



Hoffman Stars Dance Company Parent Information

The Hoffman Estates Park District is excited that your dancer is interested in trying out for the Hoffman Stars Dance Company. Included in this handbook is important information regarding the 2023-2024 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.

Stars Dance Company is for dancers 7-18 years old. Dancers must be 7 by September 1, 2023.

Try-out information:

Try-Outs will take place at Triphahn Center Dance Studio on Friday, July 7th from 5:00-7:00pm.

Dancers: Dancers should wear black leotards and pink tights, bring ballet & jazz shoes, optional black jazz pants and have hair pulled up in a bun.

Parents: Parents are not allowed to watch try-outs.

At tryouts, dancers will warm up with ballet barre exercises, perform ballet skills in the center and across the floor. Dancers will learn a short choreographed routine to perform for the judges. The instructors will observe the dancers.

Try-out assessments: Dancers are evaluated on and placed in levels by skills, performance quality and attitude.

Dancers will be notified via their parent's email the week of July 17th if they have been invited to be a member of the Stars Dance Company for the 2023-2024 season.

2023-2024 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	5:00-5:45pm	Company 1 Choreography
Monday	5:45-6:30pm	Elite Ballet 1 & 2
Monday	6:30-7:15pm	Company 2 Choreography
Tuesday	5:30-6:00pm	Elite Tap **separate registration fee and audition
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	5:00-5:45pm	Company 1 Choreography
Wednesday	5:45-6:30pm	Elite Specialty 1 & 2
Wednesday	6:30-7:15pm	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.

- 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 their fellow dancers as well!
- Dancers should be arriving at least 5 minutes before class time to get dressed and stretched before class time.

- 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.
- Dancers are expected to be in all company choreography classes the week of a competition. Failure to attend choreography classes the week of a competition could result in not dancing at that weekend's competition.

Dress Code:

- Ballet: black leotard (any style), pink tights, pink canvas ballet shoes, black sports bra (if applicable), hair in a tight bun. Optional simple 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, modern sandals and ballet shoes each week.

Accountability:

- All company dancers are expected to behave in a more professional manner in all classes, rehearsals and performances. Dancers are expected to keep talking to a minimum and stay focused on what is being taught in class.
- 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. Dancers should keep negativity out of the classroom and be encouraged by teammates.
- Dancers are expected to learn choreography quickly. If a class is missed it is the responsibility of the dancer to learn the new choreography before the next class.

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.

Team Support:

- All company dancers are part of one big team. Although dancers will be split up between different levels, dancers should be attending competitions to support the other levels.

Disclaimer:

- Dancers can be asked at any time by teachers to resign their spot on the team if company rules are not being followed.

Competitions:

Hoffman Stars Dance Company will compete in four competitions throughout the season. Most competitions take place on weekends. Until we get the official dates for each competition, we ask that families keep their weekends available until dates are announced. Each company level will compete in two group dances. The group dance competition fees are included in your Company tuition.

Solo / Duets / Trios / Quartets: Dancers interested in attending competitions with a solo / duet / trio / quartet dance will be invoiced separately for each solo / duet / trio / quartet dance submitted in the competition. These competition average price is \$75-\$160 per dance for each competition for each dancer. Prior to enrolling your dancer into each solo or duet competition piece, you will be notified of the approximate competition fee at which time you can confirm if you would like your dancer to compete.

STARS Days:

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.

Wednesday, August 30th 5-7pm	Team building
Friday, November 3rd 5-7pm	Modern Master Class
Friday, November 17th	Friendsgiving
In December 2023	Holiday Party
April or May	Large Group Rehearsal for Opening/Closing Dances
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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.

We will have a parent/dancer meeting on Wednesday, August 23rd to go over everything for the 2023-2024 season.

Tentative Schedule: *(Please note, this is a tentative schedule as competition dates have not all been announced yet)*

October	Haunted Hoffman – Volunteering
December	Winter Fest – Performance
February (usually first weekend)	Dance Idol competition – Des Plaines
February or March	Competition 2
March or April	Competition 3
May 3-5 th (Tentatively)	Rainbow competition – Milwaukee
Mid/End of May	Dance Recital

Company Tuition:

What's included?

Fall Session Ballet (45 minute class)	13 weeks	\$176
Fall Session Specialty (45 minute class)	13 weeks	\$176
Fall Session Choreography (45 minute class - 2 times per week)	13 weeks	\$355
Winter/Spring Ballet (45 minute class)	18 weeks	\$245
Winter/Spring Specialty (45 minute class)	18 weeks	\$245
Winter/Spring Choreography (45 minute class - 2 times per week)	18 weeks	\$491
STARS Days (6 – 2 hour sessions)		\$34
Opening/closing recital costumes	2 costumes	\$110
2 Group dance costumes	2 costumes	\$150
2 Group competition fees	4 competitions	\$440
4 Competition media fees	4 competitions & Recital video	\$125
End of year banquet for dancer		\$28
		\$2575

*** In the event we do not attend 4 competitions we will issue a refund for the 4th competition.*

Payment options:

1. Pay in Full
2. Payment Plan: \$100 deposit when officially registering for company, then 9 monthly payments of \$275 on 15th of month (August 2023 – April 2024).

Additional fees will be charged for:

If your dancer is asked to participate in a solo/duet/trio/quartet there will be extra fees. Please read below to see approximate prices for any additional dances. Solo/duet/trio/quartet rehearsal schedule will be released by the end of August. Rehearsals for solos, duets and trios will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Approximate price per dancer if offered a solo:

Costume	1 costume	\$65
Rehearsal/Choreography Time	20, 30 minute sessions**	\$167
Approximate competition fees	4 Competitions	\$515
		\$747

****** First two rehearsals will be a 30 minute rehearsal to learn the dances. Then the remaining 18 rehearsals will be split with another soloist. 15 minutes for 1 dancer and 15 minutes for the other soloist. While 1 dancer is working with the instructor the other may practice their solo off to the side by themselves.

Approximate price per dancer if offered a duet:

Costume	1 costume	\$70
Rehearsal/Choreography Time	22, 30 minute sessions	\$187
Approximate competition fees	4 Competitions	\$300
		\$557

Approximate price per dancer if offered a trio:

Costume	1 costume	\$70
Rehearsal/Choreography Time	22, 30 minute sessions	\$134
Approximate competition fees	4 Competitions	\$300
		\$504

Approximate price per dancer if offered a quartet:

Costume	1 costume	\$70
Rehearsal/Choreography Time	22, 30 minute sessions	\$115
Approximate competition fees	4 Competitions	\$220
		\$405

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

- Make-up for competition (specific list of requirements will be provided)
- Company jacket
- Travel/lodging for any competitions
- Dance bag
- Shoes, tights, leotards

Possible extra performances not included in company tuition:

- Possible National/Championship invites
- Current 2023 dancers that were invited to NY to attend in summer of 2024
- Any other performances we are invited to participate in

Refunds:

Competitions, conventions, 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 issues for all classes that were not attended from the time the refund request is submitted.

Company Handbook Acknowledgement

Dancer's 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 early and be ready to dance and stretched at the start of 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 at least once a week.
- 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 _____