



2019 Dance Company Tryout Information



Please read all information. All 1st Grade parents (as of 2019-2020) and any family NOT currently in Dance Company needs to attend one Parent Only Meeting on Friday, March 1st 4:15-5:00pm or Monday, March 4th 6:30-7:15pm or Tuesday March 12th 4:00-4:45pm. Questions will be answered at the Parent Meeting. Thank you!

What is Dance Company at DancEd?

Dance Company at DancEd is a lot of fun for dancers who love to dance and perform. It is an elective activity for kids in 1st-8th grade who want to be more involved in performing. Dance Company gives children an exciting opportunity to display their talents and further develop their skills. Dance is a performing art and many dancers enjoy the experience and comradery that performing with a group brings. Dance Company gives these types of dancers an opportunity to share their talent in front of an audience 4-6 times a year at various venues throughout the Chicago area. The 1st-3rd graders perform more locally while the 4th-8th graders perform all over the Chicago area. Dance Company members have performed at numerous places including Stevenson High School, United Center, Allstate Arena, Navy Pier, Northbrook Court, Ruth Page Theater, Sears Center, Great America and retirement communities. Dancers wishing to gain performance experience as well as confidence, showmanship, poise and leadership skills will benefit from the Dance Company opportunity. Most of the current local high school orchesis, cheerleading and pom squad members have used the performing/auditioning skills they have been taught at DancEd to make the above mentioned high school activities. Dance Company has helped dancers gain success and confidence for those who wish to become involved in some type of performing activity in middle school and high school. We are proud to say that Dance Company members have really impacted their schools and communities over the last 10 years! Dance Company class is a class that meets 30 minutes each week that focuses on learning and perfecting a dance. Dance Company dancers are required to take additional dance class or classes (depending on the Dance Company) during Fall through Spring and attend summer rehearsals. Listed on the next page are the requirements of each dance company.

What's Expected of Dance Company Members and Their Families?

Dancers who tryout and make a Dance Company need to understand that they are entering into a COMMITMENT with DancEd and other dancers in their Company. Making Dance Company puts the dancer (and therefore the parent...!) in a situation where the dance studio has specific expectations and requirements of you! Dancers must attend their weekly practice wearing appropriate dance clothing, attend all performances and be considerate of fellow dancers and teachers by **communicating** with DancEd. Dance Company is **not** a pick and choose type of activity. **All dancers are expected to participate at all practices and performances during the entire school year!** Anyone who frequently misses dance class or company class will be unable to perform because they will not know the choreography. Parents must call or email DancEd if a student is sick or an unexpected emergency arises that prohibits their dancer from attending class or a performance. If a student misses more than 3 dance classes (for any reason) in a semester, they will need to make them up. They can make them up by attending a similar class or paying for a private lesson. Dancers will be unable to perform (or be excused from Dance Company altogether) if numerous classes are missed and not made up. * **DancEd reserves the right to require a summer class if a dancer needs it to be at a similar level as her fellow Company dancers in order to participate in company.**

Dance Company Parent Meeting - DancEd encourages all potential Dance Company Families to attend a meeting. All 1st Grade Parents and any family **NOT** currently in Dance Company **MUST** attend. All meetings will be held at DancEd and are **parent only meetings**. The meetings will be held on March 1st 4:15-5:00pm and March 4th 6:30-7:15pm and March 12th 4:00-4:45pm, but parents only need to attend **ONE**. Important registration points will also be addressed at the meeting.

Cost of Dance Company

There is a **\$125 nonrefundable company deposit** due for each company at the time of registration. This deposit officially holds your place in the Company and tells DancEd that you intend to participate. The **\$125 fee will not be refunded and cannot be applied to any other DancEd activity for any reason!!!** Final Dance Company payment will be due in August and it covers the Fall '19- Spring '20 school year. This payment is around \$275 for younger dancers and \$350 for older dancers. Exact cost will be determined in August. Dance shoes, tights, travel expenses, parent admission costs and other expenses are not included in the fee.



