

**DANCE CONNECTION
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**2021-2022
COMPANY GUIDELINES**



Dear Parents and Dancers,

Congratulations on being a member of Dance Connection's Company teams. Please read through this packet carefully as it contains a great deal of important information including payment/fee dates.

Be sure to return the bottom portion of the last page of this packet with **both** signatures by: **Saturday, October 9, 2021**

Students who do not return their signed agreement will be asked to sit out until it is received.

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SECTION A:

ATTENDANCE & TARDINESS

Attendance:

Attendance is taken every day.

Attendance is a must in order for students to develop a strong character through self-confidence and an awareness of themselves both physically and mentally. Attendance also helps to achieve a greater sense of responsibility and a better appreciation and respect for the arts and the studio.

If there are multiple unexcused absences, your child will jeopardize their chance to sign up for a Winter Solo/Specialty, or to compete. An unexcused absence is defined as a missed class that a parent/guardian has not called the studio.

Only a parent or guardian is allowed to make this phone call. Please do not text Miss Laurie concerning an absence.

As the end of November/beginning of December approaches routines will be starting. Please take careful consideration before signing up for spring activities. Students who do not come to class consistently risk losing their solo, specialty, part in a routine and/or participating in competitions. They also risk their company placement. It is expected that the student is 100% committed to dance January - June. If a student misses more than 3 classes due to illness a doctor's note is required. Please consult Covid Guidelines and Protocols on our website if you are unsure of what to do if your child is sick.

Sports or cheerleading often interfere with dance class time. Please be aware that missing dance for this reason is **not** allowed after fall season is completed. Coaches do not allow you to miss a game or practice; I do not allow you to miss a dance class either. It is not fair to teachers and teammates who are trying to further their education in dance, and are hampered by constant tardiness or absenteeism of a student. Carefully choose your commitments.

Tardiness:

A record will be kept of each student's tardiness. Tardy means being more than 5 minutes late for class. Excessive tardiness will not be tolerated. The teacher has permission to NOT allow any student into their class if they are more than 5 minutes late.

Cell Phones:

Cell phones and Apple watches are **NOT ALLOWED** in the classroom. There is a phone at the front desk if you need to make a phone call or have a parent leave a message. If a cell phone or Apple watch is taken into a classroom the teacher will have permission to take the device until the end of the student's classes for the day.

SECTION B:

CLASS DRESS CODE

It is **MANDATORY** for all company students to follow studio guidelines for the dress code. The dress code will be strictly enforced. Students will be given up to two (2) warnings for failing to meet dress code requirements. After a second warning for insufficiently following the dress code the student will be asked to not participate in class. This may impact the student's eligibility to continue with your solo or specialty.

BALLET CLASSES

Black tank or camisole leotard
Pink tights - convertible
Hair in bun - NO loose hair (gel and/or hairspray is necessary)
Capezio Canvas Ballet Shoe – Pink (canvas split sole)
(Peewee, Mini, Squirt, Junior, Senior)
Any color sports bra

NON-BALLET CLASSES

Black tank or camisole leotard and/or any color sports bra
Tan tights or no tights
Black leggings can be worn (accent color is allowed, but should be mostly black)
Optional:
Black lycra shorts
DC black camisole fitted shirt
Fitted solid dark color camisole shirt (black, navy, maroon)

Hair in braids, bun or pony tail - NO loose hair

Tap Shoes

Bloch U-shape buckle tap shoes #302- Tan (Peewee/ Mini/Squirt)
Split Sole Tie Tap Shoes – Black (Junior/Senior)
Jazz Shoes – Capezio split sole Jazz shoe #EJ2 Carmel (Peewee /Mini/Squirt only)

HIP HOP

White (CLEAN) sneakers
Sweat pants – please make sure they are loose fitting
Shirt

SHOES

Students must have proper shoes for every style class by October 2, 2021.
Please bring all shoes to every class.

* Students cannot participate in Tap class without Tap shoes and will be asked to sit out.

In All Classes:

No big jewelry, oversized t-shirts, sweatshirts or sweatpants. Exception: shirts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants can be worn in Hip Hop class.

SECTION C:

PERFORMANCE DRESS CODE

Company students must look uniform when representing the Dance Connection at competitions and conventions.

All Company students must have:

- **NEW Dance Connection Navy Blue Company Jacket***
- **NEW Navy Company Shirt**
- **Dance Connection Black Racer Back Tank Top**

*Unfortunately our Royal Blue DC Jackets have been discontinued making it necessary for all team members to purchase new navy blue Company jackets this year.

Everything must be ordered online on the Dance Connection website on the “DC Store”. Please watch the website for opening and closing dates. Payment is made at the time of the order. APP IMPRINTS will process credit card payments. **THE DANCE CONNECTION WILL NOT BE ORDERING OR TAKING PAYMENTS. All orders are non-refundable and cannot be returned or exchanged.**

DC will NOT carry extra performance attire.

