

EXPRESS Dance & Acrobatics

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EDA PERFORMANCE TEAM POLICIES **2021-2022 Season**

The EDA Performance Team is intended for the passionate dancer/acrobat student that desires to demonstrate their talent in a competitive fashion. Our Team commits to participating in the nation's elite dance competitions in preparation for college scholarships, college enrollment distinction, a professional career in dance or the simple desire to maximize their dance/acrobat talent. At EXPRESS we are a family of dancers/acrobats ranging from 4-19 years of age. Being a member of the Performance Team is a yearlong commitment. The following information will help you and your child to understand what is expected of you as part of our Team.

TIME COMMITMENT

ATTENDANCE: All Team members must attend all practices, competitions, performances, and recital(s). Committing to these events is a huge part of being a Team participant. A detailed calendar for the 2021-2022 dance/acrobatics year will be given in September 2021. It is imperative that the parent/guardian and dancer/acrobat understands the commitment and attends all practices, competitions, performances, and recital(s). Fundamental classes are just as important as choreography/group classes. If your dancer/acrobat misses any Fundamental class, a mandatory make-up class will be provided. Choreography for competition dances is created based on the number of students in the class. When students are unable for any reason to participate, it is a hardship to others to relearn spacing and/or choreography as well as the teacher to have to re-choreograph a part or entire dance. Performance Team classes, therefore, require an increased level of commitment from students and families.

A. FUNDAMENTAL CLASSES:

Performance Team Fundamental Classes (3): These classes are intended to improve upon technique, strength, agility, and poise. All Performance Team members are required to attend these 3 fundamental classes each week.

1. Ballet: 1.25-1.5 hours
2. Technique: 45 minutes
3. Acrobatics/Conditioning: 45 minutes

B. GROUP CLASSES & Solos/duets/trios:

Performance Dance Classes/Groups (2-8): Performance Team members are required to perform in a minimum of 4 groups (ages 10 & up), 3 groups (ages 9 & under). The maximum number of group dances a team member may perform in is 8. First year Performance Team members will do only 2 dances unless recommended for more by director or instructor. These are competition groups, and a costume will be needed for each of these dances.

- Groups can consist of small groups, large groups, and lines.
- Each dance class to learn/practice a group dance can run 15-45 minutes each per week.
- The groups can be any of the following styles: Acro, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Modern, Contemporary, Musical Theater, Open (a combination of two dances) and Tap.
- The studio director and instructors will select the number of groups eligible, style of dance and size of group they feel is best for your child.
- As the parent/guardian you have final say as to how many groups you will allow, taking into consideration time and finances.

Solo/Duets/Trios: If your child is interested in a solo, duet and/or trio please contact the director and we will work with you to accommodate the request if your dancer is ready for this next step. A Performance Team member is required to perform in 4 groups to be eligible for a solo and/or a duet/trio. Please keep in mind that your child's time/financial commitment will increase with this added performance.

C. SUMMER 2021 DANCE & ACROBATICS INTENSIVE:

During the summer, ALL Team members are required to attend the **mandatory** Intensive. During these classes we will evaluate who will be selected for each group for the upcoming competitive season. It is our experience that each child develops at different rates. With that in mind, please be aware that a child may be placed in a different group year to year.

- 5 Weeks: July 19-August 18
- All Students must attend Monday's & Wednesday's: 5:00pm-8:30pm
- Students are required to attend a minimum of 4 weeks.
- Fee for Summer Intensives is \$500
- First payment of \$250 is due June 1, second payment of \$250 is due July 1
- Sibling Discount: 20% off. Third child is free.

*Select Groups may have scheduled choreography for new dances during the summer.

D. 2021-2022 WEEKLY DANCE SCHEDULE:

The 2021-2022 dance schedules will not be available until after the Summer Intensive is over and we have groups formed. **New season schedules will be available on August 31.**

- Team classes can start as early as 4:00pm.
- If a dancer is in 2 groups, they will be scheduled 2 or 3 days per week for group and fundamental classes. Three or more groups will be scheduled 2 to 4 days per week.

E. VACATIONS:

- A **detailed schedule** will be provided in September.
- There are **NO CLASSES** scheduled for **April School Vacations**.
- Classes **WILL BE HELD** on **Monday holidays**.
- **February Vacation Classes** are mandatory for Team members. We are close to the competitive season at this point and are preparing groups accordingly.