Please Read the Info that Pertains to Your Dancer

The Necessary Commitment for 1st & 2nd Grade Jazz Company:

- Students must be in 1st or 2nd Grade (as of Fall 2019). Dancers audition for the jazz company.
- Students must take summer Dance Company (June 18-July 30) once a week on Tuesday evenings for 45 minutes. 1st grade is 4:30-5:15 and 2nd grade is 5:15-6:00. All dancers MUST sign up for the summer class, but if you are going to miss 3 or more summer practices, **private lessons may need to be arranged at an additional cost.**
- September – June recital, 1st Graders will take Tap/Jazz 1 and 1st Grade Dance Company Class Tuesday 4:00-5:30. 2nd Graders will take Tap/Jazz 2 and 2nd Grade Dance Company Class Monday 4:00-5:30. Usually these classes are taken back to back, but they do not have to be. Students may be required to attend a Saturday rehearsal or take a private lesson in order to perform if they fall behind.
- Students are recommended to take a ballet class. Ballet is the basis of all dance, and it will strengthen technique and body placement. Ballet is the most important form of dance.
- Last year some companies were broken into two groups due to size. The groups will be divided by DancEd and all groups are final. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO CHANGE GROUPS OR REQUEST A TEACHER!!! Both groups will meet at the same time so carpools can be arranged. Please note in some cases DancEd may make a conscious decision to separate dancers who have in the past-demonstrated inappropriate behavior together. **Please do not tryout for Dance Company if you want to be in Company with certain people.** Groups will be separated when summer classes begin, usually separated by elementary school.

The Necessary Commitment for 3rd Grade Jazz and/or Jr. Tap Company:

- Students must be in 3rd Grade (as of Fall 2019) and should have some type of dance training. Dancers audition for jazz and/or tap company.
- **Jazz** - Dancers who make 3rd Grade Jazz Company must take a summer company class (June 18-July 30) once a week on Tuesday evenings from 6-6:45pm. All dancers MUST sign up for the summer class, but if you are going to miss 3 or more summer practices, **private lessons need to be arranged.** September thru the June recital, 3rd Graders will take an hour Jazz 3 class and 3rd Grade Company Class.
- **Tap** - Dancers who make Jr. Tap Company must attend the August Mandatory Practice (Date will be given in the registration packet- usually the last week of August). September thru the June recital, 3rd Graders will take a half hour Tap 3 class and Jr. Tap Company class. Dancers also need to take one additional dance class per week (jazz, hip hop, ballet, poms).
- Usually these classes are taken back to back, but they do not have to be. Students may be required to attend a Saturday rehearsal or take a private lesson in order to perform if they fall behind.
- Students are recommended to take a ballet class. Ballet is the basis of all dance and it will strengthen technique and body placement. Ballet is the most important form of dance.
- Last year some companies were broken into two groups due to size. The groups will be divided by DancEd and all groups are final!

The Necessary Commitment for 4th-8th Graders:

****4th -8th graders may audition for Jazz, Hip-Hop, Ballet, and/or Tap Company. Modern company will be 5th-8th grade.****

Students must be in 4th through 8th grade (as of Fall 2019) and be committed to dance. Dancers may be asked to attend an extra practice if needed. Dancers are required to take 2 dance classes and Company class at least once a week from September - June 2020. All company dancers are encouraged (some are required) to take ballet. Ballet is a very disciplined dance form that will make each dancer a stronger, better-trained, technical dancer. **4th – 6th grade students or higher that have never taken ballet, will be placed in a preteen or teen ballet class.** *If you do not wish to be in these classes, do not tryout for Jazz Company. If you do not wish to wear pink tights, a black leotard and hair in a bun each week for ballet class, please do not tryout for Jazz Company.* Some dance classes are on Fri & Sat as well as some performances. Students can make up any dance class they miss at anytime, but classes will not be changed because of a performance.

- **Jazz Company** students are 4th-8th graders who must audition and take jazz, ballet, & Jazz Company class fall-spring.
- **Tap Company** students are 3rd-8th graders with some type of tap training. Tap Company students are required to take tap class, a core class (jazz, ballet, lyrical, contemporary or modern) and Tap Company class fall-spring.
- **Ballet Company** students are 4th-8th graders with at least 2 years of ballet training and in Ballet 4 or above. Ballet Company students must take ballet class, one core class (jazz, ballet, lyrical, contemporary or modern) and Ballet Company class fall-spring.
- **Hip Hop Company** students are 4th-8th graders with some type of dance training and must take the appropriate level jazz class, hip-hop class and Hip Hop Company class fall-spring. Dancers who have not taken a jazz only class will be placed in preteen jazz.
- **Modern Company** students are 5th-8th graders with at least one year of modern dance. Modern Company students must take modern class, one core class (jazz, ballet, lyrical, or contemporary), and Modern Company class fall-spring.

******Dancers will have a mandatory August practice. Parents may have to attend one mandatory meeting as companies get going. It is HIGHLY recommended that a student take dance camp or a dance class this summer at DancEd. Potentially, any Company could be split into groups (not always by age). The groups will be divided by DancEd and all groups are final!**

When are Dance Company Auditions?

