



Hoffman Stars Dance Company Parent Information

Congratulations the Hoffman Estates Park District is excited that your dancer will be participating in the Hoffman Stars Dance Company for the 2022-2023 season. Included in this handbook is important information regarding the 2022-2023 dance season. Please read all the information in its entirety to fully understand the commitment and requirements expected of company dancers and families.

The Hoffman Stars Dance Company is made up of four levels. The goal of the program is to offer a competitive dance program that places a strong focus on perfecting technique, increasing performance skills, advancing skills in multiple dance genres and sharing the love of dance with others. There is a strong focus on the following genres of dance: ballet, jazz, lyrical and modern.

2022-2023 Company Information:

Classes:

All dancers will be required to take a minimum of four classes.

- 1) Elite Ballet class: 45 minute class - dancers will continue to learn the foundation of ballet technique.
- 2) Elite Specialty class: 45 minute class - dancers will learn a variety of styles (modern, lyrical, jazz, contemporary).
- 3) Group 1 choreography class: 45 minute class before or after the dancers' ballet class. Dancers will learn choreography for one of their group dances for performance & competitions.
- 4) Group 2 choreography class: 45 minute class before or after the dancers' specialty class. Dancers will learn choreography for one of their group dances for performance & competitions.

Our Elite and company schedule is as follows:

Day of the Week	Time	Class
Monday	4:45-5:30pm	Company 1 Choreography
Monday	5:30-6:15pm	Elite Ballet 1 & 2
Monday	6:15-7:00pm	Company 2 Choreography
Tuesday	5:30-6:00pm	Elite Tap **separate registration fee
Tuesday	6:00-6:45pm	Company 3 Choreography
Tuesday	6:45-7:30pm	Elite Specialty 3 & 4
Tuesday	7:30-8:15pm	Company 4 Choreography
Wednesday	4:45-5:30pm	Company 1 Choreography
Wednesday	5:30-6:15pm	Elite Specialty 1 & 2
Wednesday	6:15-7:00pm	Company 2 Choreography
Wednesday	6:00-6:45pm	Company 3 Choreography
Wednesday	6:45-7:30pm	Elite Ballet 3 & 4
Wednesday	7:30-8:15pm	Company 4 Choreography

Expectations:

Attendance: All dancers are expected to attend each weekly class. Stars Dance Company relies on the strength of the entire team. Dancers should also always bring a writing utensil and notebook to class each week.

- If you are going to be absent, the instructors must be notified at least 1 weeks prior unless for illness. If multiple classes are missed, it may affect participation in dance performances/competitions.
- We understand the company dancers are involved in other activities but please keep in mind that missing a dance class impacts not only the dancer that is absent but her fellow dancers as well.
- If classes are missed, it is the responsibility of the dancer to learn any new choreography.
- Arriving more than 15 minutes late to class or leaving 15 minutes early from class counts as 1 absence. 2 late arrivals/leaving early (of 15 minutes or more) counts as 1 absence. If you acquire 3 or more absences (in any mix of classes) leading up to a competition you may lose participation in that performance.

Accountability:

- All company dancers are expected to behave in a more professional manner in all classes, rehearsals and performances.
- Company dancers should act as role models for younger dancers.

- All dancers are expected to have respect for peers and teachers during classes, rehearsals and performances.
- Dancers are expected to show good sportsmanship in all classes, rehearsal and performances.

Dress Code:

- Ballet: black leotard (any style), pink tights, pink canvas ballet shoes, black sports bra (if applicable), hair in a tight bun. Optional black ballet skirt.
- Specialty: black leotard (any style), form-fitting black capris/pants (no shorts), clean ponytail, braids, or bun. Bring tan jazz shoes, lyrical shoes and ballet shoes each week.
- The last class each month dancers will be allowed to wear any solid color leotard. If it is a competition week then dancers will need to still wear their black leotards.
- Solo/Duet/Trio/Quartet rehearsals: solid form fitting black/navy/grey tank top or leotard with form fitting shorts or leggings. No t-shirts!

