



2025-26 Performing Groups & Competition Company

✓ If you haven't done so yet, fill out your Interest, Availability, and Placement Class

Sign-Up: <https://forms.gle/NKXcZgarZm7yD4A39>



✓ Attend Placement Classes for Competition Company Consideration

Tuesday, August 19 at Debbi's Dance, Etc.

- **5:00–6:00 PM** Ages **9 & Under** – Jazz, Lyrical, Musical Theater, Hip Hop
- **6:15–7:15 PM** Ages **10–12** – Jazz, Lyrical, Musical Theater, Contemporary
- **7:30–9:00 PM** Ages **13+ & Callbacks** – Jazz, Lyrical, Musical Theater, Contemporary

Wednesday, August 20 at Debbi's Dance, Etc.

- **5:00–5:45 PM** **All Ages** Tap
- **6:00–6:45 PM** **All Ages** Acro
- **7:00–7:45 PM** Ages **10–12** (& older Intermediate) – Hip Hop
- **8:00–9:00 PM** Ages **13+ & Callbacks** – Hip Hop

Please arrive at least 15-30 minutes before your section(s) start time to ensure a smooth check-in process and to warm up. Wear clean lines (ie. Leotard & tights), with your hair pulled back neatly, and bring all your dance shoes, plenty of water & a healthy snack as needed. Be prepared in case you are asked to participate in additional session(s). We want to see you at your best! Note: main hallway will be closed to non-participants and blinds will be closed during Placement Classes.

Dancers age 6 & under do not attend Placement Classes. Parents may sign up directly for Performing Groups and supporting classes. If your dancer is interested in Shimmer Competition Company, please complete the survey — we will place our youngest dancers based on that.

Performing Groups – Elevate Your Dance Commitment and Performance Opportunities

Performing Groups are for dedicated dancers ready to grow and enjoy more stage time.

Key Details:

- **Schedule:** Meets once per week; charged like a regular class.
- **Class Requirements:** Enroll in at least one additional weekly class (any style; ballet strongly recommended).
- **Performances:** Winter Showcase (December), Lacey Spring Fun Fair May 16 & 17 & Dance Spectacular Recital June 18-21 (additional performances may be added).
- **Costumes:** Order a costume in October for Spring performances, which may also be used for the first routine or replaced with an inexpensive alternative. Costumes cost approx. \$90.
- **Competitions:** Performing Group might enter 1–2 competitions (Seattle, Tacoma or Portland) in Spring depending on readiness and group interest. Competition group entry fees are approximately \$75 per person.
- **Attendance:** Consistent attendance in Performing Group & technique classes is required.
- **Ages:** Currently ages 5+. Days/times may adjust based on interest and Placement Classes.

Competition Company - Commit to Excellence and Competitive Dance

We offer 3 levels:

1. **Shimmer** (youngest)
2. **Spark** (approx. ages 7–10)
3. **Synergy** (approx. ages 10+)

Our Competition Company is for dancers who aspire to challenge themselves, work hard on their routines, and support their fellow dancers. Here's what you need to know:

Competitions & Events

- **1 Competition Showcase**
- **2–3 Studio Competitions**
- **1 Dance Convention**
- **Olympia Dance Festival** (Participating Groups TBD - Feb. 28)
- **Lacey Spring Fun Fair** (May 16-17)

Competition & Costume Fees (per dancer):

- Showcase → approx. \$20 per group
- Studio competitions → approx. \$75 per group
- Convention → approx. \$320 per person
- Costumes → approx. \$100 per routine

Important: Our full dance calendar is shared in September. Please avoid scheduling vacations or other activities on performance weekends and the two weeks prior.

Competition Co Dance Class Requirements (in addition to weekly competition rehearsals)

Shimmer Company (approx. ages 6 & under):

- + one additional class (any style)

Spark Company (approx. ages 7–10):

- All Spark Company dancers are **required to take Spark Company Class, plus the following** based on which genre groups they're participating:
- **Spark Company Class +**
 - Jazz, Lyrical, or Musical Theatre Group → **1-hr Ballet class + Jazz or Lyrical class (your choice)**
 - Hip Hop Group → **Additional class (any style)**
 - Tap Group → **Tap technique class**
 - Acro Group → **1-hr Ballet class + Acro technique class + Jazz or Lyrical class**
*Note: Ballet/Lyrical class counts as ballet **or** lyrical, not both.*

Synergy Company (ages 10+):

- All Synergy Company dancers are **required to take Synergy Company Class, plus the following** based on which genre groups they're participating:
- **Synergy Company Class +**
 - Jazz Group → **1-hr Ballet class + Jazz class**
 - Contemporary Group → **1-hr Ballet class + Contemporary class**
 - Lyrical or Musical Theatre Group → **1-hr Ballet class + Jazz, Lyrical, or Contemporary class**
 - Hip Hop Group → **Additional class (any style)**

- Tap Group → **Tap technique class**
- Acro Group → **1-hr Ballet class + Acro technique class + Jazz or Lyrical class**

Important Note for Returning Dancers: 2025–26 Competition Company dancers wishing to participate in the 2026–27 season will be required to take a minimum of one class during the 2026 summer session.

Participation Fees

- **Shimmer:** Regular class rate for rehearsals, plus one \$48 participation fee per dancer (billed in November)
- **Spark & Synergy:** \$27/month per group routine (for choreography, rehearsals& program support)

Choreography & Rehearsals

- Rehearsal times may shorten or combine once set.
- **Shimmer:** Currently planned for Friday evenings and charged regular prorated class rate.
- **Spark & Synergy:** Mostly **Sunday afternoons/evenings**, some weeknight or weekend blocks. The \$27 monthly rehearsal fee is a flat rate spread evenly over our 10-month program. While rehearsal lengths or groupings may adjust throughout the season, the fee stays the same each month and has been prorated to reflect the full season cost.

Sunday Spark & Synergy Company Classes

- Required weekly for all Spark & Synergy dancers.
- Focus on team building, conditioning, technique, info sharing, and sometimes extra choreography.
- Charged at the regular prorated class rate.

Studio Merchandise

- Competition Company dancers **must own a studio jacket** (available during Fall Merchandise Sale).
- Dancers are expected to wear Debbi's Dance apparel at events; Company T-shirts encouraged.

Ambassadors

Represent Debbi's Dance, Etc. with pride—demonstrating excellence, teamwork, and dedication on and off the stage.