In addition, Company students are responsible for having:

- **Solid Black Leggings (length to the ankle)**
- **Solid Black Lycra Shorts**
- **Solid Black (thick) Racer Back Sports Bra (Squirts, Juniors & Seniors mandatory)**
- **Solid Black no-show socks**
- **Solid Black Sneakers**

Nail Polish – Students may have no polish on finger and/or toenails for any competition or outside performance. The only exception to this policy is a classic French white manicure or clear polish. Any student found wearing finger and/or toenail polish will not be allowed to perform.

Piercings – Students performing group pieces will only be permitted to wear piercings if provided with their costumes. All other piercings (multiple ear piercings, belly button rings, and facial piercings) must be removed prior to performance or replaced with clear studs for piercings. Solos and Specialties will be decided by the teacher and student(s) performing.

Tattoos – No visible tattoos at any performance.

SECTION D:

COSTUMES

Company students will have approximately 3- 7 costumes. First payment for costumes is due on **October 10, 2021**. The second payment is due on **November 10, 2021**. *These costumes are for their regular classes and **do not include solos or specialties**.* Costumes are \$112.00 each. Dance Connection will debit/credit your child's account on those 2 dates.

**The following is a list of how many costumes your child will need.
Please see break down on when payment due.**

PeeWee Company	Appx 3 Costumes	1 Oct. / 2 Nov.
Mini Company	Appx 3 Costumes	1 Oct. / 2 Nov.
Squirt Company	Appx 5 Costumes	2 Oct. / 3 Nov.
Junior Company	Appx 6 Costumes	3 Oct. / 3 Nov.
Senior Company	Appx 6 Costumes	3 Oct. / 3 Nov.

SECTION E:

COMPETITIONS - Group/Solo/Specialties

Not every Company level will enter a routine in a competition. A Company team must show that they have worked hard and the routine must be clean and at competition level in order to enter.

Each competition has a fee per student/per routine to enter - approx. \$68/student/routine. Currently, Peewee and Mini Companies will be competing in only 2 competitions. Squirts/Juniors/Seniors will be competing in 3 competitions in the Spring of 2022. A detailed competition bill will be provided during the month of December, with payment due January 1, 2022.

SECTION F:

SOLOS/SPECIALTIES

Solos/Specialties are reserved for those students who participate in a minimum of 5 Summer Workshop classes and all company required classes or their equivalent, as determined by the studio owner.

Summer Solo/Specialty

Students that were taught their Solos and/or Specialties during the summer through **October 30, 2021** have the option of competing 3 extra competitions in the January thru April timeframe.

*Payment is due October 25, 2021 for these 3 Competitions. A detailed bill will be available by October 15, 2021. You will be charged for all 3 competitions unless Dance Connection is informed in writing by October 8, 2021.

Winter Solo/Specialty

Students may also sign up for a solo/duo/trio during the winter. These will take place from approximately **November 15, 2021** thru **March 15, 2022**. Sign up for these will be available on the website starting November 1, 2021.

SECTION G:

OUTSIDE PERFORMANCES & COMPANY DUES

ALL Company students are required to participate in all outside performances.

This year we will be performing at the Globetrotters game December 29th, 2021 at 2pm in Manchester, NH. We do have other performance opportunities in the works. These are not optional events. Being part of a Company means that you perform in competitions as well as outside performances. These outside performances will have a 5 minute routine that will be choreographed and rehearsed during the dance year. These rehearsals will sometimes be during class but other times are at a separate time that the entire company can rehearse.

COMPANY DUES

In addition to your monthly tuition, there is an annual non-refundable dues fee of \$150.00. This fee covers the cost of administration work, extra rehearsals, blocking rehearsals and pep rally associated with outside performances. This fee does not include transportation costs to or from performances. For your convenience this fee will be broken up into 10 payments of \$15.00. First payment will be due October 15, 2021 with all remaining payments due the first of each month. (2 payments will be due the month of November)

SECTION H:

SUMMER WORKSHOP

Summer workshop is MANDATORY for all Company students to remain on the Company at the Dance Connection.

Summer workshop is beneficial to all dancers to maintain the dance skills learned during the past year. It also keeps the dancers flexible and dancing up to their full potential.

Summer workshop will be held mid-June thru August. In order to remain on a DC Company team you **MUST** participate in 4 classes during the summer. If you would like to perform a solo or specialty in 2022/2023 you must participate in 5 Summer Workshop classes Mid-June thru August. Sign up for classes will be in April. You will only be allowed to sign up for a maximum of 5 classes so please check your summer schedule. Only 12 students will be allowed per class.

PAYMENTS

All students' accounts must be current with no running monthly balances in order to perform in outside activities, compete or receive costumes.

SECTION I:

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN

**This Agreement must be signed and returned by Saturday, October 9, 2021.

COMPANY AGREEMENT SIGNATURE

My child and I have read the guidelines for being a COMPANY STUDENT at Dance Connection and understand what is expected as a member of the Company.

By signing and returning this form, we agree to the guidelines outlined in this notice for being a member of a Company at Dance Connection.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____