



DANCE EXPRESS

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Competition Information Packet

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Competition/Company Requirements

1st COMPANY

- Summer Intensive
 - All competitions
 - Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July
 - 1st Company Competition Class
 - Convention
 - 2 additional costumes
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2nd COMPANY

- Summer Intensive
 - All competitions
 - Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July
 - 2nd Company Competition Class
 - Convention
 - 2 additional costumes
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3rd COMPANY

- Summer Intensive
 - All competitions
 - Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July
 - 3rd Company Competition Class
 - Convention
 - 2 additional costumes
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MINIS JAZZ

- Summer Intensive
 - Pre-Ballet
 - Minis Jazz Competition Class
 - All competitions
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FRESHIES JAZZ

- Summer Intensive
 - Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July
 - 1 additional costume
 - Freshies Jazz Competition Class
 - All competitions
 - Convention
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SOPHOMORES JAZZ

- Summer Intensive
 - Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July
 - 1 additional costume
 - Sophomores Jazz Competition Class
 - All competitions
 - Convention
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JUNIORS JAZZ

- Summer Intensive
 - Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July
 - 1 additional costume
 - Juniors Jazz Competition Class
 - All competitions
 - Convention
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MODERN (all levels)

Summer Intensive

- Summer Intensive
 - Modern Competition Class per level
 - Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July
 - All competitions
 - Convention
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TAP (all levels)

- Summer Intensive
 - Tap Competition Class per level
 - Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July
 - All competitions
 - Convention
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HIP HOP (all levels)

- Hip Hop Competition class per level
 - Convention
 - All competitions
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MUSICAL THEATER

- Summer Intensive
- Musical Theater Competition class
- Convention
- All competitions

Start Up Fees

DUE AUG. 1

These non-refundable fees include earrings, administrative costs and any additional rehearsal time that we may schedule. They DO NOT include competition or convention fees.

\$140 for first competing/company team & \$90 each thereafter

Convention Fees

Due OCT. 1

Convention is **MANDATORY** and non-refundable for all competing teams except Minis Jazz. Accounts will be charged regardless of attendance. These are public events, so we welcome all of our DE family to attend provided there is space.

The estimated cost for the upcoming season is \$250.

Group Competition Fees

50% Due JAN 1 ~ 50% Due FEB 15

\$70 per dance in each competition

Competition Fees for any dance, for any reason are non-refundable

Costume Prices / Venue Fees

Costume Payments & Venue Fees are due IN FULL by the start of the 1st class

Costumes will not be distributed until paid. Costume prices go by the age of child and venue fees are \$25 per dancer to cover the cost of building rental for recital rehearsals and performances.

Age (as of 12/31)	Costume	Tax	Total
2-6yrs	\$65	\$4.13	\$69.13
7-12yrs	\$70	\$4.45	\$74.45
13-18yrs	\$75	\$4.76	\$79.76
19yrs+	\$80	\$5.08	\$85.08

Competing/Company Uniforms

ALL Competing and Company members must have a jacket. Jackets must be worn to all competitions and on stage for award ceremonies. Bags are optional. Black leggings, black warm-up pants etc. are acceptable to pair up with our jackets. You may order jackets, bags and any other apparel from our online dance store. We will email the web link when the store is up. ***Be sure to order the correct style as Competing jackets are different than Company jackets!***

Extra Rehearsal Space Rental

Everyone is welcome to rent studio time for rehearsal. See Miss Beth to schedule to ensure everyone gets a fair amount of time and that no one is double booked. Studio Rental is \$35 for 30 minutes with your choreographer and \$10 for 30 minutes without. An adult is required to remain in the studio when the choreographer is not present. You are welcome to book multiple time slots in a row should if you want more than 30 minutes. We also suggest warming up / stretching before your rehearsal time, so you get a full 30 minutes of running your dance.

Studio Tuition Rates

- ***There is a \$30 Registration Fee charged per child (not per class) and is due before the first class begins. Registrations received on/before August 15th will receive a \$5 discount.***
- ***TUITION, if paid in full via cash/check by your 1st class will be discounted 10%.***
- ***Failure to make payment may result in being pulled from any competition, class or purchasing recital tickets.***
- ***Please see the Studio Information and Policies booklet for more information***

1 - 45 Minute Class	\$50
1 - 1 Hour Class	\$62
2 - 45 Minute Classes	\$94
1 - 1 Hour & 1 - 45 Minute Classes	\$105
2 - 1 Hour Classes	\$115
3 - 45 Minute Classes	\$130
1 - 1 Hour & 2 - 45 Minute Classes	\$144
2 - 1 Hour & 1 - 45 Minute Classes	\$158
3 - 1 Hour OR 4 - 45 Minute Classes	\$166
4 - 1 Hour Classes	\$192
5 + Classes	See Staff

Company/Competition Dress Code:

BALLET (strictly enforced): Hair in bun, black leotard with pink tights. (Ballet skirt optional.)

