



Mid American Studio's Elite Dance Company Membership Guide 2024-25 Competitive Season

Auditions & Team Invitation

All Mid American Studio dancers 9 years of age or older as of January 1st, 2025 will be invited to audition to join the Elite Dance Company. Audition fee is \$20.00 per dancer. Auditions are scheduled for June 4-6, 2024 from 5:00-7:30pm.

Dancers will receive a number to wear throughout the audition, which will be a 2-3 day process. During day 1 of auditions dancers will be asked to demonstrate ballet and jazz technique in the center and across the floor. After technique, they will learn short combinations in Jazz and Tap. During day 2 of auditions, after warming up and reviewing as a group, the dancers will perform the combinations they learned in smaller groups in front of a panel of guest judges.

Dancers auditioning for the Mini Team will attend a shortened audition experience during the same week, wherein they will also learn both Jazz and Tap combinations.

Dancers interested in performing a Duet/Trio or Solo for the upcoming competitive season will need to perform a short solo routine of their own choreography for the judges. They should prepare 1-1.5 minutes of choreography in the style of their choice and be prepared to share it with the judge's panel.

Dancers will be notified of acceptance within 1 week of auditions. Dancers will then be required to commit to the team before summer classes. Dancers will be required to attend the EDC Summer Intensive for dance placement (August 12-17, 2024). Each dancer will be required to pay the \$125 annual membership fee, charged upon signing their Team Contract for the year.

Summer Class Requirements

Dancers are required to participate in the summer class schedule. Classes are typically offered July - August. Dancers who intend to audition for EDC in August should participate in the Elite Summer Drop-In classes, highlighted on the Summer Dance Schedule. Classes include Strength & Stretch Bootcamp, Jazz technique, Tap technique, Int/Adv Ballet, Acro Dance, Lyrical/Contemporary, Turn & Leaps, Improv, and Combinations classes which focus on trying new styles and improving the dancer's abilities to speed-learn. Dancers are encouraged to take advantage of the Unlimited Summer Dance class package, so that they can attend multiple classes and practice different styles each week.

Summer classes will be held June 27th - August 10th: Dancers are offered 6 weeks of Unlimited Classes in various styles and techniques. *Dancers MUST attend each style of class offered for their age group at least once throughout the summer session.*

EDC Required Classes & Performance Commitments

Dancers are required to take a weekly schedule that includes Ballet, Jazz technique, Tap technique, Acro/Flexibility, and 1 (or more) EDC Rehearsal classes throughout the school-year, September-May. Dancers will also be encouraged to study Hip Hop, Lyrical, Musical Theatre or Pom to expand their performance opportunities.

Dancers are required to perform at both annual Mid American Studio Dance Recitals in the spring. The team will also compete in 3-5 regional dance competitions between February-April, and Nationals in June. *New this season, ALL dancers will be required to attend Nationals with the Team, and families should be prepared to travel somewhere on the East Coast. Dancers may be asked to perform in community events throughout the year such as local parades, community events, etc.

Elite Dance Co. Mini Team

As a member of the EDC Mini Team, dancers will be training to join the full company when they reach the age of 9 years old. Until then, dancers ages 6-8 are invited to participate in a smaller role. Mini team members will participate and perform at all the same competitions, conventions, and recitals, but with fewer required classes. Mini dancers take a weekly class schedule that includes Ballet, Jazz technique, Acro, Jazz rehearsal and optional Tap class. The Mini Team will take their classes as a group, so they progress together throughout the season. If it is determined that a dancer is ready to perform/compete in more advanced groups based on their skillset, Miss Abbie will decide when to move them up.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition will be set up on a monthly autopay schedule for all company dancers. Tuition payments must be made between the 1st-10th of each month, and payments will run September-May. All families with multiple children will receive a 10% discount on the 2nd (& more) child's classes.

Mini Tuition & Class Fees:

- Ballet class (45 min.) = \$55 per month
- Jazz Technique (45 min.) = \$65 per month
- Acro/Flexibility (60 min.) = \$50 per month
- Competition Rehearsals (45 min.) = \$65+ (Tiered pricing system for multiple dance routines.)
- Tap class (optional, 45 min.) = \$50 per month

Company Class tuition:

- Ballet class (60 min.) = \$65 per month
- Jazz Technique (60 min.) = \$65 per month
- Tap Technique (45 min.) = \$50 per month
- Acro/Flexibility (60 min.) = \$50 per month
- Competition Rehearsals (45 min.) = \$65+ (Tiered pricing system for multiple dance routines.)
- Pointe/Recital classes = \$50 per month

Competition dance rehearsals consist of weekly, 45 minute classes, where the dancers will learn choreography for their competitive dance routines. Attendance for rehearsals is mandatory. Families will be asked to identify the number of competitive dance routines they feel comfortable with.

Monthly tuition breakdown for competition dance rehearsals:

- 1 = \$65 per month
- 2 = \$85 per month
- 3 = \$105 per month
- 4 = \$120 per month
- 5 = \$135 per month
- 6 = \$150 per month
- 7+ = \$175 per month

Team Production Rehearsals:

Elite Dance Co. Team Production rehearsals take place on 1-2 Fridays per month throughout the school year. All production rehearsals are mandatory for all dancers. Rehearsals will be approximately 5:00-8:00 pm, and the schedule is announced at the beginning of the year.

