



DANCE EXPRESS



COMPETING INFORMATION PACKET

2026-2027



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COMPETITION/COMPANY REQUIREMENTS

COMPANY TEAMS

1ST COMPANY	2ND COMPANY	3RD COMPANY
• Summer Intensive • 1st/2d/3rd Company Competition Class • All Competitions • Convention • Ballet (placement determined by staff in July) • 1 Additional Costume • 1 Recital Shirt	• Summer Intensive • 1st/2d/3rd Company Competition Class • All Competitions • Convention • Ballet (placement determined by staff in July) • 1 Additional Costume • 1 Recital Shirt	• Summer Intensive • 1st/2d/3rd Company Competition Class • All Competitions • Convention • Ballet (placement determined by staff in July) • 1 Additional Costume • 1 Recital Shirt

JAZZ TEAMS

MINIS JAZZ	FRESHIES JAZZ	SOPHOMORES JAZZ	JUNIORS JAZZ
• Summer Intensive • Pre-Ballet • Minis Jazz Competition Class • All Competitions • Convention • 1 Additional Costume • 1 Recital Shirt	• Summer Intensive • Freshies Jazz Competition Class • Ballet (placement determined by staff in July) • All Competitions • 1 Additional Costume • Convention • 1 Recital Shirt	• Summer Intensive • Sophomores Jazz Competition Class • Ballet (placement determined by staff in July) • All Competitions • 1 Additional Costume • Convention • 1 Recital Shirt	• Summer Intensive • Ballet (placement determined by staff in July) • 1 Additional Costume • Juniors Jazz Competition Class • All Competitions • Convention • 1 Recital Shirt

SPECIALTY TEAMS

MODERN (ALL LEVELS)	TAP (ALL LEVELS)	HIP HOP (ALL LEVELS)	MUSICAL THEATER (ALL LEVELS)	LYRICAL
• Summer Intensive • Modern Competition Class per level • All Competitions • Ballet (placement determined by staff in July) • Convention • 1 Additional Costume • 1 Recital Shirt	• Summer Intensive • Tap Competition Class per level • All Competitions • Ballet (placement determined by staff in July) • Convention • 1 Additional Costume • 1 Recital Shirt	• Summer Intensive • Hip Hop Competition Class per level • All Competitions • Convention • 1 Additional Costume • 1 Recital Shirt	• Summer Intensive • Musical Theater Competition Class • All Competitions • Convention • 1 Additional Costume • 1 Recital Shirt	• Summer Intensive • Ballet • All Competitions • Convention • 1 Additional Costume • 1 Recital Shirt

IMPORTANT NOTES

- ★ Summer Intensive attendance is mandatory for all Competition and Company Team dancers.
- ★ Competition classes are required for participation on the corresponding team.
- ★ All dancers must attend scheduled competitions and conventions as part of their team commitment.
- ★ Ballet placement classes will be assigned by Dance Express staff in July based on age, ability, and technical development.
- ★ Additional costume requirements vary by team and are listed above.



Work Hard. Be Kind. Have Fun!





Fee Information

IMPORTANT FEES FOR OUR COMPETING & COMPANY FAMILIES



START UP FEES

DUE AUG. 1

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

\$165 for first competing/company team & **\$115** 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 recitals, rehearsals and performances.

Age	Costume	Tax	Total
2yrs to Adult	\$75	\$4.76	\$79.76



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!

Thank you for being part of our dance family! ♥



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COMPETITIONS

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★ COMPETITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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



COMPANY/COMPETITION DRESS CODE

~ STRICTLY ENFORCED ~



BALLET:

Hair in bun, black leotard with pink tights, ballet shoes required



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 leotard, black leggings, etc.



HIP HOP:

Sneakers, hair pulled back, easy to move clothing



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COMPETITION REMINDERS



- **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.



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 Studio Pro Portal. 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 Studio Pro Portal.



- **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.



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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 **\$15** for 30 minutes without your choreographer.

- 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 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



REGISTRATION FEE

There is a \$35 registration fee charged per child (not per class) and is due before the first class begins. Registrations received on/before August 1st.



TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS

Tuition can be paid in three month installments or receive a 3% discount if paid in cash or check on Sept 1, Dec 1, March 1.



PAYMENT POLICY

Failure to make payment may result in being pulled from any competition, class or purchasing recital tickets. There will be a \$25 late fee for every late payment made after the 1st of the month.



Please see the Studio Information and Policies booklet for more information.

MONTHLY TUITION RATES

CLASSES	MONTHLY TUITION
1 – 45 Minute Class	\$53
1 – 1 Hour Class	\$66
2 – 45 Minute Classes	\$99
1 – 1 Hour & 1 – 45 Minute Class	\$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



Thank you for being part of our dance family!

