



Mid American Studio's Elite Dance Company Membership Guide 2020-21 Competitive Season

Auditions & Team Invitation

In August, 2020 all Mid American Studio dancers 9 years of age or older, as of September 1st, 2020 will be invited to audition to join the Elite Dance Co. Audition fee is \$10.00 per dancer. Dancers will receive a number to wear throughout the audition, which will be a 2 day process. During day 1 of auditions dancers will be asked to demonstrate ballet and jazz technique in the center and across the floor, and then will learn a short combination. During day 2 of auditions, after warming up and reviewing as a group, the dancers will perform the combination they learned in smaller groups in front of a panel of judges. Dancers will be notified of acceptance within 1 week of auditions. Dancers will then be required to commit to the team at or before the EDC Summer Intensive for dance placement (August 24-25, 2020). Each dancer will be required to pay the \$100 annual membership fee, charged upon signing their Team Contract for the year.

Summer Class Requirements

Dancers will *usually* be required to participate in the summer class schedule. Classes are typically offered July - August. Elite Drop-In classes will typically be scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes include Strength & Stretch Bootcamp, Jazz technique, Tap technique, and Combinations classes which will 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 2020 classes will be held July 13 - August 14: 5 weeks, and dancers are highly encouraged to participate in *at least 2* classes per week.

Strength & Stretch Bootcamp: 1 class per week

Drop-In Technique Class: 1 class per week (Tap, Jazz, or Combinations classes)

EDC Required Classes & Performance Commitments

Dancers are required to take a weekly schedule that includes Ballet, Jazz Technique, and 1 (or more) EDC Rehearsal classes throughout the school-year, September-May. Dancers will also be encouraged to study Tap, Lyrical, Pom, Musical Theatre or Hip Hop in order to expand their performance opportunities. If a dancer is chosen to perform in a competition routine in 1 or more of these styles, they will be required to take a technique class in that style as well.

Dancers are required to perform at both Mid American Studio Dance Recitals per year in December and May/June. The team will also compete at 2-3 regional dance competitions between February-April. Dancers may also be asked to perform in community events throughout the year such as local parades, nursing care facility visits, etc. Should we choose to have the team attend a National Dance Competition hosted during the following summer; families will be notified at auditions.

Tuition and Fees

New this year 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.

Class fees: * = required class for all team members September-May

*Ballet class = \$65 per month

*Jazz Technique class = \$45 per month

*Competition Rehearsals = *Tuition breakdown listed below.*

Tap Technique class = \$40 per month

Other recital classes = \$46 per month

Competition dance rehearsals will be weekly, 45 minute classes, *approx. 30 rehearsals per season*, where the dancers will learn the choreography for their competitive dance routines. Each family will be asked to identify the number of competitive dance routines they would be comfortable with their child participating in, then the dancers will be chosen for routines by Miss Abbie and Miss Emma.

Monthly tuition breakdown for competition dance rehearsals:

1 = \$65 per month

2 = \$80 per month

3 = \$95 per month

4 = \$115 per month

5 = \$135 per month

6 = \$155 per month

7+ = \$175 per month

Solos/Duets/Trios:

Solos/Duos/Trios = \$100 choreography fee (split between dancers).

Solo rehearsals = \$250

Duet rehearsals = \$200 (each)

Trio rehearsals = \$175 (each)

Solo/Duo/Trio purchase includes 15, 30 minute rehearsals. *Participation in a Solo/Duo/Trio is by invitation only; or can be requested and approved through Miss Abbie.*

Costume fees:

Each competition dance routine will have a unique costume. Costume prices may vary between \$50-75 each. Soloists and Duo/Trio members will be allowed to help choose their costume with advice from their teacher. EDC costume deposits (\$40 per dance) will be due October 10th. 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 2-3 regional competitions each spring between February-April. Competition fees will be due between December 1st - February 28th, 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:

- Group dances, \$45-60 per dancer/per dance
- Duo/Trio, \$75-90 per dancer/per dance
- Solo, \$100-120

Additional Team Fees: *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 jacket, pants, duffel bag, jewelry = \$150

Team Makeup: including required eyeshadow, blush, eye liner, lipstick, and false lashes = \$65+

Competition wear: including multiple pairs of tights, shoes, props, and accessories = \$100/year

Dance Conventions: Full weekend of master classes and dance competition = \$250-\$300

Examples of monthly tuition payments and competition fees:

Dancer A:

1 Competition routine = \$65 per month, 1 rehearsal class per week

Ballet= \$65 per month

Jazz technique= \$45 per month

Total monthly tuition= \$175

Competition fees= Average \$55, 1 comp dance (x 3 competitions)

Costumes= Average \$50 each (1 Competition costume) + \$45 Ballet costume x 2

Dancer B:

2 Competition routines= \$80 per month, 2 rehearsal classes per week

Ballet= \$65 per month

Jazz technique= \$45 per month

Hip Hop= \$46 per month (for extra style)

Total monthly tuition= \$236

Competition fees= Average \$165, 3 comp dances (x 3 competitions)

Costume fees= Average \$50 each (3 Competition costumes, 2 Ballet costumes)

Dancer C:

3 Competition routines= \$95 per month

Ballet= \$65 per month

Jazz technique= \$45 per month

Tap Technique= \$40 per month

Total monthly tuition= \$245

Dancer C's Sibling: 10% off

2 Competition routines= \$72 per month

Ballet= \$58.50 per month

Jazz technique= \$40.50 per month

Total monthly tuition= \$171

Competition fees= Average \$275, 5 comp dances (x 3 competitions)

Costume fees= Average \$50 each (5 Competition costumes, 4 Ballet costumes)

Company Member Expectations

- Dancers will show up to each class/rehearsal prepared to work hard and make progress.
- 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 as long as the instructor is given notice before the day of class.
- Dancers are not allowed to dance for another studio while being a member of the Elite Dance Company.
- 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.
- Elite Dance Co. membership is both an opportunity and a privilege, and must be treated as such. Therefore all dancers will be expected to treat themselves, their peers, all MAS staff and 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 rights to change or amend company rules at any time throughout the year to better serve our team members or enhance our program.

2020-21 Company Calendar

Dates & Details may vary slightly.

August: Auditions Aug. 17-18, 2020, approx. 6:00-8:00 pm

EDC Summer Intensive for placement Aug. 24-25, 2020 approx. 6:00-8:00 pm

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* 16-21, 2020 & possible *Picture Day (makeup for spring)*

Thanksgiving: No Dance Classes Wednesday-Friday

December: Dress rehearsal & Recital Performance: *Tentatively* December 11-12, 2020

EDC rehearsals: 12/14 - 12/18, Holiday Break: 12/19 - 01/11

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

January: Weekly classes resume January 11, 2021

February-April: Attending 3 regional dance competitions

April: Spring Break 1 week (Follows Farmington Public School calendar)

Picture Day (Attendance mandatory for company members)

May: Dress Rehearsal & Recital Performance (*Tentatively* May 14-15, 2021)

June: Time off.

July/August: 2021-22 Auditions & Summer Dance