F. MANDATORY PERFORMANCES:

◇ **"SNEAK PEEK" Team Show:** Before our competition season gets underway all Team members perform for their friends and family. This performance WILL BE scheduled for January 2022. Our competitive group numbers are revealed in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. This performance helps to ease our dancers' nervous jitters and get excited about the upcoming competitive season. Tickets will need to be purchased for this event.

◇ **ANNUAL DANCE RECITALS:**

- **RECREATIONAL Recitals (3):** During the three Recreational Recitals ***select*** Team group dances will perform in 1, 2 or 3 of the shows on a Saturday in May (date to be determined). If your group is selected, it is mandatory that you attend.
- **TEAM Recital (1):** All Team Group dances are in this recital. Duet / trios may be included upon time availability. Graduating Senior Soloists (only) will perform in this show. Team dancers do not need to purchase a ticket. Date to be determined.

◇ CONVENTIONS

1 or 2 mandatory conventions will be conducted in studio or through a local convention during the 2021-2022 season. This additional time commitment is intended to expose our team dancers to additional dance styles and master teachers within the industry.

◇ COMPETITIONS:

REGIONAL Dance Competitions:

- **Performance Team:** A schedule of 5 to 6 Regional competitions will be provided in September. Typically, we attend 1 to 2 competitions per month from February through May.
- **Regional Competitions** are local (Bellingham HS)-2 hours away in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New Hampshire.
- Competitions are usually scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays (sometimes Friday afternoons). It is important to keep the whole weekend clear although you may only need to be there one day.
- You will receive the day/time your dances are scheduled **one week** before the scheduled event.

NATIONAL Dance Competitions:

- The Performance Team attends a National Dance Competition every other year.
- The National Dance Competition is generally late June/July.
- **Season 2021-2022 is a NON - NATIONAL year**
- During the seasons we do attend a National Competition, we could travel anywhere in the USA.
- It is mandatory that All Performance Team members attend the National Competition.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

- A. **REGISTRATION/SUMMER INTENSIVES & OPERATIONAL FEES 2021:** All Team members must have a current registration form on file with EXPRESS Dance & Acrobatics that includes updated E-mail and telephone numbers. Any changes of phone, address and email or payment information must be emailed to: **expressdanceandacro@gmail.com**

ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE is \$25.00 per Team member. **The registration fee is non-refundable.**

SUMMER INTENSIVE FEE/S 2021: 5 weeks: \$500 – 4 weeks are mandatory

Mondays and Wednesdays 5:00pm -8:30pm July 19 – August 18

- Family Discount-20% off 2nd child, 3rd child- free.
- Payment (2) installments: June 1st & July 1st.

A completed registration form, a signed payment contract & waiver agreement, \$25.00 registration fee and Summer Intensive Fee is due upon registration

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE TEAM OPERATIONAL FEE is \$130.00 per Team member.

- The operational fee covers costs associated with competitions, but not limited to, staff, props, transportation of props, and travel expenses. The Operational fee is due August 1-7.

- B. **TUITION:** Please be aware that Performance Team is a FULL YEAR Commitment. Monthly Tuition is based on a **10-11-month** dance school year (**Sept-June/July**). Monthly tuition fee remains the same regardless of weeks in the month, school vacation closings, or the number of absences in a month. Monthly tuition covers Team Fundamental classes and Group classes. Team members on a Non-National year will have a reduced tuition fee in the month of June/July.

2021-2022 EDA MONTHLY TUITION FEES	
NUMBER of GROUPS	MONTHLY TUITION
2 (first year Performance team members only)	\$155.00
3 (minimum requirement for ages 9 & under)	\$170.00
4 (minimum requirement for ages 10 & up)	\$185.00
5	\$200.00
6	\$210.00
7	\$220.00
8	\$230.00
Family Discount: 20% off 2 nd Team member, 3 rd Team member is free! (Discount does not apply to solos/duets/trios)	

2021-2022 EDA SOLO DUET/TRIO TUITION FEES	
Solo / Duo-Trio: 13 & over	Choreography fee and weekly rehearsal fee
Solo: 12 & under	Monthly tuition: \$120
Duet -Trio: 12 & under	Monthly tuition: \$60 per student

C. CONVENTION & COMPETITION ENTRY FEES: Each competition charges entry fees.

- The average cost for each competition: Group: \$50.00, Duet/Trio: \$75 each, Solo: \$120
- You will be billed at least one month in advance for your competition fees. A detailed payment schedule will be provided in September.

