

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Mike Sitter, Athletics/Activities Director
TO: District 301 Board of Education
DATE: February 9, 2026
RE: CHS Dance Request to Attend 2027 National Dance Team Championship in FL

CHS Dance Request for approval student group overnight trip to attend the 2027 National Dance Team Championship in Florida.

Below is the pricing information for the National Dance Team Championship in Orlando, Florida. We attend UDA (Universal Dance Association) overnight camp in the summer where we will qualify for the UDA dance team championship for both JV and Varsity Dance Teams.

Florida Nationals will be February 5-7, with travel days being February 4-8. This is the weekend after the IHSA State Competition. Several teams from Illinois attend nationals every year. Many teams from our area go every year or have gone in the past. Teams like: Batavia, Stevenson, Hampshire, Maine South, Glenbrook South, Genoa, Geneva, Lake Zurich, Fremd, Huntley, Lake Forest and many more.

Our teams are going to be strong again this year and are hard working, powerful, very passionate dancers who would love and deserve the opportunity to compete on a national stage. Central has never had the opportunity to compete on the national stage. We would love this opportunity to attend Nationals and fulfill our dreams.

A few of our dancers have been offered opportunities to become UDA dance instructors and are now dancing and teaching dance all over the country. Attending these UDA camps and Nationals opens the doors for our dancers to have careers in dance and be recognized by college coaches. We want to educate and teach our dancers and give them every opportunity to further their dance careers past high school.

2027 Nationals Information

Who: Central High School JV and Varsity Dance Teams

Where: Orlando, Florida - National Dance Team Championship

When: : February 5-7, 2027 D1 weekend

Travel Days: Leave Wednesday February 3rd in the early evening and return Sunday, February 7th.
Missing 2 Days of School. (2/4 and 2/5)

Link for 2026 Information (2027 Not Public):

<https://www.varsity.com/d1-national-school-spirit-championships/>

VALUE – Disney's All-Star Resorts & Disney's Pop Century Resort (All prices are listed per person)	4 Night Hotel Travel Package	3 Night Hotel Travel Package	2 Night Hotel Travel Package
Quad (4 per room)	\$902	\$852	\$802
Triple (3 per room)	\$992	\$922	\$842
Double (2 per room)	\$1142	\$1032	\$912
Single (1 per room)	\$1482	\$1332	\$1132
Extra Nights price per room/per night	\$240 per room/ per night	N/A	N/A

The cost per dancer: \$1,142 plus airfare, food etc. The cost includes:

- Competition Fee
- Hotel Cost
- Bus Transportation to ALL National Events

Additional Costs

- Airfare
- Meals

Chaperones/Coaches: Jenna Jensen Head Coach Varsity, Alecia Corey Head Coach JV

Fundraising idea:

The parents will help fundraise for this event and all that it entails. Poms clinics, candy sales and snap fundraisers online. We are all brainstorming other fundraising options with our parent committee to send to you.

Student responsibilities:

Fundraising for the opportunity to attend nationals. Students also know school comes first. All students attending Nationals will be responsible for missed work.

Students who opt out:

If a student cannot attend nationals there is no penalty and it will not affect them for the IHSA Dance Competitive Season.

Rationale for the Trip:

1. Students will be performing on stage at the Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida. This will give the students an opportunity to work in a professional setting and perform on a national level.
2. Students will experience competing with other dance teams from across the country, including many teams from Illinois. This will give the students a greater understanding of differences in styles of dance throughout our country.
3. Students who are planning to attend college for dance will have the opportunity to expose

themselves to the different dance cultures to better prepare themselves for their future dance tryouts. Students will be able to put on their college applications that compete at a national level.

4. Students have the opportunity to be taped by professional artists. Students will also experience being critiqued by professional judges from around the country. They may also appear on television on ESPN if they advance to the finals on day two of the competition.
5. The incentive for competing on a national level and a professional arena would raise excitement and commitment in each student. They would have opportunities to show off what they have been working so hard for. They would be able to showcase their fine arts skills that they have developed over the years on a nationals stage.

IHSA guidelines: -Florida nationals would count for 2 IHSA invitationals. -We would still have the opportunity to do both IHSA and nationals.

IHSA Competitions include: 6 Invitationals, including Fox Valley Conference. We will also be able to attend sectionals to qualify for State.

-Competing at nationals stays within the guidelines set forth by IHSA. -All rules and regulations are followed by attending both venues.

We will work hard to make this opportunity a reality for all. If you need further information, please let us know.

Thank you for your consideration and keeping an open mind and open ear,
Jenna Jensen and Alecia Corey