JAZZ (strictly enforced): Tight fitting clothing, no sweatpants, or baggy shirts. JAZZ SHOES ARE REQUIRED. NO SOCKS!

TECHNIQUE: Tight fitting clothing, no sweatpants, or baggy shirts. JAZZ SHOES or FOOT UNDIES ARE REQUIRED. NO SOCKS!

TAP: Black tap shoes and any dance clothes except pants.

MODERN: ALL Black, Black leo, black leggings, etc.

Failure to abide by the dress code the 1st time will result in a warning. Failure to obey the 2nd time you will be asked to leave class and not return until you have the appropriate attire. Failure to obey the 3rd time will result in a conference with you, your instructor, and a parent.

The last Jazz & Technique class of every month may be “dress down” days.

Competition Reminders & Tips:

- Additional preparation rehearsals may be scheduled on weekends as we get closer to competition for our dancers to have the opportunity to perform their best.
- Dance teachers will be providing specific information regarding required make-up, tights, shoes, accessories etc. Do not wait until the last minute to purchase these items. Shoes will need to be broken in. Dress rehearsals will be scheduled for full make-up, hair, and shoes.
- Payments must be received by the stated deadlines for your child to participate in competition. Due to the high demand for dance competitions, DE's payment deadlines are far in advance for each competition. We want to submit payment ASAP so we can reserve our studio's spots in each of these competitions.
- It is crucial to be on time for all competitions. Arrival times for each competition will be provided as soon as they become available to us. Sometimes DE receives those times just days before the competition. Arrival times will be given out at the studio, posted on our bulletin boards, on our Facebook page, website or through the Band App. You need to be in full costume and make-up at the time given to you. Groups will meet to stretch and go over any last-minute instructions. If at any point the times change, you will be notified via social media and/or the BAND App.
- **There are no refunds for not performing.** This includes illness and injury. The instructor may also pull a dancer if multiple classes are missed or if the dancer does not attend the last class before any performance.
- All DE students are expected to wear their DE jackets to the competition as well as during the awards ceremony, as you are representing the entire studio.

- Superior sportsmanship is always expected by students and parents at all competitions. We at DE pride ourselves on our reputation for being great sports, friendly and encouraging to all dancers and all studios.
- Competition days can be long. Pack plenty of snacks and water. Be sure to get a good night's sleep. There may be breaks in between performance times and awards in which students may leave with their family. **HOWEVER, ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT FOR AWARDS IN THEIR JACKETS.**
- Parents are permitted in dressing rooms, but NOT backstage.
- Pack your bag the night before: Double check for all costume parts, extra tights in case of rips, lots of bobby pins, safety pins, double sided tape etc.
- While watching the competition, please do not leave in the middle of any dances. Wait until a dance ends to leave the auditorium. This applies to students and guests. Please be sure to follow each competition's rules and regulations on taking photographs and video. **MOST COMPETITIONS DO NOT ALLOW PHOTOS & VIDEOS** and may disqualify studios if they do.

Company/Competing Payment Schedule

FEE	DUE DATE
Company/Competing Jacket	Upon Staff Notification
Time to Shine Choreography	Prior to 1 st Session
Start-Up	AUG 1
Registration Competition Costume(s) Venue September Tuition	Prior to the start of the 1 st Class
October Tuition Convention	OCT 1
November Tuition	NOV 1
December Tuition	DEC 1
January Tuition 50% Competition	JAN 1
February Tuition	FEB 1
50% Competition	FEB 15
March Tuition	MAR 1
Company Recital Open/Closing Costume April Tuition	APR 1
May Tuition	MAY 1

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. We will continue to post information on our website as well as through social media and the Band App. We also communicate information during class time directly to students. For our younger dancers, we may communicate information directly to parents at the end of classes as well.

Student/Sponsor Agreement

By registering for any Dance Express Competing or Company team, you agree to the following:

- * Attend all required classes and always put your best foot forward
- * Abide by all Dance Express Studio Policies & Payment Schedules
- * Bring your own leakproof water bottle to class
- * Download the BAND App for team communication
- * Be kind and respectful to ALL of our DE Family, regardless of age or level