

The Dance Department
2019-2020 Competition Season

Welcome parents and students to the 2019-20 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 2020
- Recital 2020
- Ballet is mandatory on our team, unless you choose to only compete in Hip-Hop or are on pre-comp.
- Participation in ALL dance team functions
- Mandatory participation in:

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

- Summer Training Session (7/8/2019 – 7/26/2019, 8/5/2019 – 8/15/2019)
- Choreo Weeks (8/19/2019 – 8/22/2019)
- Classes September 9, 2019 – June 2019 (10 months)
- Dress Rehearsal (Feb or March 2020, TBD)
- Competitions

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\February
- Ballet costume payments due - April

How much are the competition entry fees and when are they due? (* these were the 2019 fees)

- Groove Utica –Solo - \$110 per dance pp, Group \$47 per dance pp, Duo\Trio \$65 per dance pp (Apr 26-28 2019)
- Access Broadway - Solo - \$85 per dance pp, Group \$40 per dance pp, Duo\Trio \$50 per dance pp
- Revolution – Solo - \$120 per dance pp, Group \$52 per dance pp, Duo\Trio \$141 per dance
- These entries fees must be paid no later than two weeks before the competition. The fees and due dates will be posted to your parent portal accounts. A late \$25 fee will be posted to your account if fees are not paid promptly.

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 \$149 per night in 2019.
- Revolution – La Quinta \$169 per night in 2019.
- Access Broadway – The Sagamore, Lake George room block cost \$149 per night in 2019 with a 2-night minimum and no cancellations allowed.

Is there team apparel?

- Yes. We have new team sweat shirts. \$60.

How much will the summer session cost, for all eligible classes?

- Mini - \$150
- Jr - \$200
- Sr – \$250

How much will the week of 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 week-long 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)
- 45-minute comp class - \$40 per month per class (Sept – June)
- 60-minute comp class - \$50 per month per class (Sept – June)
- 75-minute comp class - \$60 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