



Arabesque School of Dance

2023-2024 Competition Team Information

Here is your opportunity to join our competition groups. These groups are designed for the dancer that would like to add a new level to their dance experience. Listed is some information that you will need to know before making your commitment.

Competition dancers have an attendance policy of no more than a total 4 absences missed. If more are missed, they will require private lessons to catch up and cost is \$40.00 per half hour. We may have at least 2 Sunday practices per month, a competition showcase, 2-4 weekend competitions and a National competition. (These will be discussed and determined at a parent's meeting to be held in September.) There are extra fees such as shoes, costumes, competition fees, convention fees, and National preparation practice fees.

The following will be the tentative age groups for the upcoming season:

- Kindergarten/1st grade Competition Group - 75 minute class, with technique classes. Also includes ballet class of 60 minutes one day a week, monthly tuition of \$110.00.
- 2nd/3rd grade - 1 1/4 hour competition class, technique classes, includes ballet class of 60 minutes. \$160 per month
- 4-6th grade - 2 hour competition class, technique classes, 75 minute ballet class \$210.00 per month
- 7 - 9 grade - 2 hour competition class, 1 1/4 hour ballet, technique classes, \$220.00 per month.
- 10 - 12 grade - 2 hour competition class, technique classes, 1 1/2 hour ballet technique. \$240.00 per month.
- **PrepComp** 1-3 grade, 4 - 6 grade and 7-9 grade - 75 minute class, includes tap, jazz and ballet routines, two days a week may have a few Saturday classes, \$110.00 per month
- Twinklers (Pre/K ages 4 & 5, invite only) 45 minute class one day a week with tap/jazz, \$65.00 per month add ballet 45 minutes \$35.00.
- Select groups & Production - 2 times a month, typically Sunday afternoons

Competition try outs will be open to ages 5 through 18. Competition fee for camp is K - 12nd grade \$100.00. Competition membership fee is \$50.00 per dancer. All students will need to audition. Competition Camp dates are: August 8,9,10, 15. They will learn a short tap, ballet and jazz combination which they will be evaluated. On August 16 there will be auditions. Parents will not be allowed to watch. Audition routines will be judged by our staff and other dance professionals. Groups will be posted August 20 after 4:00 p.m., on our website on the competition page by tryout number: www.arabesquedanceschool.com

Those selected as competition dancers will attend competition classes the week of August 21 (days/times to be determined) with dance times on posting. This is a required class. Dancers will meet their group members and teachers, review rules and expectations, stretching exercises, dance technique and team bonding. Older classes may have choreography classes.

Each group will learn a tap, jazz, lyrical dance (with the exception of the Twinklers teams, they will only compete in tap and Jazz, unless they choose the additional ballet class). Additional Production dances may include Sunday practices with advance notice. Once groups and songs are chosen, costuming will be determined and at that time costume fees will be announced. Costumes for competition groups will average \$160.00 each and comp fees average \$65 per routine. Dancers with outstanding balances will not be allowed to compete/perform until all funds are current.

Solo/Duet/Trios and select groups will be determined in late fall which includes additional tuition, costuming and competition fees. We look forward to working with your dancers for the upcoming dance season. The ASD Staff



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2023-2023 Competition Policies

It is an honor and a privilege to be an ASD competition dancer! Listed below is a reminder on what it takes to be in a competition group.

Effort/Commitment

- We expect 100% effort at all times. This includes in class as well as stretching and practice at home to make sure that you learn all the choreography and terminology.
- As a member of the Arabesque dance team, you may not participate in any other studio's dance program. The exceptions would be school dance team or at a dance program promoted through our studio, such as a dance convention.
- Competition dancers are expected to be at all required practices. If additional classes are needed we will try to give as much advance warning as possible. However, if competition dance is too much of a commitment, please let us know as soon as possible to make arrangements to switch to a recreation dance class.
- If a dancer drops a dance class there is a drop fee of \$200 per dance to rechoreograph and teach the class. This is a YEAR long commitment.
- Class change fee is \$10 per change in extra classes (pointe, acro, etc).

Dance Apparel

- Girls are required to wear appropriate dance wear such as *leotards, tights, wrap skirts, dance shorts, and dance pants and have the required dance shoes*. If a student has on sweats, jeans, shorts over their leotards, they will be asked to remove it and dance in their leotards. Hair in a bun. **Dancers will need a black leotard and black ballet skirt.**
- Ballet classes - all girl dancers must wear tights, leotards and full ballet shoes with hair in a bun.
- Boy dancers are expected to wear gym shorts or sweat pants and a t-shirt.
- If students are wearing non dance clothes, they will not be able to participate but will observe for that class. **This WILL be enforced.**
- Hair must be pulled up in a bun. Hair must stay up and out of their face.

