

Dance Team

HANDBOOK



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MADISON DANCE ACADEMY

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We are excited your dancer is interested in the 2024-25 Dance Team. Our team dancers are dancing year-round and fully committing to their art and continual growth. All our team dancers are required to take a minimum of five classes per week (including ballet, jazz, and technique / conditioning) in addition to their team classes. We strongly encourage dancers to take as many classes as they are able including workshops, technique classes, and other styles.

Dancers will commit to team in June, and then have placement auditions mid-summer for the following season and will be placed into groups based on ability, strength, age, and concept. Our competitive teachers strive to place dancers where they will shine and are the strongest. Team members compete in a minimum of 3 dances in jazz, tap, lyrical, acro, contemporary and hip hop at 3-4 regional competitions.

In addition to competitions, our team dancers attend one convention per year where they learn from professional choreographers from all around the world. Throughout the year, we have team bonding events to make sure that we can be the best team we can be, together.

As a team, we have received many awards including high scores and top placements, creative choreography, entertainment as well as special judges' awards. We are incredibly proud that we have brought home many spirit awards as well.



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EXPECTATIONS

ATTENDANCE

Dancers cannot miss more than 3 weekdays per session and 2 team practices TOTAL. Ideally, we do not want dancers missing classes for any reason, but we understand that things can come up or dancers get sick. Please plan vacations and trips for weekends that we do not have dance team.



CLASS REQUIREMENTS

SUMMER: Ballet, Jazz, Technique & Conditioning, +2 additional classes. Summer / Camp Intensive is also required.

FALL / SPRING: Ballet, Jazz, Technique & Conditioning, +2 additional classes. We encourage dancers to take all styles to become a well rounded dancer.



ATTITUDE AND RESPECT

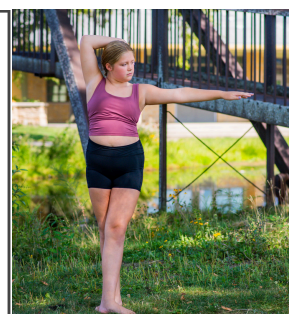
We expect all dancers to respect their teachers, parents and peers. We will not tolerate poor attitude anywhere at the studio. Many dancers at the studio look up to the team dancers, therefore they should all be good role models. Dancers who cannot abide by this will be dismissed from team.



STUDIO & CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

STUDIO: Respect the space, including throwing away garbage and picking up after yourself. There is NO jumping/climbing on furniture, or practicing skills that are unsafe without a teacher present.

CLASSROOM: Arrive to all classes on time, dressed in proper attire, and hair up (off face). They must be ready to listen in a classroom and pay attention to the teacher.



HAVE FUN!!

This is our #1 goal!! We want all dancers to have fun in class, and at team. This team becomes a family every year, and we want to enjoy our time together. Encourage your teammates and lift each other up.



AUDITIONS & PLACEMENTS

JUNE
01-02

COMMITMENT DATE

DANCERS WILL REGISTER TO BE ON THE 2023-24 DANCE TEAM. ALL DANCERS THAT REGISTER HAVE A SPOT ON THE TEAM. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY ADDITIONAL DANCE TEAM MEMBERS AFTER JUNE 01-02, 2023.

JULY
25-26

PLACEMENT AUDITIONS

DANCERS WILL ATTEND INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT AUDITIONS FOR SPECIFIC DANCE STYLES. INSTRUCTORS WILL BE WATCHING THE DANCERS TO SEE HOW THEY ARE DANCING TOGETHER, HOW THEY HAVE IMPROVED, AND OVERALL SKILL.

AUGUST
05

PLACEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WILL SEND OUT PLACEMENTS VIA EMAIL. DANCERS WILL BE IN A MIX OF ROUTINES (3 MINIMUM), INCLUDING PRODUCTION.



TENTATIVE CALENDAR



August 11	Sunday	Cornfest Parade Rehearsal	9:00-10:30am
August 14	Wednesday	Cornfest Parade	TBD
August 19-22	Monday-Thursday	DT Choreography Intensives	TBD
August 24	Saturday	DT BIGS Bonding: Photoshoot + Lunch	TBD
August 25	Sunday	DT Production Choreography	9:00am - 2:00pm
September 9	Monday	Session 1 Begins!!	TBD
September 14-15	Saturday-Sunday	DT Bonding + Sleepover	TBD
September 22	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
September 29	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
October 6	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
October 13	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
October 20	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
October 27	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
October 31	Thursday	HALLOWEEN: Studio Closed	---
November 3	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
November 10	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
November 17	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
November 24	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBDS
November 25-December 1	Monday-Sunday	FALL BREAK - no classes	---
December 8	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
December 15	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
December 20-January 11		WINTER BREAK: Studio Closed	TBD

All dates are subject to change, and we will add or cancel rehearsals as needed. Competition dates are not 100% final, but tentative dates are listed.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR

