

Competition Information Packet 2025-2026



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Competition/Company Requirements

1 st COMPANY	
Summer Intensive	1st Company Competition Class
All competitions	• Convention
Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July	2 additional costumes
2 nd COMPANY	
Summer Intensive	 2nd Company Competition Class
All competitions	 Convention
Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July	 2 additional costumes
3 rd COMPANY	
Summer Intensive	 3rd Company Competition Class
All competitions	 Convention
Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July	 2 additional costumes
MINIS JAZZ	
Summer Intensive	 Minis Jazz Competition Class
Pre-Ballet	All Competitions
• Convention	сотърство
FRESHIES JAZZ	
Summer Intensive	Freshies Jazz Competition Class
Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July	 All competitions
1 additional costume	Convention
SOPHOMORES JAZZ	
Summer Intensive	Sophomores Jazz Competition Class
Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July	All competitions
1 additional costume	Convention
JUNIORS JAZZ	
Summer Intensive	 Juniors Jazz Competition Class
 Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July 	 All competitions
1 additional costume	 Convention
MODERN (all levels)	
Summer Intensive	
 Modern Competition Class per level 	 All competitions
Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July	 Convention
TAP (all levels)	
Summer Intensive	
Tap Competition Class per level	All competitions
Ballet: Placement per staff TBD in July	Convention
HIP HOP (all levels)Summer Intensive	• All competitions
	All competitionsConvention
Hip Hop Competition class per level	· CONVENIUON
MUSICAL THEATER (all levels)	
Summer Intensive	Convention
Musical Theater Competition class	All competitions
LYRICAL	
Summer Intensive	 Convention
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Ballet

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 <u>DO NOT</u> include competition or convention fees.

\$160 for first competing/company team & \$110 each thereafter

Convention Fees

DUE OCT. 1

Convention is **MANDATORY** and non-refundable for all competing teams.

Accounts will be charged regardless of attendance.

The estimated cost for the upcoming season is \$275

Group Competition Fees

50% Due JAN 1 ~ 50% Due FEB 1
\$75 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. YOU MUST EMAIL to schedule a time slot 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 \$35 Registration Fee charged per child (not per class) and is due before the first class begins. Registrations <u>received</u> on/before August 1st
- TUITION, can be paid in three month installments receiving a 3% discount if paid in cash or check on Sept 1, Dec 1, March 1.
- Failure to make payment may result in being pulled from any competition, class or purchasing recital tickets. There will be a \$20 dollar late fee for every late payment made after the 1st of the month.
- Please see the Studio Information and Policies booklet for more information

1 - 45 Minute Class	\$53
1 - 1 Hour Class	\$66
2 - 45 Minute Classes	\$99
1 - 1 Hour & 1 - 45 Minute Classes	\$111
2 - 1 Hour Classes	\$121
3 - 45 Minute Classes	\$137
1 - 1 Hour & 2 - 45 Minute Classes	\$152
2 - 1 Hour & 1 - 45 Minute Classes	\$166
3 - 1 Hour OR 4 - 45 Minute Classes	\$175
4 - 1 Hour Classes	\$202
5 + Classes	See Staff

Company/Competition Dress Code: ~strictly enforced~

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

JAZZ: 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.

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 1st Session
Start-Up	AUG 1
Registration Competition Costume(s) Venue September Tuition	Prior to the start of the 1st 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. **NOTE: ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO RISING COSTS IN THE INDUSTRY**