

DEBBI'S
DANCE ETC.



COMPETITION

PROGRAM

2026-2027

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WELCOME MESSAGE

At Debbi's Dance, Etc., our competition program is designed to create strong, confident, and well-rounded dancers through meaningful performance experiences, quality training, and a supportive community.

COMPETITION PROGRAM MISSION

Our competition program exists to help dancers grow in confidence, character, and artistry through goals, teamwork, and performance experiences. We prioritize growth, preparation, and positive representation of our studio while building strong dancers and strong humans.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Our Competition Program is organized into a three-part structure based on age, experience, and commitment level.



PERFORMANCE LEVEL

- **Performing Group** (Can include entry level - Typically ages 5-7, possibly older pending interest)
- **Specialty Performances** (vary each year. Have included Trailblazer Basketball Games, WA Center Benefit Show, Disneyland, Cruise & more)

COMPETITION COMPANY

Age/Levels:

- **Shimmer** (approx. ages = 5-8)
- **Spark** (approx. ages = 8-11)
- **Synergy** (Teens & Seniors)

PROGRAM PATHWAY

2 options available for Spark & Synergy:

- **Competition Company**
- OR
- **Competition Company Plus**

PROGRAM TIMELINE

- June 23–25: Placement Classes & Group Deposits
- Summer Requirement: Minimum 1 technique class
- Summer Session: Solo/Duo/Trio choreography
- September: Group choreography & rehearsals begin

SAVE THESE DATES

- Olympia Dance Festival: Feb 27, 2027 (Company Plus)
- Picture Day: Sun, June 13
- Dance Spectacular Recital: June 16–19, 2027 (Wed-Sat)

More dates (including competitions) will be determined and shared in September (if not before).



STEP 1 – CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM

PERFORMANCE GROUPS

PERFORMERS

Our Performer Level is an introduction to performance and competition designed for young dancers who are excited to perform and continue growing their skills in a fun and supportive environment. Focus: Building confidence, stage presence & a love for performing.

Performance Opportunities

- Winter Showcase (December)
- Competition Preview (February)
- Lacey Spring Fun Fair (May)
- Dance Spectacular Recital (June)
- Additional performances may be offered
- **Dancers may attend 1 competition if group is ready & interested.**

Requirements

- Performer Class
- 1 additional class (any genre)
- Ballet strongly recommended

Fees

- Regular class rate
- Competition Preview (\$21) & Competition Entry (approx. \$85)
- Studio team jacket (approx. \$85), Costume (approx. \$100),
- Shoes (approx. \$50), Tights (approx. \$20)

DANCE EXPLOSION

Specialty performance group opportunities are often by invitation and available to select dancers who may also be in the Competition Program.

2026-27 plans:

1. **Trailblazers** Professional Basketball Game Performance
2. Routines for the OUGM Dentistry **Benefit Show** at the WA Center.

Performance routines can include new & existing choreography and be learned & rehearsed in existing classes, at master classes, or special rehearsals.

Fees may include rehearsal or master class fees, costume fees, event entrance fees, participation fees and/or merchandise.



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SHIMMER

Our youngest Competition level. Approx. ages = 5-8

Requirements

- 1 competition group (reg. Class rate)
- 1 ballet class
- 1 additional class
- Annual Fee: \$50

Events

- Competition Preview
- 2 Studio Competitions
- 1 Optional Competition
- Optional Convention
- Lacey Spring Fun Fair
- Dance Spectacular Recital
- Additional performances may be offered

Opportunities:

Limited availability for 1 Solo OR 1 Duo/Trio

SPARK & SYNERGY LEVELS

COMPETITION COMPANY

(Foundational Program)

This is the core competition experience for dancers.

Includes:

- 1 Jazz Competition Group
- Note: Jazz styles vary*

Required Classes:

- Ballet
- Jazz
- Company Class

Encouraged:

- Tap

Opportunities:

Limited availability for 1 Solo OR 1 Duo/Trio

COMPANY PLUS

(Expanded Program)

Designed for dancers seeking a more immersive experience.

Includes:

- Jazz Competition Group
- Production Co Routine

Required Classes:

- Ballet
- Jazz
- Company Class
- Tap (30-min Sun. or 50-min weekday options)

Encouraged:

- Stretch & Conditioning
- Leaps & Turns (when offered)

Add-On Opportunities:

- Lyrical, Musical Theatre, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Acro, Tap
- Solos / Duos / Trios

Note: Coord. genre technique class(es) required for Add Ons.

