb
  - i. Stall (Military combo)
  - j. Handstand press up (Military combo)
2. Tempest Line Lightning Round will be taught and performed during tryouts.
  - a. 4 sets of 8 counts combination
  - b. 4 sets of 8 counts improv and skill show off
3. The 2026-27 Tempest Line will be posted on [tempestline.com](http://tempestline.com) Wednesday, March 25 with a Welcome Party to follow (about 8:00pm)

### **T-Line Tryout Tips**

- Wear appropriate dance attire the day of tryouts (any color is great!)
- Must wear dance shoes (UHSAA rule)
- Hair pulled back and performance make up.
- Have fun with the tryout process! We want this to be a fun start to a successful year.
- Get to know new and returning dancers.
- Ask any questions to any of the coaches!

# Tempest Line 2026-27

You are auditioning to be a part of the Desert Hills High School Tempest Line Drill Team. Drill Team is a very big commitment and must come first before all other extra-curricular activities. (Other athletic teams, clubs, work, etc.), so please read through the information below and make sure you are 110% committed to fulfilling ALL requirements, and following ALL rules before you try out. ***Tempest Line is a one-year commitment, so please plan on completing the full year if you are selected for the 2026-27 Tempest Line.***

## **Mission Statement:**

Desert Hills Tempest Line Drill Team will be an elite drill team in the state of Utah. A DHHS dancer will learn how to: work as a team, develop technical dance skills (technique and movement quality), develop emotional performance skills, communicate positively with other dancers and coaches, stay committed to goals, creative and choreographic process, etc., and will strive to be a positive leader to others in the Desert Hills HS community. The DHHS Drill Team will constantly strive to elevate their level of performance and raise the standard of excellency by continuous improvement, and learning. Dancers will achieve goals they never thought possible as a team and individually!

## **Team Goals**

- We intend to be the 2027 4A State Champion Drill Team! We will work to perform at an advanced level and continually seek to improve both as a team and as individuals.
- Dancers will be expected to perform at a technically advanced level, and improve with each performance!
- Represent Desert Hills HS in a classy and professional manner. The Tempest Line will be a part of the school community and help build and support the rich traditions at Desert Hills High School.
- DHHS Drill Team members are required to be courteous, polite, friendly, and most importantly, respectful toward coaches, teachers, classmates, teammates, and other teams AT ALL TIMES!
- The DHHS Drill Team will perform as often as possible at appropriate school and community events. Dancers will support DHHS school teams.
- DHHS Drill Team will compete in 4 qualifying competitions (including the Region 9 competition), quarter final, semi-final and final State Competition.
- The Tempest Line is a UHSAA Sport, and will have a Varsity squad. Auditions will be held for all competition routines. Dancers must complete all requirements consistently to earn a spot in any routine.
- DHHS Drill Team will participate in community and school service activities.

**DESERT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**TEMPEST LINE DRILL TEAM CONSTITUTION 2026-27**

**TEAM RULES**

1. As a member of the Desert Hills HS Tempest Line Drill Team you are representing the school, you will be expected to **always** use appropriate conduct both on and off the dance floor.
2. You are expected to have a **positive** attitude AT ALL TIMES!! No whining, pouting, rolling eyes, complaining, or gossiping will be allowed.
3. Dancers are expected to give 110% during practice, as well as performances. If you are unable to meet this requirement, **you could lose your spot in routines and/or on the team.**
4. As a member of the Tempest Line you will be expected to follow the Desert Hills HS Code of Conduct and also Utah High School Activities Association Rules for Eligibility. As with any other high school team, violation of the rules could result in suspension or dismissal from the team, and/or performances or competitions.
5. **\*\*\*FOR DANCERS PARTICIPATING IN DRILL TEAM AND COMPETITIVE STUDIO DANCE/CHEER\*\***  
No member of a high school team may compete in any organized competition on any outside team for a particular sport after the competition start date in a given season (November 3, 2025 through February 1, 2026)

**GRADES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. A drill team candidate will be a minimum of 14 years of age, and a maximum of 18 years of age. Dancers must be in grades 9-12 of the current school year to participate on the DHHS Tempest Line. You are trying out to be a member of the 2025-26 Tempest Line.
2. Acceptance of a DHHS Tempest Line candidate shall be on the basis of ability, the coach's agreement, acceptance of T~Line team rules, and without prejudice of race, creed or color.
3. A Tempest Line member must maintain a 3.0 grade point average quarterly and cumulative GPA to be a member of the Desert Hills High School Drill Team. NO F's, I's or NG's each quarter.
4. **Tryout eligibility:** must have at least a 2.75 GPA for the previous three consecutive quarters, with no F's, I's or NG's; once selected, a 3.0 with NO F's, I's or NG's will be required to maintain eligibility.
5. If a DHHS Drill Team member becomes ineligible for any reason, they may not be allowed to participate as a Tempest Line member. If a drill team member is ineligible for two quarters, they may be dismissed from the drill team and/or lose spots in routines.
6. DHHS Tempest Line members will be required to print off their grades from Powerschool and have them reviewed by the coach to determine eligibility.

