

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY EXCUSED ABSENCE**Student Name:** _____**School:** _____**Dance Studio:** _____**Inspire Event / Location:** _____**Requested Absence:** _____ to _____**PARENT / GUARDIAN REQUEST**

I am requesting that my child be temporarily excused from school for the dates indicated above to participate in an **Inspire Dance Challenge competitive performing arts event**.

Competitive dance requires significant preparation, technical training and rehearsal. Participation in an adjudicated event allows students to apply their training in a structured performance environment, receive professional assessment and feedback, and develop teamwork, confidence, discipline, resilience, physical literacy, artistic expression and personal responsibility.

For students participating in group performances, attendance is particularly important. Choreography, formations, partnering and staging depend upon each member of the team, and one student's absence can affect the participation and performance of the entire group.

ONTARIO ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE

The Ontario Ministry of Education has confirmed to Inspire Dance Challenge that under **subsection 23(3) of Ontario Regulation 298: Operation of Schools – General**, a parent/guardian may submit a written request to the principal asking that a student be excused for a specified period of time.

The Ministry advised that this process may include requests relating to **non-school-related sporting events or activities and other reasons approved by the principal**. The principal must approve the parent's written request for the absence to be considered excused.

I understand that approval of this request remains with my child's principal and that my child remains responsible for their academic obligations. We will communicate with teachers as appropriate and make reasonable arrangements to address schoolwork affected by the absence.

I respectfully request that my child be excused for the dates identified above to participate in this organized competitive performing arts activity.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____**Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

EVENT PARTICIPATION VERIFICATION

Inspire Dance Challenge confirms that the student identified above is participating in an organized competitive performing arts event during the dates indicated.

Inspire Dance Challenge is a Canadian competitive performing arts organization with a national event footprint and more than 9,000 dancer participants annually. Students participate through established dance studios following months of structured training and preparation and perform in an adjudicated environment evaluated by experienced performing arts professionals.

Inspire supports regular school attendance and encourages families to submit requests in advance, communicate with their schools and maintain their academic responsibilities.

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We recommend submitting this request to your school at least two weeks before the event.