STEP 2 – SELECT YOUR COMMITMENT



At placement time, families will:

- **Choose program**

(Performer, Company &/or Company Plus)

If Company Plus, select

- maximum number of Add-on groups
- genres of interest for Add-on groups

STEP 3 – COMMIT WITH DEPOSITS

Turn in your **Placement Class RSVP Form** with deposit(s) to the Debbi's Dance, Etc. Front Desk.

- \$20 deposit per group due at placements and applied toward competition fees.
- Deposits are non-refundable if a dancer is placed in requested groups but chooses not to participate.
- Deposits may be forfeited if a dancer does not attend a scheduled studio competition or event requiring entry commitments.
- Note: Additional deposits may be required by competitions to reserve entries.

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FINANCIAL COMMITTEMENT

Being on a competition team is a time and financial investment.

All costs are in addition to regular class tuition.



Costumes, Props & Merch

Costs approx. for estimation purposes...

- Costumes: \$90–\$150 per routine
 - Shoes: Lyrical: \$40, Booties: \$50, Tap: \$60–\$200, Hip Hop: \$50–\$125
- Tights: \$14–\$18/pair (2 per routine)
- Props: Shared among routine dancers
- Team Jacket: approx. \$85
- Team T-shirt: approx. \$25

Additional Financial Costs

- Make-up & Hair Products
- Hotel / Travel expenses
- DDE Outings (optional)
- DDE Merch (optional)
- Dancewear & undergarments

Competition Entry Fees

(Per Competition. 2 Required + 1 Optional)

Fees vary. 2025–2026 averages:

- Groups: approx. \$86 per dancer, per group
- Duos/Trios: approx. \$102 per dancer
- Solos: approx. \$185 per dancer
- Media Fees: Approx. \$55/dancer/competition, if req.

Competition Preview Event

- Groups: \$21 per dancer, per group
- Duos/Trios: \$29 per dancer
- Solos: \$42 per solo

Convention

(Strongly Recommended)

- Approx. \$340 per dancer
- Approx. \$55 per observer (optional)

Rehearsal Fees

Spark & Synergy:

- Group Rehearsal: \$28 per group routine per month (Sept–June). Rehearsals shorten throughout the year & times adjust accordingly.
- Company Class: regular discounted class rate
- Additional Rehearsals: \$30/hr (if additional rehearsals are needed to restage for missing dancers, the cost will be the responsibility of missing dancer(s)).

Shimmer :

- Regular discounted class rate
- Plus a \$50 Participation fee

GENERAL POLICIES



ATTENDANCE & EXPECTATIONS

- 90% attendance required at rehearsals & classes.
- Attend 2 weeks prior to performances & learn missed choreography before next rehearsal.
- Wear proper attire, footwear & a positive attitude.
- Stay hydrated and bring healthy snacks.
- Fast food, soda & energy drinks are discouraged.
- Notify instructors via BAND if absent.
- 24-hour notice for Solo/Duo/Trio cancellations.
- Injured dancers attend and participate as able.
- Absences or injuries requiring additional re-staging rehearsals may result in additional rehearsal fees, which are the responsibility of the dancer(s) affecting the routine.
- Dancers are expected to support teammates and demonstrate respectful behavior at classes, rehearsals, competitions & events.
- Team jackets & team shirts are required at competitions and events.
- Dancers must sit with the team during awards ceremonies.

TEAM CULTURE

- Honesty, integrity, and respect are expected from dancers, families, and DDE staff.
- Dancers, families, and staff represent Debbi's Dance, Etc. positively at competitions, events, and online.
- Positive sportsmanship, teamwork, and encouragement are expected at all times.
- Respectful communication between dancers, families, and staff is expected at all times.

BILLING

- Accounts must remain current for participation in private lessons, rehearsals, competitions & performances.
- Private lessons may be reassigned if accounts become overdue.
- Accounts more than 30 days overdue may result in dancers being withheld from submitting competition fees and participating in competitions, rehearsals, classes, performances, and possible dismissal from the program.
- Multi-class discounts apply to technique classes (not rehearsals).
- Competition deposits are charged once dancers are placed in requested groups, applied toward competition fees, and are non-refundable if the dancer chooses not to participate.
- Competition fees, conventions, costumes & performance opportunities vary by season.