## FUNDS AND FUNDRAISERS

1. Please see the cost breakdown below.
2. DHHS Tempest Line members are required to attend and take part in fundraisers~ this is limited to Turn-a-thon, Preference, Golf Tournament and the studio competitions we host. Other fundraisers may be offered, but are not required.
3. We will have periodic payment due dates. Payment is expected in full on these dates. If payments are not current you will not receive team gear and/or costumes, may not be allowed to travel, may not be allowed to perform and/or compete until payment is received in full. **All payments must be current in order to receive warm-ups, costumes, etc..**
4. You will be required to pay ALL fees whether you are in all routines or not.
5. All fundraising activities will be approved by the coach.
6. **NO REFUNDS!** If at any time during the school year you decide to quit, or are dismissed from the team you **WILL NOT BE REFUNDED** any money paid!! You will also be required to pay the remaining balance if at any time you are dismissed or decide to quit the team. Personalized, or personal items (shoes, tights, spanky's etc.) are non-returnable and must be paid in full.

## **TEMPEST LINE BASIC COST BREAKDOWN AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

1. The cost of the Tempest Line is \$1950 per member per year.
  - a. Competition Fees \$700
    - i. Includes: hair pieces/accessories, choreography, music fees, props, 1 pair black gore boots, 1 pair nude gore boots, 1 pair athletic shoes (show), 1 pair team shoes, 1 body tight, garment bag, warm ups and competition entry fees.
    - ii. Costumes to be worn for football and competition routines. All costumes are property of DHHS and must be returned in excellent condition.
  - b. Spirit Pack \$100
    - i. Includes: Practice attire
  - c. Camp/travel \$550 (Camp and travel)
    - i. Camp (Epic)
    - ii. Bus ~ Practicum, 3 Qualifiers, State
    - iii. Hotel accommodations
  - d. Participation fee
    - i. \$100
  - e. T~Line Party Crew Booster Fee
    - i. \$300
  - f. Day wear, warm ups, accessories
    - i. \$200

## **Additional Items ~ Prices are estimates. Final prices will be set as we place orders.**

- Disney Trip \$800 (Trip total must be less than \$800/dancer)
- Duffel Bag \$55
- T-Line Gear (school shirts/sweaters)
- Gore boots \$50 (First pair is included in required dues, extra pairs are available to purchase)
- Body tights \$20 (extra pairs available for purchase)
- Letterman sweaters \$240
- Team/individual pictures \$100
- Tribe 99 Leadership Retreat (Jr's and Sr's) \$150

### **Payment Schedule:**

May 1: \$450

June 1: \$450

July 1: \$350

August 1: \$350

September 1: \$350

October 1: \$300 (Disney)

November 1: \$250 (Disney)

December 1: \$250 (Disney)

\*All payments must be up to date in order to receive any Tempest Line costumes or personal Tempest Line items. Payment for the Disney trip needs to be in full by December 1.

## **PRACTICE AND DANCE CAMPS**

1. **Regular Practice Schedule**~ dancers will practice daily while school is in session. We will practice on B-days from 1:30pm-4:00pm, A-days from 5:00-7:45am OR after school depending on gym availability, every Wednesday night from 6:00-9:00pm BIG Friday once a month from 1:00pm-7:00pm and/or one Saturday each month from 8:00am-12:00pm.
  - a. Practice schedules may vary due to performances, competitions and gym availability.
  - b. We will have after school practices
  - c. Dancers will be required to attend all practices. Any missed practices may result in missing a performance. In order to perform dancers must attend all practices to ensure they know the routine details, even excused absences for legitimate reasons could result in the dancer not being able to perform at a particular event or number of events

2. **Summer Practice Schedule**~we will do endurance and technical training throughout April, May and June. A schedule of practice dates and times will be provided at least one month in advance. **Dancers will be required to attend summer practices, so please schedule family vacations around the practice schedule, as much as possible.**
3. **Epic Dance Camp:** June 4-5, 2026 from 8:00am-6:00pm. Dixie High.
4. **Innovate Private Camp ~ Woods Cross High School** June 8-10, 2026
5. **Competition Choreography**
  - a. Pom ~ Innovate
  - b. Hip Hop~ Innovate
  - c. Jazz/Kick~
  - d. Dance ~
  - e. Military~
  - f. Show~
  - g.

**\*\*If you miss choreography, for any reason, you will be an alternate for that routine. We WILL NOT be resetting formations, if a spot opens alternates can audition.**

### **ROUTINE TRYOUTS**

1. The DHHS Tempest Line is considered a UHSAA Sport. We will have a Varsity Squad for competition military, dance and show routines. JV/Varsity combo for competition Pom and Hip hop. Full team performs 2 half time routines.
2. We will audition for ALL competition routines (Pom, Hip Hop, Military, Dance and Show). Age DOES NOT matter, ANYONE is eligible to be in the competition routines.
3. Dancers will be required to perform all technical elements consistently, perform with energy/facials and demonstrate advanced movement quality in order to earn a spot in any routine. *Each routine has slightly different requirements.*
4. The coach reserves the right to hold a tryout before each performance to evaluate the readiness of each member. If a member is not practicing and/or demonstrating the required elements they may not be allowed to perform the routine.
5. The coach reserves the right to hold tryouts for half time routines if it is determined ALL team members are not ready to perform.