

**Churchland High School**  
**Performing Arts Academy of Dance**  
**(*upper level program*)**  
**Application Information**

Dear Applicant,

Churchland High School's Academy of Dance offers unique opportunities for those students who are interested in Dance within the upper level program (formerly known as "Magnet Dance" and/or "Center of Excellence Dance program"). Course work is carefully structured to maximize college preparation and career potential. Application to the Performing Arts Academy of Dance upper level program is available to any Portsmouth student that will be in high school next fall. If you are zoned for another high school and are accepted into the CHS Performing Arts (upper level) Dance Program you may receive a zone waiver and be provided transportation from your home to CHS.

The informative portion of the application packet is to be completed online, via the link on the Churchland High School's Dance section of the website (<http://chs.ppsk12.us/directory/dance>). The remaining documentations (*publicity release form, zone waiver – if applicable, and 2 teacher recommendations*) are to be downloaded, printed, completed and submitted to the teacher in one of the following ways:

1. The completed documents can be scanned and emailed to Miss Landraw at [Lanisha.Landraw@pps.k12.va.us](mailto:Lanisha.Landraw@pps.k12.va.us).
2. The hardcopies of the completed documents can be mailed to: *Miss Landraw*

*Churchland High School  
4301 Cedar Lane  
Portsmouth, VA 23703*

3. The completed documents can be faxed to Miss Landraw's attention at (757) 686-2504

*\*\*\*Note: Be sure to obtain your transcripts, discipline record, attendance record, and SOL scores (if applicable) from your current school's guidance office and submit them with the other documentations.*

The completed informative portion of the application documents are to be completed and submitted prior to auditions. The publicity release form, zone waiver (*if applicable*), 2 teacher recommendation forms, student's transcript, student's discipline record, student's attendance record, and student's SOL scores are to be submitted to Miss Landraw no later than the **audition day** (*the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of May from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.*).

### **How to Prepare for the Next Step**

#### **Dance Audition:**

- Come prepared to do a Ballet warm-up, led by a Dance professional, along with a Contemporary and Jazz combination.
- Come dressed in dance attire (if you already own it – for example: leotard, tights, dance shorts, etc.) or form fitting comfortable clothes that allow "clean lines" of the body be seen as you perform. Absolutely no jeans, skirts, hats, jewelry, or baggy clothes are permitted. The students may wear socks but be prepared to dance barefoot upon the instructor's request. Hair must always be secured away from the face.
- Come prepared to answer interview questions about you as an individual, your dance background, and expectations in the dance program at Churchland High School. If you would like to submit a compilation video of your previous performances please feel free to do so at the time of auditions.
- All auditions are closed to the public. Parents are free to wait in the designated waiting area or return near the completion of the auditions. At the end of the auditioning and interviewing process, I will be more than happy to answer any questions the parents and/or students may have about the program.