



EXPRESSIONS DANCE
ACADEMY
GRAND RAPIDS, MI

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Thank you for trying out to be part of the 2024-2025 EDA Competition Team! We would like to formally extend the invitation to be part of our competition team for the upcoming year. We are excited for the upcoming season. I have some information posted below, but there will be much more to come!

For those of you who are new to the team, I'm sure it will seem very overwhelming at first and you will probably have a lot of questions. During this time of the summer I am working on putting together the Competition Team Packet for the upcoming season which will have all pricing, dates, and additional information for the season. So your questions will be answered, just maybe not right now. Also, Mini team information will not be included in this email since everyone trying out was ages 7 and up. So if you have specific information about that, it will be in the packet when it comes out. I'm just giving you kind of the bare bones minimum to get you all started looking at your schedules.

August 1st is when registration/enrollment opens up. You will be able to register/enroll online at www.expressionsdancegr.com, or you can attend our open house as well on the 1st (from 4pm-7pm) and we can help you out. Each competition team class is usually denoted by starting with "*Comp Team:"

Classes start the week of September 9th. Dancers between the age of 7-17 must enroll in at least 1 Regionals class to be considered part of the competition team. They can do solos, duos/trios, but they all must be part of at least 1 regionals class. This year we will be offering Regionals in the following styles: Tap, Hip Hop, Acro, Musical Theatre, and Jazz & Contemporary (remember that Jazz & Contemporary are a package deal, you have to take both to take one of them. This is done because we have seen the success it has had in the years prior and we are going to continue to do it this way.)

Some of our classes are divided by ages. Make sure to check your dancer's age when registering for classes that have age restrictions:

Mini: Ages 3-6

Junior: Ages 7-10

Teen: Ages 11-14

Senior: Ages 15-19

Adult: Ages 20 and up

Here are classes being offered:

Mini/Jr Hip Hop

Teen/Senior Hip Hop

Junior Jazz & Contemporary

Teen/Senior Jazz & Contemporary

Regionals Acro (ages Mini through Senior)

Regionals Tap (ages Junior through Adult)

Regionals Musical Theatre (ages Junior through Adult)

Regionals Adult: 2 styles TBD

I have included pricing information for the upcoming year:

Regionals Team Monthly Tuition (9 months Sep-May): \$95 per month per dancer

Solo (1 or 2 in same half hour spot): \$110 per month per dancer

Duo/Trio: \$75 per month per dancer

Enrollment Fee for new dancers is \$150, remember this gets you all your items like jewelry, tights, hair things, turners, leotard, and T-shirt as well now. Returning members can purchase only things they need. This will all be outlined in the Comp Team Packet that is coming later.

Costume Fees: Slight change this year. All regionals group class costumes and duos/trios are \$100. For all Solos, we are starting with the assumption that you will be getting your own costume. But you do not have to. I want to explain. For group dances we have the budget of \$100 and can look at costumes and make sure we can get all the items we want for as close to \$100. For solos, since the dancers themselves are usually picking out the costumes, prices can vary. In the past we put all costume fees of \$100 on accounts for solos, taken them off if they get the costume themselves. I have been able to refund money to dancers whose costumes were under \$100, and had to add extra fees to costumes that were more. We have noticed the trend of dancers getting their own solo costumes, which is totally fine, so to save some extra work I am going to start with the assumption that your dancer is getting their own solo costume. If they want us to order them a solo costume, that is no problem whatsoever, we have plenty of costume books for them to look at. When they choose, they will be told the price of the costume, if they are ok with the price, then it will be added to their account and EDA will order it.

I'm still waiting for Competitions to get back to me with their competition fees. I average them and that is how I come up with a price instead of having a different amount for each competition. My mistake last year was assuming they only went up by a couple of dollars, and I was sorely mistaken. You can read below my BEST GUESS AT THIS TIME of what the fees will be, based on last year and the competition that has gotten back to me. Remember this is subject to change, I'm just trying to give new dancers to the team an idea of all costs involved before committing to the team:

Solos: \$175 per dancer per routine

Duos/Trio: \$95 per dancer per routine

Groups: \$75 per dancer per routine

The competition team packet will outline when all the fees are due as well as what shoes will be required for each dance.

*Please note that locations listed in this letter are subject to change, I'm just giving you the information they are giving me right now.

Here are the 3 team competitions we will be attending (meaning all regionals groups)

Bloom Dance Competition (location TBD but says Grand Rapids) March 21-23, 2025

Shine Your Light – Plainwell HS – April 25-27, 2025

That's Entertainment – Belding HS – May 9-11, 2025 (Nationals Groups also attending)

Optional Competitions for Solos/Duos/Trios (no regionals classes attending):

Imagine Dance Comp – Godwin HS – Feb 14-16, 2025

PAC (similar to LUXXE) – Godwin HS – Feb 28-Mar 2, 2025

Nexstar GR – Godwin HS – March 7-9, 2025

Energy NDC – Godwin HS – May 2-4, 2025

Nexstar Frankenmuth – Frankenmuth, MI – May 23-25, 2025 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Our tentative class schedule is also included in this email. Class times are subject to change if there is an unforeseen issue, but we will give you plenty of notice and the option to change if necessary.

TUESDAYS**ROOM 1 (NS)****ROOM 2 (SS)**

5:00-5:30		4-8 Year Old Acro (Erin)
5:30-6:00		
6:00-6:30	Advanced Ballet - required for Regionals Jazz & Lyrical/Contemporary (Zoe)	9-12 Year Old Jazz & Contemporary (Erin)
6:30-7:00		
7:00-7:30	Technique - Teacher: Erin - required for Regionals Jazz & Lyrical/Contemporary who aren't in pointe (Erin)	Pointe (Zoe)
7:30-8:00	Junior Jazz (Erin)	Teen/Senior Jazz (Laura)
8:00-8:30	Teen/Senior Cont/Lyr (Erin)	Jr Cont/Lyrical (Laura)
8:30-9:00	Nationals***	Adult Regionals Class (2 routines TBD) (Kelly)
9:00-9:30		

WEDNES**ROOM 1 (NS)****ROOM 2 (SS)**

5:00-5:30	5-9 Year Old Hip Hop (Brenna)	
5:30-6:00		
6:00-6:30	13-19 Year Old Contemporary/Lyrical (Zoe)	2-4 Year Old Tap & Ballet Combo (Morgan K)
6:30-7:00		
7:00-7:30	Regionals Tap (Anna)	5-9 Year Old Lyrical & Jazz (Morgan K)
7:30-8:00		
8:00-8:30	13-19 Year Old Acting / Musical Theatre (Brenna)	Adult Tap/Ballet (alternating each week) alternating anna kelly
8:30-9:00		
9:00-9:30		

THURSDAYS**ROOM 1 (NS)****ROOM 2 (SS)**

5:00-5:30	9-12 Year Old Acro (Anna)	2-4 Year Old Intro Hip Hop/Creative Movement (Brenna)
5:30-6:00		
6:00-6:30	Technique for Acro, MT, Teen/Senior HH	8-12 Year Old Acting/Musical Theatre (Brenna)
6:30-7:00	kelly	9-12 Year Old Hip Hop (Brenna)
7:00-7:30		
7:30-8:00	Regionals Acro (mini - senior) anna	
8:00-8:30	Regionals MT (Junior & up) kelly	13-19 Year Old Jazz
8:30-9:00	Regionals Teen/Senior HH brenna	(Anna)