Students must audition for all Companies. It has become necessary to hold tryouts due to the sheer number of dancers that express interest in our Dance Companies. If your dancer has never taken a class at DancEd, you might want to consider arranging a private dance lesson before tryouts to acclimate your dancer with DancEd and the teaching staff. Private lessons can be arranged by calling DancEd at 847-564-9120. Times to audition are listed below (grades as of Fall 2019). Please note the parent only meetings will all be the same meeting. One of these meetings is **mandatory** for parents of all 2019-2020 families in 1st Grade and families **not** currently in Dance Company.

Jazz Companies (use the grade as of Fall 2019):

1st Grade - Sunday, March 17 12:30-1:15 or Tuesday, March 19 4-4:45pm

2nd Grade – Monday, March 18 4:45-5:30pm or Tuesday, March 19 4-4:45pm

3rd Grade – Monday, March 18 4:45-5:30pm or Tuesday, March 19 5:30-6pm

4th – 8th Grade – Monday, March 18 6:15-7pm or Tuesday, March 19 5:30-6pm**

Hip Hop Company (4th-12th Grade):

All Hip Hop ages & grades – Monday, March 18 7-7:45pm or Thursday, March 21 6:45-7:30pm**

Ballet (4th-12th grade) and Modern Company (5th-12th grade)

All Ballet and Modern Co. ages – Tuesday, March 19 7:15-8:15pm or Thursday, March 21 7:30-8:15pm

Tap Company (3rd-12th grade):

All Tap Company ages – Monday, March 18 4-4:45pm or Thursday, March 21 6:00-6:30pm

****If your dancer is auditioning for Dance Team, she will audition for Jazz and Hip Hop Dance Company on Sunday, March 17. Dancers auditioning for Dance Team and Jazz and/or Hip Hop Company only attend the Dance Team audition!**

*Note: There will not be any current Dance Company class during audition times. Dancers may attend an audition that overlaps with one or more of their dance classes if preferred by the parent.

When do Dance Company Classes meet during the school year?

DancEd will try to put the best Dance Company schedule together as possible based on dancers and teacher availability. However, the Dance Company schedule may mean that some dancers have to take dance class and company class on different days. Listed below are the current 2018-2019 Dance Company days. Keep in mind the days may change based on teacher availability, room availability and religious school schedules, but as of 2/4/19 the following days are most likely the ones on the Sept-June 2020 schedule.

1st Grade Jazz - Tues. after school

4th-8th Jazz - Monday

Hip Hop - Thursday

Tap - Monday

2nd Grade Jazz – Monday after school

3rd Grade Jazz - Monday 6:30

Ballet & Modern - Thursday

Yes, I want to try out for the 2019-2020 Dance Company!!

* Please sign up online at DancEd.com beginning 2/13 to audition. Please sign up for all the Dance Companies and/or Teams you wish to tryout for. One must sign up online to receive the list of dancers who make it. **Please note when signing up online ONLY the first tryout time is listed in the pull down menu.** Dancers may come to either audition time listed in this packet.

* Attend one parent meeting 3/1, 3/4 or 3/12 (mandatory for anyone not in company this year and 1st Grade parents).

* Bring your dancer to the appropriate audition day and time listed above. Each group will be taught a short dance combination and then will be asked to dance 5 at a time and perform the combination while being videotaped. The video will be shown to a group of judges and scored. Results will be posted March 25 via email. All judges' decisions are final. DancEd reserves the right to hold auditions for Companies that are not full and cancel a Company that does not have enough dancers. Company auditions are low key and fun! They are not stressful or challenging events for most dancers.

* Dancers making 1st-3rd Grade Jazz Dance Company will need to sign up for their summer class online **BEFORE April 17!**

* Dancers making Company will need to pick up their Dance Company packet in late April. Dance Company families with no outstanding tuition are the first group to enroll for the 2019-2020 School Year Session at DancEd. To register, Dance Company families must register online and pay the **\$125 nonrefundable** per company deposit, any summer class fees and the 1st tuition payment. Company class will only last 1/2 hour per week during the school year. Only those families who have registered online and paid their Dance Company deposit(s) will be eligible to register for 2019-2020 classes on the Dance Company registration date. Dance Company registration date is scheduled for the beginning of May.

We hope to see you at tryouts! ☺☺☺☺☺☺

DancEd Dance Centre has a performing Dance Team that also competes. If you are interested in something of this nature, please see the Dance Team Info sheet. Dance Team tryouts are March 17 ONLY!

Thank you for taking the time to read this document.

Dance Company is a lot of fun for kids who love to perform!

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All dancers wishing to participate must register to audition at

www.DancEd.com

Come join us!!