Solos/Duets/Trios:

- Solo rehearsals = \$85 /month
- Duet rehearsals = \$65 /month each
- Trio rehearsals = \$65 /month each

Solo/Duo/Trio purchase includes an average of 25 rehearsal classes (30 minutes each). *Participation in a Solo/Duo/Trio must be approved through Miss Abbie after auditions.*

Costume fees:

Each competition dance routine will have a unique costume. Costume prices may vary between \$75-\$100 each. EDC costume deposits (\$75 per competitive routine) will be due in October. The remaining balance will be due before taking possession of your dancer's costumes.

Competition fees: Competition fees are charged per dancer, per dance. We will attend 3-5 regional competitions each spring between February-April. Competition fees will be due between December-April and will be invoiced to each family based on their dancer's routines. Each competition will charge slightly different fees, but fees average as the following: All competitions charge a media fee of \$30-40.

- Group dances, \$65-80 per dancer/per dance
- Duo/Trio, \$85-90 per dancer/per dance
- Solo, \$125-150 per competition

Additional Team Costs: *These items are not necessarily purchased every season, but will be required for each new member & as needed for all returning members.*

- Team Gear: including Team jacket, pants, jersey, duffel bag, jewelry = \$150+
- Team Makeup: including required eyeshadow, blush, eye liner, lipstick, and false lashes = \$75+
- Competition wear: including multiple pairs of tights, shoes, props, and accessories = \$100-\$200/year
- Dance Conventions: Full weekend of master classes and dance competition = \$250-\$300

Examples of monthly tuition payments:

Dancer A:

- 1 Competition routine = \$65 per month, 1 rehearsal class per week
- Ballet= \$65 per month
- Jazz technique= \$65 per month
- Tap technique= \$50 per month
- Acro technique= \$50 per month
- Total monthly tuition= \$295**

Dancer B:

- 3 Competition routines= \$105 per month
- Ballet class= \$65 per month
- Jazz technique= \$65 per month
- Acro technique= \$50 per month
- Tap Technique= \$50 per month
- Total monthly tuition= \$335**

Dancer B's Sibling: 10% off

- 2 Competition routines= \$76.50 per month
- Ballet class= \$58.50 per month
- Jazz technique= \$58.50 per month
- Acro technique= \$45 per month
- Tap technique=\$45 per month
- Total monthly tuition= \$283**

Company Member Expectations

- Dancers will show up to each class and rehearsal prepared to work hard and make progress.
- Dancers will always show up for class wearing the proper attire (Please see Dress Code), shoes, and hair pulled back into a neat ponytail or bun.
- Attendance is *mandatory*.** Each dancer is allowed 3 excused absences per season. Absence for illness or family emergency do not count, instructor needs to be given notice before class.
- Absences for school activities are accepted if the instructor is given advanced notice.
- Dancers are not allowed to dance for another studio while being a member of the Elite Dance Company.
- Elite Dance Co. membership is both an opportunity and a privilege; and must be treated as such. All dancers are expected to treat themselves, their peers, and all staff/instructors with respect at all times.
- Dancers will strive to do their personal best every single day, in and out of the studio!**

Why Choose Mid American Elite Dance Co.?

This team is for the most dedicated and passionate dancers. Dancers who choose to become a member of the Elite Dance Co. will have the opportunity to train in multiple dance styles and techniques. The EDC program provides space for dancers to take their dance technique to the next level with the help of staff, instructors, and teammates who will constantly challenge you in the best ways. Each dance season will bring new goals for the individual and the team; and the only way to achieve these goals will be to act as a team! This requires dedication and discipline from every team member during every rehearsal, class, company activity, and performance. The opportunity to perfect your craft, perform in front of an audience, and receive praise for all the hard work you put in as a dancer will undoubtedly improve our dancers' confidence and self-esteem. Mid American Studio strives to develop good dancers, who are equally good teammates, and grow to become all-around good people!

Director reserves the right to change or amend company rules at any time throughout the year to better serve our team members or enhance our program.

2024-2025 Company Calendar

Dates & Details may vary slightly.

June-July-August: Summer Dance classes June 27-August 10th, required for ALL EDC dancers.

August: EDC Summer Intensive Aug. 12-17, 2024. *Schedule TBD.*

September: Classes begin Tuesday after Labor Day; Competition Dance Rehearsals begin 1 week later.
Competition dates & locations announced.

October: Elite Costume Deposits due by October 10th
Halloween: No Dance Classes

November: Costumes delivered (Costumes paid in full before taking home)
Parent visiting week: *Tentatively 11/18 – 11/23*
Thanksgiving: No Dance Classes Wednesday-Saturday

December: Holiday Break: 12/21 - 01/06

December-February: Competition entry fees due (Must be paid in full 30 days before comp.)

January: Weekly classes resume January 06, 2024
Competition Prep & Parent Meeting: *Tentatively January 18, 2025*

February-April: Attending 3-5 regional dance competitions

April: Spring Break 1 week (Follows Farmington Public School calendar)
Picture Day: Saturday in April (Attendance mandatory for competitive dancers)

May: Dress Rehearsal & Recital Performance (*Tentatively May 9-10, 2024*)

June: Nationals end of June