Education Support

American Dance

Positive Parent Support - 15 Ways Drill Team Parents can Show Support and Interest

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1. Attend all performances.
2. Encourage home practice.
3. Keep up to date on the drill teamer's activities through family conversation.
4. Permit postponement of home obligations during the heavy performing season.
5. Provide extra dance lessons.
6. Be on school committees and express opinions.
7. Get involved in the total program from fund-raising to performances.
8. Ask your performer to do their routines for the family.
9. Be ready with deserved praise and encouragement.
10. See that your dancer does their share and knows their part as a team member.
11. Do not 'overdo' for your dancer or live your life through them.
12. When the excitement of the season is over, help them return to normal through involvement with other members of the family.
13. Teach them to say 'thank you' and how to accept a compliment with grace.
14. Give as much time to your dancers in drill team as your children in other sports.
15. Teach them to accept defeat or failure with pride and grace and to re-set new goals. Never step in to 'fix' what is a necessary learning experience.

- Remember that you are capable of making drill team their most valuable educational experience in high school-- 'lab work' for life!!