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January 12	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
January 19	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
January 26	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
February 25	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
February 8	Saturday	Stage Rehearsal Sun Prairie East High School PAC	TBD
February 10	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
February 14-16	Friday-Sunday	COMPETITION: Imagine Dance Challenge Sauk Prairie High School (WI)	TBD
February 23	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
March 2	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
March 7-9	Friday-Sunday	TENTATIVE COMPETITION	TBD
March 16	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
March 23	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
March 30	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
March 22-April 5	Monday-Sunday	SPRING BREAK: Studio Closed	---
April 6	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
April 11-13	Friday-Sunday	COMPETITION: Precision Arts Challenge Oregon High School (WI)	TBD
April 30	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
April 27	Sunday	Regular Practice	TBD
May - dates TBD	Wednesday	Dress Rehearsal - Show 1	TBD
May - dates TBD	Thursday	Dress Rehearsal - Show 2	TBD
May - dates TBD	Friday	Dress Rehearsal - Show 3	TBD
May - dates TBD	Saturday	Recital Day!! Show 1 - 10:00am // Show 2 - 1:00pm // Show 3 - 4:00pm	10:00am // 1:00pm // 4:00pm
May 18	Saturday	DT Year End Banquet	TBD

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DANCE TEAM FEES

	DUE DATE	ITEM	HOW MANY	INDIV COST
REQUIRED	split into 4 payments due the 15th of the month	SESSION 1 - Unlimited Tuition (\$325 per month)	1	\$1,300
		SESSION 2 - Unlimited Tuition (\$385 per month)	1	\$1,540
	upon registration of fall classes	Studio Registration Fee (single \$40 / family \$60)	1	\$40
	June 1-2, 2024	DT Commitment Fee	1	\$175
	September 15, 2024	DT Jacket (required for all - new jacket design this year) 2 options - Lululemon (\$135) OR Lululemon DUPE (\$95)	1	\$95
	October 15, 2024	DT Convention	1	\$355
	January 15, 2025	DT Tights	1	\$25
	January 15, 2025	DT Lipstick	1	\$15
	February 15, 2025	DT Stage Rehearsal Fee	1	\$60
VARIABLE	October 15, 2024	DT Costumes (\$95/each - minimum 3)	3	\$95
	October 15, 2024	DT Hip Hop Shoes (\$85) - if in team hip hop	0	\$85
	December 15, 2024	DT Competition (\$95/per dance - minimum 3 dances @ 4 competitions)	3	\$380
OPTIONAL	split into 4 payments due the 15th of the month	SESSION 1 & 2 - Solo Tuition (\$395 per session)	0	\$790
		SESSION 1 & 2 - Duet Tuition (\$275 per session)	0	\$550
		SESSION 1 & 2 - Trio Tuition (\$225 per person)	0	\$450
	October 15, 2023	S/D/T Costume	0	\$95
	January 15, 2024	Solo Competition Fee	0	\$180
	January 15, 2024	Duet / Trio Competition Fee	0	\$105

ADDITIONAL FEES MAY BE APPLIED

These fees DO NOT include:

- *Recital Costumes (\$85/each)*
- *Recital Hip Hop Shoes (\$65)*
- *Solo, Duet, Trios Fees*
- *Spirit Squad / Team Bonding Fees*

The fees listed are for the MINIMUM requirements to be on team.

- *(5) weekly classes + (3) team dances*
- *(2) Dance Team costumes*
- *(4) Dance Team competition fees*
- *(1) Convention fee*



TEAM BONDING



TEAM SLEEPOVER

At the beginning of the season, we kick off the year with our annual dance team sleepover where we spend time bonding, getting to know each other and making memories.



TEAM PHOTOSHOOT

Dancers will get the chance to take to take individual pictures, big/little pictures, and entire team pictures. This is a fun time for dancers to be able to express themselves.



BIG / LITTLES

Our big and littles are like siblings to each other throughout the entire season. "Bigs" job is to take their "little" under their wing, and support them unconditionally.



ADDITIONAL EVENTS

We strive to add additional team bonding events throughout the season. These might include team dinner, going on an outing, or just additional time together.

MISCELLANEOUS



CONCESSIONS

We work with St. Dennis Church of Madison to fill concession stands at various events. These events can include Taste of Madison, Bratfest, UW Football games and more! Any money earned during an event will be applied directly to your parent portal.



SPIRIT SQUAD

Spirit Squad is a parent volunteer organization that is directly beneficial for all. It is run by parents, for the benefit of dancers to enhance their team experience and the MDA community as a whole. There will be fundraising opportunities to offset the costs of team bonding events.



BAND APP

We utilize the app called BAND. Parents and dancers are able to have access and we post ALL THINGS TEAM here. We will upload videos of the routines to practice, competition schedules, pictures throughout the year and more!

2024 - 25



REGISTER JUNE 1-2, 2024



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