



Mid American Studio's Elite Dance Company Membership Guide 2026-27 Competitive Season

Auditions Process & Team Invitation

All Mid American Studio dancers 6 years of age or older as of December 31st, 2026 are invited to audition to join the Elite Dance Company. Audition fee is \$20.00 per dancer. Auditions are scheduled for June 24-26 from 5:00-8:00pm at Mid American Studio.

Dancers will receive a number to wear throughout the audition, which will be a 2-3 day process. During day 1 of auditions dancers will be asked to demonstrate ballet and jazz technique in the center and across the floor. After technique, they will learn short combinations in Jazz and Tap. During day 2 of auditions, after warming up and reviewing as a group, the dancers will perform the combinations they learned in smaller groups in front of a panel of guest judges.

Dancers auditioning for the Mini Team will attend a shortened audition experience during the same week, wherein they will also learn both Jazz and Tap combinations.

Dancers interested in performing a Duet/Trio or Solo for the upcoming competitive season will need to perform a short solo routine of their own choreography for the judges. They should prepare 1-1.5 minutes of choreography in the style of their choice and be prepared to share it with the judge's panel.

Dancers will be notified of acceptance within 1 week of auditions. Dancers will then be required to commit to the team before summer classes. **Dancers will be required to attend the EDC Summer Intensive for dance placement (August 10-14, 2026).** Each dancer is required to pay the \$200 annual membership fee, charged upon signing their Team Contract for the year.

Summer Class Requirements

Dancers are required to participate in the summer class schedule. Classes are typically offered July - August. Dancers who intend to audition for EDC in August should also participate in the Elite Summer classes. Classes include Strength & Stretch Bootcamp, Jazz technique, Tap technique, Int/Adv Ballet, Acro Dance, Hip Hop, Lyrical/Contemporary, Turn & Leaps, Improv, and Combinations classes. 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 classes will be held June 29-August 8, 2026. Dancers are offered 6 weeks of Unlimited Classes in various styles and techniques. *Dancers MUST attend each style of class offered for their age group at least once throughout the summer session.*

EDC Required Classes & Performance Commitments

Dancers are required to take a weekly schedule that includes Ballet, Jazz technique, Tap technique, Acro/Flexibility, and 1 (or more) EDC Rehearsal classes throughout the school-year; September-May. Dancers should anticipate a schedule that includes 3-5 days of class per week, and every other Friday rehearsal for Production. Dancers will also be encouraged to study Hip Hop, Lyrical, Musical Theatre or Pom to expand their performance opportunities.

Dancers are required to perform at all Mid American Studio Dance Recitals in the spring. The team will also compete in 3-5 regional dance competitions between January-April, and National Finals in June. ALL EDC dancers are required to attend Nationals with the Team, and families should be prepared to travel somewhere within the US. Dancers may also be asked to perform at other community events throughout the year such as local parades, community events, etc.

Team Production Rehearsals:

Elite Dance Co. Team Production rehearsals take place 2 Fridays per month throughout the school year. **Production rehearsals are mandatory for ALL EDC dancers.** If your dancer misses a Production rehearsal, they will not be choreographed into that section of the routine. Rehearsals will be approximately 5:00-8:00 pm, and the schedule is announced at the beginning of each season.

Elite Dance Co. Mini Team

As a member of the EDC Mini Team, dancers will be training to join the full company when they reach the age of 9 years old. Until then, dancers ages 6-8 are invited to participate in a smaller role. Mini team members will participate and perform at all the same competitions, conventions, and recitals, but with fewer required classes. Mini dancers take a weekly class schedule that includes Ballet, Jazz technique, Acro Dance, Jazz rehearsal and optional Tap & Hip Hop classes. The Mini Team will take their classes as a group, so they progress together throughout the season. If it is determined that a dancer is ready to perform in more advanced groups based on their skillset, Miss Abbie will decide when to move them up.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition is 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) children's classes.

****Tuition fees are subject to annual increases prior to Schedule Meetings each year in August.***

2026-27 Mini Tuition Fees:

- Ballet class (45 min.) = \$55 per month
- Jazz Technique (45 min.) = \$65 per month
- Acro/Flexibility (60 min.) = \$55 per month
- Competition Rehearsals (45 min.) = \$65+ (Tiered pricing system for multiple dance routines.)

2026-27 Company Tuition Fees:

- Ballet class (60 min.) = \$65 per month
- Jazz Technique (60 min.) = \$65 per month
- Tap Technique (45 min.) = \$55 per month
- Acro/Flexibility (60 min.) = \$55 per month
- Competition Rehearsals (45 min.) = \$65+ (Tiered pricing system for multiple dance routines.)
- Pointe/Recital classes = \$55 per month

Competition dance rehearsals consist of weekly, 45-minute classes, where the dancers will learn choreography for their competitive dance routines. Attendance for rehearsals is mandatory. Families will be asked to identify the number of competitive dance routines they feel comfortable with during Auditions.

