



**Poise Dance Company
2019/2020**

1. What is the goal of Poise Dance Company?

We want this to be a group of dancers within the studio who are passionate about dancing and want to commit the time and energy to progress to a higher level. We want our dance company to be like a family. We want the dancers to support each other, love each other, and often choose to spend time together outside of the studio.

2. 2020 Competitions & Dates.

*Encore Performing Arts Regional Competition, Austin TX, February 14-16
TBD...Encore Performing Arts Nationals, Galveston, TX June 28-July 2*

3. How old does my child have to be to participate in the company at TDA?

Dancers in our company will range from 6 years to 18 years of age. Dancers are added into these companies based on age and ability. Company level placement is up to the instructors.

**4. Poise Dance Company will consist of the following groups within the company:
Dance Division & Hip-Hop Division**

- *Dance Division Juniors*
- *Dance Division Seniors*
- *Hip-Hop Division*

5. What types of dance routines will compete?

Jazz, Tap, Ballet/Lyrical and Hip-Hop

**6. What are the requirements of Poise's Dance Division company members?
(Jazz, Tap, Ballet/Lyrical)**

*Dancers must take their designated company class, in addition to the following minimum dance class requirements. *Company members are encouraged to take additional TDA classes, in addition to these required classes.*

- *Junior Company - 1 hour core class, 1 hour dance technique class*
- *Senior Company - 2 hours of core classes, 1 hour dance technique class*

**Core classes include: Ballet/Lyrical and Jazz.*

**Company members who are tappers only, may take tap as a core class.*

7. What are the requirements of Poise's Hip-Hop Division company members?

*Dancers in the hip-hop company must take the designated company class each week, in addition to his/her regular hip-hop class. Ballet, tap, jazz, or technique classes are not required for these dancers. ***However, it is highly recommended for all dancers.***

8. Company Class will be on Saturday mornings 10:00-11:30 am.

TDA will have 2-3 Saturdays a month of company class, depending on month. Your dancer must attend at least 2 company classes. Conflicts may be discussed.

September 21-December 14: Two Saturdays per month required

January 4 – February 8: Each Saturday (required) for Competition preparation.

Saturday, October 19 or Saturday October 26...depending on Division. Choreography Day (Required), Time TBD

9. Summer Class requirements.

There will be summer class requirements. These will be flexible for the dancers, since we know many of them have travel and family commitments. There will be many dates to choose from in the summer, so dancers can easily meet the requirement.

10. How will my child progress?

In a perfect world, dancers who begin in the same company would progress together each year until they graduate. However, some dancers progress faster than others and will be promoted to more advanced company before the rest of their group. It is common for dancers to remain in the same company and dance with the same group for several years. This has to do with the ability to count music and stay on the beat, blend with other company members, stage presence and performance ability, dedication to work diligently at home as well as at the studio, and the ability to take correction with a “can and will do” attitude. Dancers who struggle in these areas for an exceptional amount of time may be asked to step down from their company and transition to recreational classes. If your current company dancer struggles in these areas, you may want to invest in some private lessons and/or set up a meeting with her/his company teachers and Mrs. Stacia to discuss their specific path.

11. How many competitions do the companies do each year?

This year, TDA will only participate in 1-2 competitions.

****A parent will be required to travel & stay with dancer overnight & during the duration of competition.***

*****You will be responsible for you & your dancer’s travel & hotel cost.***

12. When can my child do a solo or duet/trio?

Students in the company for the first time may only compete in group dances, unless they are asked by an instructor, to do a solo/duet/trio. Once a student has participated in company for at least one year, that student may add a duet/trio as an additional dance to their group, as long as the instructor approves. Students who have competed a duet/trio in the past are the only ones who may compete in a solo in addition to the required group dances.

13. Are there special dress code requirements?

Dancers need the same things for company class that they would need for regular dance class. Dancers may need to purchase performance shoes. Hip-Hop dancers will, for sure.

14. Is there an attendance policy?

Just as sports teams require all players to attend practices, we require our dancers to attend classes, rehearsals, and competitions. There will be an attendance policy. If a dancer has more than the allowed absences, she/he will be dropped from the competition routine and/or dropped from the company. If a dancer misses a competition (other than death in the family or extreme illness), that dancer may not be allowed in company the following year.

15. When does my child audition?

September 7, 2019 at TDA. Choose audition time according to dance style.

If auditioning for all styles of dance, attend both. Only 1 audition fee is required per dancer.

