## **EPIC FX Dance Company**

**Thank you for your interest!** Being part of our dance company is a year-long commitment. Our company contract goes into more details, but this is a general description of our year.

These events listed below may also vary depending on company level. Our levels can include:

- HSE (High School Ensemble)- our high school students who dance on HS teams but also want to compete with EPIC
- CO or SRCO (Company)- our top level of company
- JRCO (Junior Company)- our second level of company
- JR-B (Junior Company B)- our third level of company
- MINI CO (Mini Company)- our youngest level of company

We do not have every group every year. It depends on ages, skill levels, and numbers of candidates.

## What to expect...

- We highly encourage company members and candidates to take summer classes. It is required for students preparing for Nationals. Choreography camps in August or September are required.
- All company members have required weekly classes and rehearsal classes in fall and spring semesters. Ballet
  and jazz are required for all levels. Extra rehearsals are scheduled when needed. JRB/Mini should expect 1-2
  nights a week. JRCO 2 nights a week, and CO will attend at least 3 nights a week. Tuition is a set amount AugustMay.
- All company members are required to buy team supplies such as jackets, T-shirts, earrings, shoes, make-up, etc. They also purchase at least 2 costumes for team (recital classes are separate).
- Fall performances will include: pumpkin patch in October, possible festival in November, 1-3 holiday performances in December
- Spring-Summer commitments include: Dupree Dance Convention and Competition, 1-2 regional competitions, 1
  Nationals Competition, 1 recital, possibly 1-2 other performances at special events
- Most dates for competitions and conventions will be sent out in August.
- All dancers will have big/lil sisters. We have gift exchanges and social events during the year.
- Other performances may come up through the year. Upper-level teams may also attend another convention during the year.
- Throughout the year, we communicate through emails, texts, and use of the BAND app. You will get a text or email asking you to join BAND. Please download the app, accept the invite, and check your phone settings to make sure you allow notifications from the app.

## What we expect from dancers...

We know dancers will have more than dance going on in life. In fact, we love to brag about our dancers that are succeeding in other areas. However, we need dancers that will be committed to the team. This is a team effort! Dancers must have regular attendance, must have good communication (especially when absences or problems arise), must be coachable and able to take corrections.

Of course, we focus on dance. Technique to avoid injury and encourage dance progression is very important, but we also focus on much more. Dancers learn about dependability, teamwork, goal setting, and perseverance. They learn about focus, mental strength, self-esteem, confidence, and leadership. We want our team members to grow as dancers and as people.

