



Competition Information Packet

2018-2019



Congratulations!

We are so excited you will be a part of our 2018-2019 competing/company teams! We expect everyone to work their hardest and have fun. We are going to make great friendships and memories this year so get ready, this year is going to be great. Whether you are new or returning, we want to make sure that you understand our expectations. We expect students to attend all required classes and put their best effort forward every class. Competition/Company teams are a big commitment. If for some reason you will miss class, you need to let your teacher know ASAP. You will find a list of class requirements for each team in this packet. Teachers will begin choreographing numbers in September.

Reminder that your “start-up fees” include your costume and any additional rehearsal time that we may schedule. This cost does not include shoes, tights, make-up and your monthly tuition. For a full list of start fee costs go to www.danceexpress5678.com and go to our “competition” tab.

Competition dates are included in this packet.

COMPETING AND COMPANY UNIFORMS

ALL Competing and Company members must order a jacket. Jackets must be worn to all competitions and on stage for award ceremonies. Bags are optional. Due to discontinued styles, we will no longer require pants for company. Black leggings, black warm-up pants etc. are acceptable to pair up with our jackets. You may order jackets and bags on the follow website. Items will be delivered to our studio and we will distribute them when they arrive. **Please order NOW so your order will arrive prior to the first dance competition!**

https://stores.inksoft.com/dance_express/shop/home

****make sure you order the correct style!***

Competing jackets are different than Company jackets!

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. We will continue to post information on our website under the competition tab as well as on our facebook page. We also communicate information during class time directly to students. For our younger dancers, we may communicate information directly to parents at the end of classes.

2019 Competition Schedule

EXCEL IN MOTION (COMPANY ONLY)
COMPETITION & CONVENTION
JANUARY 11-13
MASHANTUCKET, CT

STAR SYSTEMS
FEBRUARY 1-3
HARTFORD, CT

DIVA DANCE COMPETITION
MARCH 22-24
HARTFORD AREA

ELITE PERFORMANCE CHALLENGE
MARCH 29-30
TOLLAND, CT

SHOWSTOPPERS
MAY 3-5
MASHANTUCKET, CT

***ALL GROUP FEES \$55 PER DANCE**
***SOLO/DUET/TRIO FEES COMING SOON**

Competition Reminders & Tips:

1. Additional rehearsals may be scheduled on weekends as we get closer to competition. We want all of our teams to have the opportunity to perform their best. Extra rehearsals are scheduled in order to give us the most preparation we can provide.
2. Dance teachers will be providing specific information in regards to required make up, tights, shoes, accessories etc. Don't 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.
3. Payments must be received by the stated deadlines in order for your child to participate competition. Due to the high demand in dance competitions, DE's payment deadlines are weeks before each competition. We want to submit payment ASAP so we can reserve our studio spots in each of these competitions. Accounts must be paid up to date in order for students to participate at each competition.
4. It is crucial to be on time for all competitions. Arrivals 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 and website. 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.
5. There are no refunds for not performing due illness/injury, etc.
6. All DE students are expected to wear their DE jackets to the competition as well as during the awards ceremony. Remember, you are representing all DE teachers & the entire Studio.
7. Superior sportsmanship is expected at all times 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.
8. Competition days can be long. Pack plenty of snacks and water. Be sure to get a good night's sleep the night before. 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.**
9. Parents are permitted in dressing rooms, however are NOT permitted backstage.
10. Pack your bag the night before and double check that all costume parts are packed. Pack extra tights in case of rips, lots of bobby pins, safety pins, double sided tape etc.

11. While watching the competition, please do not leave in the middle of dances. Wait until a dance ends to leave the auditorium. This applies to students, friends and family. Please be sure to follow each competitions rules and regulations on taking photographs and video. MOST COMPEITIONS DO NOT ALLOW PHOTOS & VIDEOS and may disqualify studios if they catch spectators taking photos and/or video.

Student / Parent Time to Shine Expectations 2018-2019

Any Student age 8 and up is welcome to participate in our time to shine program. Students do not have to be on a competition team to take part in the opportunity.

Solos: \$475
Duet: \$300 Per Person
Trio: \$225 Per Person

- *Fees include 4 hours of Rehearsal
- *Fees Do not include costume or competition fees
- *No Solo/Duet/trio will be started until payment is received
- *Additional rehearsals- \$35 per Half Hour

Here are a few guidelines to follow to make the year and competitions run smoothly.

- Please arrive 1hour prior to scheduled time or performance.
- The dancer(s) will be required to warm themselves up and practice on their own.
- Please check yourself in backstage 5 numbers before you need to go on.
- Teachers may or may not be present at all competitions.
- If you wish to watch your judges critiques, you must schedule a time with your choreographer to do so.
- Costumes can be ordered through Dance Express for a normal costume payment. You also have the option to order them on your own as long as the teacher has approved it.

Extra Rehearsal Space Rental

- We wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the procedure for rehearsal space at Dance Express. Everyone is welcome to use the open studios for rehearsing their Solo, Duet or Trio. In an effort to make sure everyone gets a fair amount of time and that no one is double booked we ask that you talk with a Miss Beth or Miss Jenna to schedule a time. Each rehearsal slot is 20 minutes and there will be a \$5 rental fee. You are welcome to book multiple time slots in a row should if you want more than 20 minutes. We also suggest warming up / stretching in the waiting room before your rehearsal time, so you get a full 20 minutes of running your dance.