



Competition Details and Commitment:

- Competition season runs Late October through early May.
- Students are required to attend 75% of their regular classes between November and April.
- All Students are to be in a Ballet Class.
 - Students in Beginner Level (ages 5-6) must be in Beginner Ballet/Tap or Beginner Ballet/Jazz
 - Students in Level 1 must be in Ballet
 - Students in Levels 2-3 are required to be in Ballet PLUS ONE other class per week. (Jazz, Tap, Musical Theatre, Modern Lyrical, Hip Hop, Tumbling or Contemporary)
- Students in Levels 2-3 will be a part of the Team Dance. Students in Level 1 have the option of being a part of the team dance
- All rehearsals, competitions and performances are **MANDATORY**.
 - Levels 1-3 attend 3 competitions per season (March, April and May)
 - Beginner level attends 1 competition in May.
 - There is a Premier performance EVERYONE dances in
 - There is a Nursing Home performance EVERYONE dances in
 - All routines will also be done at the end of the year recital
 - Rehearsals for Beginner level will be on Saturdays
 - Rehearsals for all other levels will be throughout the week and or on Saturdays
 - Each dance rehearsal is 45-60 minutes in length and each dance rehearses ONCE A WEEK (i.e.: a Level 2 dancer will have a minimum of 2 rehearsals per week. One small group and then the team dance)
- Students ages 11 and up with 1 year of competition experience, are allowed to do a solo IF they choose. Solos are assigned by Ms. Carol. Students (with the exception of seniors) do not choose their music, costume or choreography
- We ask that there are NO prescheduled vacations during competition season, except during winter and spring break. If there is a vacation, Ms. Carol needs to know ASAP. Please try not to schedule vacations between February and May unless over Spring Break time.
- FEES are based upon the number of dances your child is in. They are ALL INCLUSIVE (entrance fees, rehearsal fees, costumes and Team apparel)

Reasons to Join Competition:

- **Competition is fun! Joining competition allows a child to dance more and enhances the skills that they learn in class all while having FUN!!**
- **Friends for life! Dance team friends make the best friends! By laughing together, working together, and building strong team bonds together. The relationships built are the relationships to cherish for a lifetime!**
- **It's not just about getting on that stage to dance, dance competitions are all about comradery, once-in-a-lifetime experiences, meeting new people, and experiencing new adventures.**
- **It helps build self-confidence. Performing with a dance team requires that a child get on a stage and work with their fellow teammates to perform thus helping to build better skills in self-presentation, public speaking and strengthen self-esteem.**