

These details are subject to change, but are our best estimation of what will be incorporated into these programs.

"Standard Competition Team" General Requirements:		"Competition-plus" General Requirements:
Participation in Regional Competitions		Participation in Regional Competitions
Participation at one or two required conventions.		Full participation at three or four conventions. Participation in the competition portion of the conventions as well as the convention classes.
Dancers will have the opportunity to register for additional optional conventions. These will require additional fees.		Dancers will have the opportunity to register for additional optional conventions. These will require additional fees.
Participation in required disciplines listed on the corresponding audition form for your dancer's age group.		Participation in competition dances in all disciplines: Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical/Contemporary and Hip-Hop. This requirement is in place to keep our dancers working toward being exceptionally well-rounded dancers. Participation in a minimum of 7 competition dances. Not all 7 dances will necessarily be "comp plus" dances. Therefore, not all dances will necessarily be competed at the conventions. It will be at the discretion of the BLDC faculty which dances will participate in which convention(s).
Dancers have the opportunity to add as many additional technique classes as they would like.		Dancers have the opportunity to add as many additional technique classes as they would like.
The tuition amount for the standard competition program varies depending on how many hours of class your dancer participates in weekly. The monthly payment rate range is approx. \$80 - \$300. This is the tuition for the year divided into 8 payments.		The maximum monthly tuition payment for Competition-plus dancers is approx. \$325. This is the tuition for the year divided into 8 payments.
5 Consolidated Fee Payments (Costume/Convention/Competition fees) This fee varies depending on the number of competition dances your child is placed on and accepts.		5 Consolidated Fee Payments (Costume/Convention/Competition fees) This fee varies depending on the number of competition dances your child is placed on and accepts. Additional fees for required conventions & competition entry fees for those dances competing at the conventions.
Summer requirement: minimum of 8 days		Summer requirement: minimum of 10 days. Required rehearsals before the dance season begins (schedule to be announced).
We will continue to offer master classes with guest instructors. Most of these classes will require additional fees and must be paid for in advance.		We will continue to offer master classes with guest instructors. Most of these classes will require additional fees and must be paid for in advance.
Weekend Rehearsals in November, December and January. Dates TBA. Not every weekend.		Weekend Rehearsals in September, October, November, December and January. Because the Competition Plus dances will begin competing before the Standard Program dances, and they generally have shorter rehearsals during the week, we rehearse on some weekends during the fall months. Dates TBA. Not every weekend.
Participation in the Spring Dance Concerts		Participation in the Spring Dance Concerts
Team Fee (\$50 or \$75 for a family)		Team Fee (\$75 per student)
Required Make-up, Tights and Shoes		Required Make-up, Tights and Shoes

## COMPETITION PLUS \*Additional Considerations

Competition Plus is designed for the "dance is their thing" students. It is a comprehensive program for students who want to maximize their dance experience by taking advantage of the opportunities this program offers. Through additional technique classes, more convention experience and more time on stage performing, the dancers in the Competition Plus program dedicate more time in the studio, as well as outside the studio, training and developing their dancing both technically and artistically.

Through this program, we strive to offer our students a more rigorous schedule than what is required in the Standard Competition program. It focused on developing each dancer both technically and artistically. Dancers will have additional required weekly technique classes. The classes take place M-Th and may include Conditioning, Flexibility, Rhythm Tap, Modern, etc.

Like many of our current competition-plus team members, dancers who are accepted to the competition-plus program will likely be participating in standard competition team dances as well as competition-plus dances. They will also participate in technique classes with the dancers in the standard program.

Dancers will be able to apply for a chance to work with guest choreographers on pieces for competitions. There will be additional fees required to participate in any guest-choreographed pieces and must be paid for in advance. Sometimes these costs can be relatively high. Please keep in mind that we need to cover the cost of flights, food, lodging, choreography fees, class rate, per diems, etc. These are opportunities that we would love for our dancers to have. However, these amazing opportunities do come with a financial commitment. Note: Placement in dances set by outside choreographers is not guaranteed.

Although this program is not only for students aiming for a career in dance, it is for those students who strive for excellence. It is essential that the dancers are dedicated to this commitment. This means that their technique classes, rehearsals and performances take priority over other extra-curricular activities. We strongly encourage you to consider whether your dancer can give the energy needed to this program if you are considering adding other activities to their schedule. This is especially important for activities that involve a large time commitment and/or practices/performances/games that conflict with the dancers' schedules, or simply will spread them too thin to reap the full benefits of this experience. It has proven to be difficult for the students to keep up the energy and focus needed when they are participating in multiple activities.