

The Dance Department
2018-2019 Competition Season

Welcome parents and students to the 2018-19 competition team try-outs. We are excited that you're here to try out and we know there are probably a lot of questions. We would like to provide you with as much information as possible up front, so you know what you are committing to. First we would like to stress that being part of the competition dance team is no different than being on a baseball or soccer team or any other sports team. It requires commitment, dedication and team work.

What does it mean to commit to the competition team?

- Be present in class = give 100%, no marking the routines!
- Attend at least 3 competitions in the spring of 2019
- Attend 1 mandatory clinic (November)
- Recital 2019
- Ballet is mandatory on our team, unless you choose to only compete in Hip-Hop.
- Participation in ALL dance team functions
- Mandatory participation in:

(If you will be on vacation please let us, at The Dance Department know)

- Ballet Intensive Week (6/25/2018 – 6/29/2018)
- Summer Training Session (7/9/2018 – 7/19/2018, 7/30/2018 – 8/16/2018)
- Choreo Weeks (8/13/2018 – 8/24/2018)
- Classes September 10, 2018 – June 2019 (10 months)
- Dress Rehearsal (Feb or March 2019, TBD)
- Picture Day (Spring 2019, TBD)

How do you communicate with the parents?

- Website: www.thedancedepartment.com
- Parent Portal: <https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/thedancedepartment>
- Class announcements
- Email
- Text
- Parents are always free to call with questions 518-371-1568

What will competition costumes cost and when is the money due?

- This will depend on how many dances your dancer is in. The average range for costumes last year was \$50-100 per costume. If you do not have the earrings we wear for comp already, they are \$20. When necessary we also need to get accessories or hair pieces which can be \$10-20 per costume if needed.
- Comp costume payments due – January
- Ballet costume payments due - April

How much are the competition entry fees and when are they due? (* these were the 2018 fees)

- Groove Utica – Video \$22, Solo - \$100 per dance pp, Group \$42 per dance pp, Duo\Trio \$58 per dance pp (Apr 26-28 2019)
- Access Broadway - Solo - \$80 per dance pp, Group \$38 per dance pp, Duo\Trio \$47 per dance pp
- DMA – Solo - \$50 per dance pp, Group \$25 per dance pp, Duo\Trio \$30 per dance pp
- Dance Clinic was \$60 and bus was \$80 per person (due in fall)
- These entries fees must be paid no later than two weeks before the competition. There will be payment stubs with due dates posted on the website and available for you to print.

How much do the hotels cost and do I need a hotel?

- Parents tend to book comp hotels in January. It is recommended to book both Friday and Saturday night, then when the schedule is posted cancel whatever you do not need.
- Groove Utica hotel through Groove room block cost \$119 per night in 2018.
- DMA - Fairfield Inn through DMA room block cost \$149 per night in 2018.
- Access Broadway – The Sagamore, Lake George room block cost \$149 per night in 2018 with a 2-night minimum and no cancellations allowed.

Is there a team jacket?

- Yes. We are currently working on a new jacket design. Price TBD.

How much will the summer session and ballet intensive cost?

- Ballet Intensive - \$100
- Summer Session – July \$125, August \$125

How much will the 2-week Choreo Intensive cost?

- This price will be dependent on placement after competition tryouts. It will depend on what classes and how many classes, your child is chosen for.
- During this 2-week period your child will learn as much of the dance they will be competing in as possible, so it is very important to have perfect attendance during this time.

What will the competition team lessons cost me? (* means optional) (5% discount on core classes if enrolled in a comp tap, jazz and hip-hop.)

*** Based on tryouts, you will be placed in classes that are appropriate for you level. ***

- Solo - \$30 per 30-minute private lesson*
- Duo - \$25 per person per 30-minute lesson*
- Trio - \$20 per person per 30-minute lesson*
- Quad - \$15 per person per 30-minute lesson*
- Production - \$25 per month (Sept – June)
- Ballet – \$40 per month (Sept – June)
- 30-minute comp class - \$30 per month per class (Sept – June)
 - Sr. Lyrical Class
 - Sr. Tap Class
- 45-minute comp class - \$40 per month per class (Sept – June)
 - Sr. Jazz Class
 - Jr. Jazz Class
 - Jr. Tap Class
 - Jr. Lyrical Class
 - Jr. Hip-Hop Class
 - Sr. Hip-Hop Class
- Mini Comp Classes - \$40 per month per class (Sept – June)
 - Mini Jazz Class
 - Mini Tap Class
 - Mini Hip-Hop Class - \$50 per month per class (Sept – June)

Are there any other fees?

- Late fee \$20 for tuition if not received by the 15th of each month.
- Returned check fee \$25