Monthly tuition breakdown for competition dance rehearsals:

- 1 = \$65 per month
- 2 = \$85 per month
- 3 = \$105 per month
- 4 = \$125 per month
- 5 = \$145 per month
- 6 = \$165 per month
- 7+ = \$200 per month

Solos/Duets/Trios:

- Solo rehearsals = \$100 /month
- Duet rehearsals = \$85 /month each
- Trio rehearsals = \$70 /month each

Solo/Duo/Trio purchase includes an average of 25 rehearsal classes (30 minutes each). *Participation in a Solo/Duo/Trio must be approved through Miss Abbie after auditions.*

Costume fees:

Each competition dance routine will have a unique costume. Costume prices average between \$100-\$150 each. EDC costume deposits (\$75 per competitive routine) will be due in October. The remaining balance will be due before taking possession of your dancer's costumes in January/February.

Competition fees: Competition fees are charged per dancer, per dance routine. We will attend 3-5 regional competitions each spring between January-April. Competition fees will be due 2 months prior to each event and will be invoiced to each family based on their dancer's routines. Each competition charges slightly different fees, but fees average as follows:

- All competitions charge a media fee of \$35-\$50 per dancer
- Group dances, \$75-\$90 per dancer/per dance
- Duo/Trio, \$90-\$115 per dancer/per dance
- Solo, \$150-\$200 per competition

Additional Team Costs: *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 Team jacket, pants, jersey, duffel bag, jewelry = \$150+
- Team Makeup: including required eyeshadow, blush, eye liner, lipstick, and false lashes = \$75+
- Competition wear: including multiple pairs of tights, shoes, props, and accessories = \$100-\$200/year
- Dance Conventions: Full weekend of master classes and dance competition = \$275-\$350

Examples of monthly tuition payments:

Dancer A:

- 1 Competition routine = \$65 per month, 1 rehearsal class per week
- Ballet= \$65 per month
- Jazz technique= \$65 per month
- Tap technique= \$55 per month
- Acro technique= \$55 per month
- Total monthly tuition= \$305**

Dancer B:

- 3 Competition routines= \$105 per month
- Ballet class= \$65 per month
- Jazz technique= \$65 per month
- Acro technique= \$55 per month
- Tap Technique= \$55 per month
- Total monthly tuition= \$345**

Dancer B's Sibling: 10% off

- 2 Competition routines= \$76.50 per month
- Ballet class= \$58.50 per month
- Jazz technique= \$58.50 per month
- Acro technique= \$50 per month
- Tap technique=\$50 per month
- Total monthly tuition= \$293**

Company Member Expectations

- Dancers show up to each class and rehearsal prepared to work hard and make progress.
- Dancers always wear the proper attire for each class, including leotard/tights, shoes, and hair pulled back into a neat ponytail or bun.
- Attendance is mandatory.** Each dancer is allowed 3 excused absences per season. Absence for illness or family emergency do not count, Miss Abbie needs to be given advanced notice of ALL absences.
- Dancers are not allowed to dance for another studio while being a member of the Elite Dance Company.
- Elite Dance Co. membership is both an opportunity and a privilege; and must be treated as such. All dancers are expected to treat themselves, their peers, and all staff/instructors with respect at all times.
- Dancers will strive to do their personal best every single day, both 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 are invited to become a member of the Elite Dance Company will have the opportunity to train in multiple dance styles and techniques. Our programming provides space for dancers to take their dance technique to the next level with the help of staff, instructors, and teammates who constantly challenge you in the best ways. Every dance season brings new goals for each individual dancer and the team; and the only way to achieve these goals is 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 each 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 right to change or amend company rules at any time throughout the year to better serve our team members or enhance our program.

2026-27 Company Calendar

Dates & Details may vary slightly.

June-July-August: Summer Dance classes June 29-August 8th, required for ALL EDC dancers.

August: EDC Summer Intensive Aug. 10-14, 2026. *Schedule TBD.*

August 31st: First Day of Dance!

September: Competition Dance Rehearsals begin 1 week later.

Competition dates & locations announced.

October: Elite Costume Deposits due by October 15th

Halloween: No Dance Classes

November-December: Costumes delivered & Accessorized (Costumes paid in full before taking home)

Thanksgiving: No Dance Classes Wednesday-Saturday

December: EDC Holiday Celebration December 18th (tentatively)

Holiday Break: 12/21 - 01/03 No Dance Classes

November-February: Competition entry fees due (*1 Competition Registration fee charged per month.*)

January: Weekly classes resume January 04, 2026

Competition Prep & Parent Meeting: *January 16, 2027 (tentatively)*

Dress Rehearsal: January 30th, 2027 (tentatively)

February-April: Attending 3-5 regional dance competitions

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

Picture Day: Saturday in April (Attendance mandatory for competitive dancers)

May: Dress Rehearsal & Recital Performance

June: Nationals Mid-June (expect to travel for 1 week)