Injuries / Illness:

- If a dancer is injured, a doctor's note must be submitted prior to resuming participation. Dancers are asked to still attend class and observe to remain part of the team.

Technology:

- Cell phones are not permitted during class. They should be off or on silent and placed aside in bag during class.

STARS Days:

This is something new for the 2022-2023 season. We will be having 6, 2 hour sessions throughout the season for the dancers to interact with one another and have group dance classes together. 8/24/22, 11/18/22, 12/16/22, 1/20/23, 4/28/23, 5/5/23

Parent Involvement:

Throughout the year, we will be looking for our Company parents to support the dancers with additional duties at competitions, performances and recital.

Competitions:

Hoffman Stars Dance Company will compete in four competitions throughout the season. Each company level will compete in two group dances. The group dance competition fees are included in your company tuition. Competition times are not released until a week or two before the competition.

If we do not compete the Friday of competition weekend we will have a dress rehearsal in the dance room. In the event we compete on the Friday then we will have dress rehearsal on the Wednesday of competition week in the dance room.

Performance Schedule:

December 10 th	Winter Fest – Hoffman Estates, IL
February 3-5 th	Dance Idol competition – Des Plaines, IL
February 24-26 th	Uproar – Batavia, IL
March 10-12 th	Nexstar or Legacy – Oswego, IL
April 21-23 rd	Rainbow competition – Milwaukee, WI
May	Dance Recital

Company Tuition:

What's included?

Fall classes (ballet, specialty, 2 choreography classes), winter/spring classes (ballet, specialty, 2 choreography classes), 6 Stars Days, opening and closing recital costumes, 2 group dance costumes, 4 competition and media fees, end of year banquet cost for the dancer.

What is not included in tuition? What are parents responsible for?

- Attire for ballet and specialty classes
- Pink canvas ballet shoes
- Nude jazz shoes
- Tights for competitions (will finalize all colors once costumes are ordered)
- Nude undersuit
- Competition earrings
- Dance bag
- All makeup on the list (an email list will be provided with links)
- Company jacket – Will be worn at every competition and at our Winter Fest performance.
- Travel/lodging for any competitions

Level 1 dancers:

Dancers will be doing a ballet and lyrical dance this year for competitions. Dancers will need lyrical shoes for their lyrical dance.

Level 2 dancers:

Dancers will be doing a ballet and jazz dance this year for competition.

Level 3 dancers:

Dancers will be doing a lyrical and modern dance this year for competitions. Dancers will need lyrical shoes and modern foot undies in addition to the list above.

Level 4 dancers:

Dancers will be doing a lyrical and jazz dance this year for competitions. Dancers will need lyrical shoes in addition to the list above.

Possible extra performances not included in company tuition:

- Possible performance at Six Flags in summer of 2023
- Current 2022 dancers that were invited to NY to attend in summer of 2023

Company Tuition Payment:

If you decided to do the payment plan then you have been billed for the month of August. There will be 8 more monthly payments on the 15th of each month (September – April). Resident is \$246, non-resident is \$272.

Refunds:

Competitions, workshops, costumes are non-refundable. If a dancer decides they do not want to continue with company, you can submit a refund request. Refunds will only be issued for all classes that were not attended from the time the refund request is submitted.

Company Handbook Acknowledgement

Dancer Name: _____

Parent Acknowledgement

I have read and understand the Hoffman STARS Dance Company Information. I am aware of the commitment, responsibilities and rules of the Dance Company.

Signature _____ Date _____

Stars Dancer Acknowledgement

I understand that as a member of the Hoffman STARS Dance Company:

- I will arrive to class on time and be prepared for class.
- I will put forth my best effort by paying attention in class and being open to and applying corrections to my dancing.
- I will work on my dancing at home by stretching and practicing dances.
- I will show good sportsmanship at all dance competitions and community events.
- I will respect my dance instructors and fellow STARS dancers.
- I will have fun and dance my heart out!

Signature _____ Date _____