DEBBI'S DANCE'S

2026-27 COMPETITION PROGRAM RSVP FORM

Placement Classes: June 23-25, 2026 at Debbi's Dance, Etc.

Dancer Name : _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade Next Year: _____

Parent/ Guardian: _____ Email: _____ Cell: _____

STEP 1 - PROGRAM INTEREST

Please check programs your dancer is interested in:

Performing Group Shimmer Spark Synergy

Spark & Synergy Program Pathway Interest:

Competition Company Company Plus

STEP 2 - ADD ON GROUP INTEREST (*Competition Company Plus only*)

Competition Company Plus Add-On Interest:

Select all genres your dancer would like to be considered for in addition to Jazz & Production

Lyrical Contemporary Hip Hop Acro Tap Musical Theatre

STEP 3 - GROUP COMMITMENT (*Competition Company Plus only*)

Maximum Number of Competition Groups Requested:

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

NOTE: Min number of groups for Competition Company Plus Dancers is 2 (Jazz & Production).

STEP 4 - SOLO / DUO / TRIO INTEREST

Check all that apply: No Interest Solo Duo Trio

PREFERRED GENRE(S)	PREFERRED TEACHER(S)	PREFERRED DUO/TRIO PARTNERS:

STEP 5 - DEPOSIT (Shimmer, Spark & Synergy)

Payment Info : <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card	
Card #	
Vcode	Exp Date
Address	Zip

Jazz Group: _____ \$20

Production: _____

Synergy only

+ No. Additional Group(s): _____ x \$20 = _____

Deposit Total = _____

Actual deposit will be based on # of placed groups and will not exceed this amount.

COMPETITION BUDGET

PLANNING WORKSHEET

Plan & Estimate Your Dancer's Competition Season

Competition costs vary by season, genre, costume, and event.

This worksheet is intended to help families estimate and prepare for competition expenses.

Dancer Name: _____

Program: Shimmer Competition Company Competition Company Plus

Group Routines _____ # Solos _____ # Duos/Trios _____

GROUP ROUTINE ESTIMATE

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
2 Required Competitions	\$86 x 2 = 172
Optional 3rd Competition	\$86
Competition Preview	\$21
Monthly Rehearsal Fees	\$280 annually
Costume	\$90-\$150
Tights	\$28-\$36
Shoes / Footwear	\$40-\$200
Props	Varies

Estimated Total Per Group Routine: _____

Suggested Monthly Set Aside: _____

(Total x # of routines ÷ 10 Months - July-Feb)

DUO / TRIO ESTIMATE

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
2 Required Competitions	\$204
Optional 3rd Competition	\$102
Competition Preview	\$29
Choreography / Rehearsals*	\$880 annually
Costume	\$90-\$150
Tights	\$28-\$36
Shoes / Footwear	\$40-\$200

*\$22 per dancer per 30-minute lesson • Approx. 40-week season

Estimated Total Per Duo/Trio: _____

Suggested Monthly Set Aside: _____

(Total x # of routines ÷ 10 Months - July-Feb)

IMPORTANT NOTES

- All costs are in addition to regular class tuition
- Multi-class discounts apply to technique classes
- Additional choreography or re-staging may result in additional fees

SOLO ESTIMATE

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
2 Studio Competitions	\$185 x 2 = \$370
Optional 3rd Competition	\$185
Competition Preview	\$42
Solo Choreography / Rehearsals	\$1,560 annually*
Costume	\$90-\$150
Tights	\$28-\$36
Shoes / Footwear	\$40-\$200
Media Fees	\$55/competition

*\$39 per 30-minute lesson • Approx. 40-week season

Estimated Total Per Solo: _____

Suggested Monthly Set Aside: _____

(Total x # of routines ÷ 10 Months - July-Feb)

ADDITIONAL COSTS TO PLAN FOR

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
Convention	\$340
Convention Observer Pass	\$55
Team Jacket	\$85
Team T-Shirt	\$25
Dancewear / Undergarments	Varies
Make-Up / Hair Products	Varies
Travel / Hotel Expenses	Varies
Media Fees	\$55/competitor

ESTIMATED SEASON BUDGET	
Group Routines: _____	Convention: _____
Solo Routines: _____	Travel / Hotel: _____
Duo/Trios: _____	Additional Costs: _____
TOTAL ESTIMATED SEASON COST: _____	SUGGESTED MONTHLY SET ASIDE: _____