

**DANCE CONNECTION**

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# **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.

## **IMPORTANT**

**Please sign in agreement with both signatures by:**

**Saturday, September 10th, 2025**

Unfortunately if Company Guidelines are not signed your child will not be able to participate in classes until it is signed.

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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 in their class or their solos/specialties. An unexcused absence is defined as a missed class that a parent/guardian has not called the studio. Absences are not excused for birthday parties, etc.

**Only a parent or guardian is allowed to make this phone call.**

**Notification must be made to the front desk. Please do not text Miss Laurie concerning an absence.**

If you are to miss a class due to a fall sport it is your responsibility to learn all missed choreography before the next class. If you do not know your choreography, your spot in the routine may be changed at the discretion of the teacher. Please take careful consideration before signing up for extra 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 days of class due to illness a doctor's note is required.

Dancers must attend the last class before any performance, competition or recital. If not, they will lose their place in the routine and will not be able to compete or be in the recital.

Sports, Band, 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. 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 consistently more than 5 minutes late.
- Once classes have begun and the door is shut, a student may not enter until they hear the music stop or the teacher opens the door.

### **Cell Phones:**

Cell phones and Apple watches are NOT ALLOWED in the classroom. Cell phones should be turned off and left in their dancebag/cubby or locker. 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.

## **CLASSES AT OUTSIDE STUDIOS**

Students who wish to participate in additional conventions and/or classes other than with Dance Connection, must receive written consent from Dance Connection's studio owner. Requests are to be made in writing.

# **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 their solo or specialty.

### **BALLET CLASSES**

Black tank or camisole leotard and any color sports bra  
Pink tights - convertible  
Hair in bun - NO loose hair (gel and/or hairspray is necessary)  
Capezio Hanami Ballet Shoes, light pink  
(PeeWee, Mini, Youth, Squirt, Junior, Senior)

### **NON-BALLET CLASSES**

Black tank or camisole leotard and any color sports bra  
Tan tights or pink tights  
Black leggings can be worn (accent color is allowed, but should be 95% black)  
Optional:  
Black lycra shorts  
DC black camisole fitted shirt  
Fitted solid dark color camisole shirt (black, navy, or dark grey)  
Hair in braids, bun or ponytail - NO loose hair

#### **Tap Shoes**

PeeWee - BLOCH Tap-on Tap Shoe - Tan  
Mini/Squirt/Junior/Senior - BLOCH Tap, Flex Tap Shoe - Black

#### **Jazz Shoes**

PeeWee/Mini - Balera Slip-on Jazz Shoes - Caramel  
\*Dance Connection will be sizing for the Jazz shoes September 1st - October 1st and ordering them.  
Please see the front desk for more information

### **HIP HOP**

White sneakers (CLEAN) Shoes can be purchased on Amazon: White Women's Lucky Step High Top Fashion Sneakers, Kids- White Yadurdu Kids High Top Sneakers (Amazon)  
Sweat pants – please make sure they are loose fitting  
Shirt - please make sure it is loose fitting  
Hair in braids or ponytail

## **SHOES**

Students must have proper shoes for every style class by September 15th, 2025.

Please bring all shoes to every class.

\*\* Students cannot participate in Tap or Hip Hop class without proper shoes and will be asked to sit out.

**In All Classes:** No big jewelry (earrings/bracelets/necklaces), oversized t-shirts, sweatshirts or sweatpants.

Hip Hop Exception: shirts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants can be worn in class.

**EQUIPMENT** All Minis, Squirts, Juniors, and Seniors are required to purchase ankle weight and hand weights.

Minis: 2-3 lbs

Squirts: 3 lbs

Junior/Seniors: 3-5 lbs

Dancers must have these weights at all classes by September 15th, 2025.

# **SECTION C:**

## **PERFORMANCE DRESS CODE**

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

**All Company students must have or purchase from APP Imprints (the store on our website) Sept-Oct:**

1. Dance Connection Navy Blue Company Jacket
2. Navy Blue Company Shirt
3. Navy Dance Connection Racerback Tank Top
4. Navy Blue Sports Bra
5. Blue Joggers

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 no-show socks
- Solid Black Sneakers
- Black Leggings

**Nail Polish** – Students may have no polish on fingernails 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 fingernail 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 2 - 7 costumes.

First payment for costumes is due on October 20, 2025.

The second payment is due on November 5, 2025.

These costumes are for regular classes and **do not include solos or specialties**.

Solo and specialty costumes will be due on September 1st, 2025.

Costumes are \$150.00 each.

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

PeeWee Company	Appx 3 Costumes	1 costume Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> /2 costume Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>
Mini Company	Appx 5 Costumes	2 costumes Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> /3 costumes Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>
Squirt Company	Appx 7 Costumes	3 costumes Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> /4 costumes Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>
Junior Company	Appx 7 Costumes	3 costumes Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> /4 costumes Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>
Senior Company	Appx 7 Costumes	3 costumes Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> /4 costumes Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>

### **MAKEUP**

Makeup can be purchased at Amazon.com, Walmart, Target, Rite Aid, or CVS. Makeup is TBD.