D. COSTUMES: The average price of a costume **per group** is \$120.00. A deposit of \$60.00 per costume will be made in month of September. The final balance of \$60.00 per costume will be paid in October.

E. PERFORMANCE TEAM STARTER KIT:

- Team Jacket: \$100.00, Mary Kay Make up: \$85.00- \$100, Rhinestone Earrings: \$16.00

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cash, Check, Visa, MasterCard, & Discover are welcome.

- Payments may be paid online in your dancers personal Portal, by Automatic Credit Card Withdrawal, mailed to the studio, dropped off at desk (during scheduled times) or placed in payment drop box.
- Please request a receipt for all cash payments.
- Tuition is due within the first week of every month. Account statements will be emailed within the first week of the month.
- A **LATE FEE** of \$15.00 will be automatically charged if payment is not received FOR TUITION OR FEES by the 15th of the month.
- EXPRESS strongly suggests a credit card be put on file at the time of registration to be charged either for full payment of tuition and fees each month or for when tuition is not received by the 15th of each month to avoid late fees. A "**Credit Card Authorization Form**" is included in this registration packet.
- **RETURNED CHECKS** will be charged a \$20.00 fee.

CLASS ATTIRE

- **All classes other than Ballet:**
 - Girl students are required to wear a leotard, Capezio lt. suntan tights and fitted bike shorts (optional) of your choice. Hair pulled up neatly from face.
 - Boy students are required to wear comfortable shirt and shorts appropriate for dance.
- **Ballet Classes:**
 - Girl dancers must have solid black leotard, any undergarments that are shown must also be black, pink ballet tights, pink ballet slippers, hair in a neat bun.
 - Boy dancers are required to wear comfortable black shirt, shorts, and black ballet slippers.
- **Shoes:**
 - Contemporary, Jazz, Lyrical, Technique- dance paws. Hip Hop- sneakers. Tap- tap shoes (style/brand TBD). Musical Theater and some stylized Jazz competition groups may require a specific shoe. We will notify you if this applies to your group. Acrobatics and Open- bare feet. For younger dancers (4-8 years), please inquire whether dance paws are required.

RESOURCES

Our website and in particular The Parent Portal and The EDA TEAM Member & Parents Password Protected Page are 2 great resources. They can be accessed thru our website (www.expressdanceandacro.com).

HOW TO LOG IN

1. The Parent Portal - allows you to access **YOUR** account and personal info specific to you and your child/children with us at any time!

You can:

1. Update your information
2. Register your students for events and classes
3. Make payments
4. View your balance and statements
5. View your child/children's schedules and much more.

Your Login ID is your Email Address we have on file. If you do not have a password, you must select *"I don't have or don't know my password"* and one will be emailed to you. You can change both your login and password once in portal.

2. The EDA TEAM Member & Parent Password Protected Page

All **general team information that is emailed** to you can also be found on our team password protected page. Monthly TEAM Newsletters, Important Announcements, Booster Information, Regional and National Competition Locations as well as CALL TIMES will be located there.

EXPRESS Dance & Acrobatics 2021-2022 TEAM Registration Form

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student's Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ Phone: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Grade (as of September 2021): _____

Dance Experience: # of Years: _____ Medical Conditions
/Allergies _____

New Students Only:

Previous Studio/s: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

How did you hear about EXPRESS? _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) RESIDING WITH CHILD/CHILDREN:

1. Name: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail (REQUIRED): _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail (REQUIRED): _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: (if parent/guardian cannot be reached):

Name: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

A QUESTIONNAIRE will be provided in early August during the Summer Intensives. At this time, the dancer will express which styles of dance they prefer. Duet/Trio & Solo's will also be determined.

UPCOMING PAYMENTS REMINDER:

Summer Intensives- Total \$500 per dancer: (2) Installments Due- June 1 AND July 1

Operational Fee - \$130: Due August 1.

