

DANCE EXPRESS ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS 2026-27

AUDITIONS (ages 8 & up)

Auditions for our  Ensemble will be held on:

TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH

(Ages 8-10) 4:00-5:00

(Ages 11-13) 5:15-6:15

(Ages 14 & up) 6:30-7:30

Level 1 & 2 ENSEMBLE (Approximate AGES 8-13)

(Dancers could be placed on to the higher team which would be more of a commitment -- see below requirements)

This is a slow introduction on to ensemble and is for younger dancers interested in being on full-team eventually.

- There is a required **1-hour ballet class & 1-hour jazz class** held on Tuesdays.
- Dancers will choose taking rec classes or team classes for: tap, hip hop, or lyrical.
- They will do extra performances and at least 2 competitions during the season.
- There is a **STRICT ABSENCE** policy for dance ensemble members which will be strongly enforced!! **Weekly attendance is required, and excessive absences (more than 3) will be considered when joining for the following year.**
- **Dancers are required to attend any of our scheduled extra trips in the Spring or Summer.**

Level 3 & 4 DANCE ENSEMBLE (Approximate AGES 12 & up)

These dance ensembles require a very strong commitment. We look for dancers who are serious about dance and willing to make a full commitment.

- There will be extra rehearsals, performances and competitions which take place weekdays/nights and weekends – **all which are required.**
- The **required** dance classes for these ages are:
 - 1-hour ballet and jazz class - Tuesdays
 - Stretch, strengthening, technique, acro and yoga class on Fridays
 - Extra Saturday ballet class
 - Choreography classes on either Friday or Saturday - or possibly both days
- For those who would like to compete in tap, lyrical and hip hop you must take those classes as well, during the week.
- Extra choreography rehearsals will be held on Fridays & Saturdays from September – May and will consist of focusing strictly on the dances they will be competing in.
- There is a **STRICT ABSENCE** policy for dance ensemble members which will be strongly enforced!! **Weekly attendance is required, and excessive absences (more than 3) will be considered when joining for the following year.**
- There are additional costs involved, tuition, competition fees, company costumes, workshops, and possible travel costs for competitions.
- **Dancers are required to attend any of our scheduled extra trips or events in the Spring or Summer**

Ensemble Dancers will be required to take 2026 summer intensive classes



DANCE ENSEMBLE AUDITION REQUIREMENTS (ALL AGES)

- 1) Dancers will do a short warm up and some ballet barre work.
- 2) They will be asked to perform across the floor jazz combinations in groups.
- 3) They will be taught a short jazz combination which will be performed in small groups.
- 4) We will be watching the dancers for their technique, personality, and overall appearance.
- 5) Please dress accordingly in black leotard and tights, **NO SHORTS OR T-SHIRTS!!**
- 6) Hair should be neat off their face in either a ponytail or bun.
- 7) Dancers should wear ballet shoes for barre and then can change into their jazz shoes.
- 8) Dancers do not need to prepare anything themselves for the audition.

Please remember, placement of dancers into ensemble is based on:

- **ability**
- **the availability of spots**
- **performance in class throughout the year**
- **their seriousness and absence record are taken into consideration as well**

Dancers will receive notice by the end of June as to whether they have been placed on to ensemble.

SUMMER INTENSIVES - PLEASE NOTE:

1. DANCERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE AN EXACT NUMBER OF SUMMER CLASSES, but we recommend taking as many as they can. If we are still unsure on some dancers after the auditions, we may ask them to take some summer classes to watch them further.
2. Go to the DE website to see our Summer Schedule under Intensive & Technique Classes for class times & to sign up.
3. **Costs:**
 - \$400 for all Ensemble dancers
 - \$200 if they are taking the younger age group classes (ie: just 1 class each night)

ALL DANCERS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THE 2026-2027 DANCE SEASON BEFORE AUDITIONING

Dancers should register into their normal rec class and we will change them to Ensemble classes if they make it on to the ensemble.

PLEASE EMAIL US at INFO@DEEASTON.COM IF YOUR DANCER PLANS ON TRYING OUT

**** WE WILL HOLD AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR ENSEMBLE ON MONDAY, JUNE 1st AT 6:15**