- *10:00 am-12:00 pm - Regular Dance Division which includes jazz, ballet, lyrical, & tap.*
- *1:00- 3:00 pm – Hip-Hop Division*
- *Next summer...Dates TBD*

16. How does my child audition?

Dancers will audition in person. They will learn a short dance combination to perform. In addition to performing the dance, dancers will also be asked to do skills that are required for companies of their age. Teacher recommendation also plays a part in our decision. We look at things such as maturity, work ethic, and attitude.

17. How do I know if my child is ready?

Dance companies are not for everyone. Dancers can attend TDA from 3 through 18 years and never participate in the company. Companies are for those who are passionate about dancing and want to put in the extra time and commitment that goes with it. Your child's current dance teacher would be a great resource. If you have questions on how your child works in class and if they would be a good candidate, you can ask for a time to talk to your child's teacher or the assistant teacher. Good indicators that your child is ready to audition:

- *My dancer practices dancing and stretching at home.*
- *My dancer enjoys going to dance class every week.*
- *My dancer wants to dance even more than he/she does now.*
- *My dancer is a hard worker and would be a good asset to a team.*
- *My dancer can count and identify the beat in music.*
- *My dancer expresses interest in being in a dance company and understands the responsibilities and commitment that come with being a Poise Dance Co. member.*

18. What if my child is not ready?

Again, not every child is a candidate for a dance company and that is fine! It is harder to get into company for the first time when a dancer is older. This is because many of the company dancers have danced together or have had company training for many years. The younger the dancer, the better chance of making a dance company. Dancers must meet or exceed the level of the current company for their age level.

19. Is this like Dance Moms?

NO!! Just like our recreational classes, all of our company costumes and music selections will be tasteful! Although our dancers are trained as professionals, our dancers are still children and will never be put on stage in inappropriate costumes such as crop tops or undergarments. We will encourage our moms to be supporters of all the TDA dancers, not just their child. We want to operate as a big dance family. We are all here for the kids!

20. Poise Dance Company members will be required to dance exclusively with TDA.

Company members will not be allowed to dance or compete with any other local dance companies/studios. The exception is company participation in Master Classes held at other facilities, and/or attending dance conventions.

Poise Dance Company & Competition Cost
Regionals & Nationals

**We plan to have fundraisers to help cover costs for company/competitions. Only company members/parents who participate in fundraising, will benefit.*

Regionals:

Encore Regional Competition in Austin, TX, February 14-16

Regional scores determine the routines which will be invited to National Competition.

**All routines may not get the opportunity to compete at Nationals.*

Nationals:

Encore National Competition Galveston TX, June 28-July 2

*The chart below shows the **entry fee cost**, per dancer. All company members will be in at least 1 routine. *Dancers may be asked to dance in additional routines. You will be notified of the number of routines, and will have to approve & pay additional entry & costume fees.*

	ENCORE'S 2020 REGIONAL	ENCORE'S 2020 NATIONAL
SOLO <i>(Limit 3 solos per dancer)</i>	\$110	\$120
SOLO W/TITLE	\$140	\$160
DUO/TRIO	\$75 <i>(per dancer)</i>	\$85 <i>(per dancer)</i>
SMALL GROUP <i>(4-9 dancers)</i>	\$49 <i>(per dancer)</i>	\$59 <i>(per dancer)</i>
LARGE GROUP <i>(10-18 dancers)</i>	\$49 <i>(per dancer)</i>	\$59 <i>(per dancer)</i>
LINE <i>(19+ dancers)</i>	\$49 <i>(per dancer)</i>	\$59 <i>(per dancer)</i>
PRODUCTION <i>(19+ dancers)</i>	\$55 <i>(per dancer)</i>	\$65 <i>(per dancer)</i>

Estimated Company Cost

- *Company Class (monthly)* \$25
- *Company Shirts/dance top* \$50-\$60 total (2)
- *Company Jacket (optional)* \$50-\$60
- *Choreography Day* \$50-\$100 per student, each routine
- *Shoes* \$20-\$50 (depending on style of shoe...Jazz/Lyrical/HH)

Competition Cost

- *Entry fee* \$49 each (group dances - per dance/per competition)
- *Costumes* \$50 each (minimum 1 costume)
- *Travel & hotel costs – Exact prices TBD. Parents may choose to carpool & share rooms at competitions with other dancer/parent to lower costs. Max 4 persons per room.*

Regionals Hotel \$100-\$125/night
Nationals Hotel \$200-\$285/night

- *Additional minimal cost may include a makeup kit, earrings, etc.*