Monthly Tuition will be determined upon Team, # of Groups, Duet/Trio & Solo selection. Due September 1.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Registration Fee \$25: _____

EXPRESS Dance & Acrobatics Credit Card Authorization Form

EXPRESS Dance & Acrobatics (EDA) strongly suggests you keep a credit card authorization form on file. You may choose to authorize us to charge your credit card for reoccurring monthly tuition payments and all monthly fees to include but are not limited to registration fee, summer intensive fee, operational fee, competition fees, convention fees and costume fees. Back up monthly payment can also be scheduled to avoid late fees if payment is not made by the 15th of the month.

Simply complete the Credit Card Information section below and sign the form. All requested information is required. Upon approval, we will automatically bill your credit card and your total charges will appear on your monthly credit card statement. *Please inform the office immediately if your credit card is stolen, lost or expires, to avoid any late fees.* Accounts with cards that expire, or decline will be subject to a \$15.00 late fee if card information is not updated and/or payment is not received by the 15th of the month.

EXPRESS Dance & Acrobatics accepts the following credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, and Discover

Please fill in name(s) and check appropriate choice for your account.

Student Name/s	Monthly Reoccurring Tuition and Misc. Fee Payments <i>On the 1st of the month</i>	Back up Tuition Payment/s <i>On the 15th of the month if no payment has been made, to avoid late fee</i>
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· **Credit Card Information:** Visa MasterCard Discover (Circle One)

· **Credit Card Number:**

· **Expiration Date:** ____/____ **Security Code:** _____

· **Cardholder's Name :** (As printed on credit card) _____

Credit Card Billing Address:

Street City/Town State
Zip Code

· **Home Phone #:** _____ - _____ - _____ **Cell Phone #:** _____ - _____ - _____

· **Card Holder Signature:** _____ **Today's date:** ____/____/____

I fully understand and agree to the terms stated above and acknowledge that EDA will charge my services and merchandise to the referenced credit card. I am a qualified card holder, authorized to use this charge card.

2021-2022 EXPRESS Dance & Acrobatics Payment Contract and Waiver Agreement

I, _____ have read and agree to the terms of EXPRESS Dance & Acrobatics Studio (EDA) TEAM Policies.

I am enrolling _____, _____, _____.

I am responsible for this/these student's registration fee, operational fee, tuition payments, costume fees, competition, and convention fees through the end of the 2021-2022 dance season.

I agree to pay a non-refundable registration fee, per student at time of registration. The operational fee, per student, will be due August 1-7.

I choose the following payment option to pay for student(s) Registration Fee & Summer Intensive Fee:
(Please choose one option)

1. ____ Automatic Credit Card payment.
2. ____ Payments in the form of cash, credit, check, online payment in student's personal portal or money order. Scheduled desk times will be posted. As well as, drop off payment box.

I choose the following payment option to pay for student(s) Recurring Tuition and ALL Monthly fees from August - July

3. ____ Automatic Credit Card payment.
4. ____ Monthly payments in the form of cash, credit, check, online payment in student's personal portal or money order. Scheduled desk times will be posted. As well as, drop off payment box.

____ WAIVER OF PHOTOGRAPHY: I give permission to EXPRESS Dance & Acrobatics to photograph and video my child and use the photos/videos for marketing purposes, including brochures, advertisements, and EDA website and news articles.

____ WAIVER OF LIABILITY & INJURY: As the legal parent or guardian, I release and hold harmless EXPRESS Dance and Acrobatics, its owners and operators from any and all liability, claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever, arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by the participant and/or the undersigned, while in or upon the premises or any premises under the control and supervision of EXPRESS Dance and Acrobatics, its owners and operators or in route to or from any of said premises. This will apply to myself, my child and/or any child or supervisor that may be on the premises in an enrolled or non-enrolled capacity.

EXPRESS Dance and Acrobatics competition teams are a large commitment, both financially and time. Every dancer (and parent/guardian) who chooses to participate must be ready to commit to the Team and the work required.

By signing this contract I agree to the terms of this Payment Contract and Waiver Agreement as well as those outlined in the EXPRESS Dance & Acrobatics TEAM Policies Packet.

Student Signature

Date signed

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date Signed