**Eye Shadow Primer:** Urban Decay – Eden (comes in 2 sizes)

**Eyes:** Wet n' Wild Pink Camo Flaunt Palette (5 colors)

Black Eyeliner – Elf Intense Ink

Black Mascara – any waterproof type

Black Fake Eyelashes – Kiss – Pompadour (5 pack) with duo lash glue white bottle – dries clear (Senior, Junior, Squirt Companies only)

**Cheeks:** Covergirl Rock'n Rose #145

**Lips:** NYX Lingerie XXL – Staying Juicy – Berry and Stamina Red

Gloss – Elf Lip Lacquer and Elf Sun Boss Gloss – Pink Me Girl

# **SECTION E:**

## **COMPETITIONS/CONVENTIONS:**

### **COMPETITIONS**

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. \$75/student/routine. All competition fees are non-refundable.

Currently:

Peewee, Mini, Squirt, Junior and Senior Companies will be competing in approximately 3 competitions in the Spring of 2026.

Tentative dates will be available by mid October. Please check our website.  
A detailed competition bill will be provided in November.

50% of your child's competition bill is Due November 25th, balance of the competition payment is due January 8, 2026

Tentative Competition Dates:

- March 20-22nd
- April 17-19th
- May 8-10th or May 15th -16th

### **CONVENTIONS**

Conventions are very important to enhance the technique and style of a dancer.  
They also give students the learning experience to retain choreography quicker.  
Listed below are two Conventions.

**All Mini, Squirts, Junior, and Senior students are required to participate in ONE Convention**, but they can do both if they desire.

**Peewee Company students** will have their Dance Convention on January 24th & 25th in Danvers, MA  
This convention has a special convention just for Peeweess ~ it is called NEWBIES:)  
This convention is age appropriate and the Peeweess will also get to perform in the closing ceremony.

#### **Tentative schedule:**

##### **Saturday January 24th**

8:45-9am Opening Ceremony  
9-10am Class  
10-11am Class  
11-11:30am Meeting for Parents and students  
12-1pm Newbie- Performance Choreography for closing ceremony  
1-3pm Lunch  
3-4pm (optional) Autograph Session with Day 1 Teachers

##### **Sunday, January 25th**

9-10am Class  
10-11am Class  
11-11:30am Meeting for Parents and students (Performance shirts are handed out at this time)  
12-1pm Newbie- Performance Choreography and private autograph session with Day 2 Teachers  
1-2:30pm Lunch  
2:30pm Call time for Closing Ceremony Performance

**Sign up for these conventions will be on the website as of Sept. 5th.**

**CONVENTION DATES:**

October 26th Danvers, MA..... \$210.00

January 25th, Danvers, MA..... \$210.00 for Mini/Squirt/Junior/Senior FULL DAY 8am-5pm  
(This convention will be the same weekend of summer solo/specialties competition)

January 24th and 25th Danvers, MA..... \$210.00 for Peewee Company

**Please sign up on our website.**

**The deadline to sign up for the convention is September 10, 2025.**

**Payment for the Oct. 26th Convention is due Sept. 13, 2025**

**Payment for the January 24/25th Convention is due October 25, 2025**

There will be a 4% processing fee added to all Convention payments.

## **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 31, 2025 have the option of competing 3 extra competitions in the winter.

Competition Dates:

January 23rd-25th

February 13-15th

March 7-8th

\* Payment is due October 5, 2025 for these 3 competitions.  
A detailed bill will be available by October 1st, 2025.

\*\* You will be charged for all 3 competitions unless Dance Connection is informed in writing by September 15th, 2025.

\*\*\* The first competition will include a convention along with a competition fee.

#### **Winter Solo/Specialty**

Students may also sign up for a solo/specialty during the winter.  
These will take place from approximately November 15, 2025 thru March 15, 2026.  
Sign up for these will be available on the website starting November 1, 2025.

## **SECTION G:**

### **OUTSIDE PERFORMANCES & COMPANY DUES**

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

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 and EXTRAS**

In addition to your monthly tuition, there is an annual non-refundable Company Dues fee of \$288.00.

This fee covers the cost of administration work, extra rehearsals, blocking rehearsals, teacher fees, pep rally extras and all other expenses associated with outside performances such as Redsox, Globetrotters and Celtics.

This fee does not include transportation costs to or from performances.

For your convenience this fee will be broken up into 9 payments of \$32.00 with the first payment October 1, 2025 and last payment due on our last tuition payment day May 25, 2026.

# **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 2026/2027 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.

If additional classes are needed to complete the 4 or 5 classes to comply with Company Guidelines, you will be contacted by the secretary and there will be an additional \$50/class charge for each make up 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:**

## **COMPANY AGREEMENT SIGNATURE PAGE**

Being a dancer on a Dance Connection Company team is a privilege.

It is a privilege that has been granted due to your hard work, persistence, a positive attitude and being a positive role model.

A competition dancer may be asked to step down if they are not holding themselves to the high standards that gave them this privilege to perform on a Dance Connection Company team.

In order to ensure this Company placement, please make sure to adhere to the policies and procedures of Dance Connection.

**PLEASE SIGN and Submit the form thru Dance Connection Website.**

**\*\*This Agreement must be signed and submitted thru Jotform by Saturday, September 10th, 2025**