



What is NHSDA?

The National Honor Society for Dance Arts™ (NHSDA) is a program of the National Dance Education Organization (NDEO), created 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 post-secondary education. Ormao will be opening a chapter in the Secondary program for grades 9-12 in order to help recognize and advance our students in the field of dance education.

What is the commitment?

Your student will need to achieve a certain number of points to be inducted into the National Honor Society for Dance Arts. Ormao directors have developed a series of duties, opportunities and commitments for students to earn points during their time at Ormao Dance Company.

What are the benefits?

Students who receive enough points will graduate from high school with honors. NHSDA students will hold their status for a lifetime. This award looks great on college applications, on resumes and in their portfolio as they continue their work in the dance industry.

Requirements:

Chapter Sponsor: Students will report their required point earnings to the Chapter Sponsor, Ashley Oswald, at the end of each month. Ashley will calculate the amount of points earned and guide students in their earnings and requirements.

Point System: Students must earn at least 30 points for induction, 20 of which must be earned through participation in chapter site program activities (dance classes, shows, volunteer work, etc.) See point system breakdown on pages 3 and 4.

GPA: Academic grade point average must be maintained of GPA 3.0 or higher throughout the process of receiving honors.

Induction: Induction is the initiation which occurs once your student has earned enough points. Your chapter sponsor will guide your student through the induction process to receive honors upon graduation. Your students will be a part of the induction ceremony which will take place at the end of the year Student Repertory Showcase. At the induction ceremony your student will be awarded their NHSDA certificate. Your student will have a choice to purchase graduation cords and/or an NHSDA pin upon induction.

Chapter Costs: Students must be enrolled in the 9 month Student Repertory program at Ormao Dance Company. Induction and award costs are the only costs to you.

Induction: \$8.00 OR Graduation with Honors: \$22.50

Induction Pin: \$8.50 AND/OR Honors Cords: \$17.50

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Participation in Chapter Dance Program	Meritorious completion of hours in chapter site dance program (classes in the dance program)	1 point per 40 hours 5+ hr/week technique 4hr/week rehearsal
	Performance in chapter site dance productions (including rehearsal time)	1-2 point per production Halloween= 1 pt Holiday= 1 pt Rep Show = 2 pts Recital = 2pts
	Performance in other chapter site presentations (e.g., pep rallies, assemblies)	.5 point per presentation/performance Open Stages performance = .5 pts Halloween Community Performance = .5pts Holiday Community Performance = .5 pts
	Participation in chapter site extracurricular dance (e.g., dance teams, clubs)	1 point per 40 hours Pop up master classes Dance Diversity Classes (Saturdays) Summer Choreographer's Workshop
Points earned for induction	6+ points	
Participation in Off-Site Dance Programs Note: Student must submit appropriate documentation.	Participation in off-site dance classes	1 point per 50 hours
	Performance in off-site productions (including rehearsal time)	.5 points per production School play/ concert = .5 pts School Play or Talent Show
	Participation in off-site dance festival or workshop, or Summer Intensive or Dance Camp	.5 points per day Cumulative Summer classes/intensives
Points earned for induction	3+ points	
Participation in Other Duties Related to Dance Production <i>Perhaps shadowing Ormao production crew</i>	Stage manager or backstage crew	.5 point per production Assisting during tech = .5 pts
	Lighting designer or crew	.5 point per production Assisting during tech = .5 pt
	Set design or construction	.5 point per production Creating props = .5 pt Setting / Striking for Ormao Co. perf = .5 pt
	Costume design or construction / Wardrobe crew	.5 point per production Holiday Costume design = .5 pt
	Sound technician	.5 point per production Editing / Compiling show music = .5 pt
	Dance rehearsal	.5 point per production Written rehearsal review essay = .5 pt
	Business, publicity, box office manager or staff	.5 point per production Volunteering for check-in = .5 pt
	Marketing design	.5 point per production Poster design, Photography = .5 pt
Points earned for induction	4+ points	
Participation in Other Dance	Choreography – Projects completed inside or	1 – 2 per project

Activities	outside of chapter site class assignments.	Holiday choreography = .5 pts Rep Show choreography = .5 pts Written Choreography proposal = .5 pts Community show choreography= .5 pts
	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 per essay/article Review a live performance = .5 pts Portfolio work = .5 pts Scholarship application = .5 pts College application = .5 pts
Points earned for induction	4+ points	
Leadership	Taking a leadership role within the NHSDA chapter itself at the school such as President, Treasurer, Secretary, Workshop Organizer	1 point per role OSC Assistant Director = 1 pt
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 administrative role to help dance teacher, attendance at dance concert or show.	1 point per activity/event Volunteering event = 1 pt Organize a charity / fundraising drive = 1 pts Apprenticing a class = 1 pt/class
Points earned for induction	10+ points	
Total Points possibly earned for induction	30+ points	