Attendance

- Attendance will be taken at each practice.
- All competition students may be excused up to a total of 4 times within a dance year (not 4 per class). Please let your instructor know as soon as possible, preferably more than 24 hours in advance.
- If you are absent, it will be your responsibility to learn what was taught in class from either another student or through a private lesson. **Dancers must be at practice the week or class prior to a competition and/or performance in order to perform or have a private lesson with instructors.**
- If you are injured and cannot dance, we would prefer that you come and observe class to prevent from falling behind.
- Please note that if a student has excessive absences due to illness, school or other activities, it may result in a line up change or a change in group placement as well as being required to take a private lesson at the rate of \$40.00 per half hour. (\$30.00 payable to instructor, \$10.00 payable to ASD for studio usage fee).
- If you do not know the routine well enough, you may not participate in the upcoming competition.
- Competition dance is a team commitment and other dancers from your group are counting on you to make dance a top priority. We also expect dancers to practice on their own when not at the studio. If tuition is more than 1 month late, dancer will not be allowed to participate in class until their balance is current. They may be required to take private lessons to be caught up at \$40.00 per half hour (\$30.00 payable to instructor, \$10.00 payable to ASD for studio usage fee). No credit will be given if they miss class. This will count as an absence and will be counted to their total of 4 classes missed.

Respect

- Be respectful to all instructors, parents and students at all times, in all situations, whether in or outside of class. Parents need to lead by example, please do not speak negatively to your child outside of classes about dance classes, other dancers or other parents.
- All competition groups will respect and cheer on all ASD dance groups and show respect to them.
- Please do not engage in negative talk, rumors or gossip. It hurts feelings.
- Lead by example. Please set a good example to the other dancers by being a good listener.
Instructors are there to teach dance. Do not waste their time and yours by talking, being late or goofing off.
- Dance Instructors are there to better yourself at dance. They may give you constructive comments, which is in your benefit. Please accept what they are showing/telling you and thank them for it.
- Do not touch anything that is not yours without permission, whether it is another students, instructor or studio property. If you are assigned a locker, you must keep it clean, no food/pop allowed in locker.

Competition Conduct

- Dancers are personally responsible for stretching and practicing prior to all performances. Dancers are required to be at the competition dressing room at least 2 **hours** prior to their first performance and fully dressed.
- Dancers are responsible for knowing all information regarding their group. Dancers must stay with their group unless they have specific permission from a coach, instructor/team captain or team mom.
- If a dancer is competing in a group as well as in a solo/duet/trio, in all instances the group will have priority. If they are to be performing at the same time, the instructor will have the final say and they will inform the competition directors.
- Be supportive of all groups, solos, duets, trios and small groups. Please cheer on Arabesque team members when ever possible.
- **While cheering on groups/individuals, please refrain from excessive name calling and yelling as it may have a negative impact on the judging.**
- Dancers/parents are expected to be attentive during award ceremonies and exemplify good sportsmanship even if you do not agree with the judge's decisions.
- All trophies whether they are earned by solo/duet/trios or groups belong to the ASD. It is ASD's discretion to award any dancer a trophy to keep. Dancers get to keep ribbons, pins or other awards that is given to individual team members. These are handed out at the year end awards banquet.
- When at competitions, wear Arabesque warm-ups. All dancers will be required to purchase ASD warmups to be worn on stage. If you are on stage for awards, you **MUST** have on Arabesque warmup. Wearing apparel from other studios is not allowed and dancers will not be allowed on stage for awards. Please use a garment bag to store and transport costumes. Please **LABEL** all costumes, shoes and garments.
- Please make sure that you have all your costume pieces, extra tights and accessories prior to the competition. If you need additional tights, jewelry, etc, please purchase them prior to the competition at the studio. If you lose or misplace costume pieces and it cannot be replaced, you will not be able to dance.
- Additional competition information will be handed out through out the dance season.
- Most of all smile, create memories and have fun!

Other items:

- Our goal is to challenge, instruct and keeping dancers safe whether it is in studio, on line or some other means.
- For in studio practices, at this time we ask that dancers bring all their shoes, a water bottle and be dressed prior to coming to class.
- If a dancers payment account is not current, they will not be able to compete until it is current. All accounts must be paid by the year end recital to participate.



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Competition Cost Estimate

It is an honor and a privilege to be a member of the ASD Competition Team! This is only an estimate; cost prices were based on the past season as we have not received new costume prices/competition fees. PreComp teams Twinklers (4/5 year olds) and Sparklers (K-1st) will only meet once a week, unless they request to be in ballet. There may be some Saturday/Sunday practices. All other teams will meet 2 times a week, one day for their tap/jazz dances/technique, and another day for Ballet/technique/lyrical dance. They will meet about 2 times a month for Production practice or if chosen for select dances. These will typically be on a Saturday/Sunday. Acro classes will be held on Mon/Wednesday evenings. Dancers trying out for solo/duet/trio are highly encouraged to take the acro classes. Groups will attend 3 - 4 Regional competitions and a National Competition, location to be determined. Dancers are required to participate in 5 hours of summer technique/private lessons/clinics.

Competition team members- approximate fees:

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| • Each costume | \$160.00 |
| • Select Dance | \$150.00 |
| • Jazz shoes | \$25.00 - \$50 |
| • Tap shoes | \$28.00 - \$155.00 |
| • Ballet shoes | \$25.00 - \$38.00 |
| • Monthly class cost | \$65.00 - \$250.00 (depends on number of hours per week) |
| • Competition fees (per dance) | \$65.00 |
| • Jewelry/hair pieces | \$25.00 |

All groups

Warm ups - jacket	\$80.00
ASD Tank top	\$30.00
T-shirts and other ASD apparel	TBD

Solo/duet/trio/select small groups

Based upon tryouts and recommended by the ASD staff.

Note; At competitions when awards are announced, dancers are on stage and we require them to wear Arabesque apparel. We will go through specific costs at our parents meeting. These are estimates.