



Hoffman Junior Stars Dance Company Parent Information

The Hoffman Estates Park District is excited to offer a Junior Stars Dance Company for the 2023-2024 season! The goal of the Junior Stars Dance Company 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 tap.

Junior Stars Dance Company is for dancers 4-6 years old. Dancers must be 4 by September 1, 2023.

Try-out information:

Try-Outs will take place at Triphahn Center Dance Studio on Friday, August 4th, 2023 from 5:00-7:00pm.

Dancers: Dancers should wear black leotards and pink tights, bring ballet & jazz shoes 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 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 by skills, performance quality and attitude.

Dancers will be notified via email if you have been invited to be a member of Dance Company.

2023-2024 Company Information:

Classes:

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

- 1) Junior Technique class: 30 minute class - dancers will continue to learn the foundation of ballet technique, jazz and lyrical.
- 2) Junior choreography class: 30 minute class - dancers will learn choreography for one of their group dances for performance & competitions.

Our Junior Company class schedule is as follows:

| Day of the Week | Time | Class |
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| Monday | 4:30-5:00pm | Junior Technique class |
| Wednesday | 4:30-5:00pm | Junior Choreography class |

Expectations:

Attendance: All dancers are expected to attend each weekly class. Junior 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 dancers may be 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 junior company choreography class the week of a competition. Failure to attend choreography class the week of a competition could result in not dancing at that weekend's competition.

Dress Code:

- Technique class: black leotard (any style), pink tights, pink canvas ballet shoes, tan jazz shoes, hair in a tight bun. Optional simple ballet skirt or jazz pants – depends on the style that week.
- Choreography class: black leotard (any style), form-fitting black capris/pants (no shorts), clean ponytail, braids, or bun. Type of shoes for choreography class will be announced at the parents meeting in August.

Accountability:

- All junior 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.
- 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 junior company dancers are part of one big team. Junior company dancers are highly encouraged to attend all competitions to support the entire team!

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:

Junior Stars Dance Company will compete in two 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. The group dance competition fees are included in Company tuition.

STARS Days:

We will be having 5, Stars Day sessions throughout the season for the dancers to interact as one big company.

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| Wednesday, August 30th 5-6pm | Team building |
| Friday, November 17 th (for one hour) | Friendsgiving |
| In December 2023 | Holiday Party |
| April or May (for one hour) | Large Group Rehearsal for Opening/Closing Dances |
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Parent Involvement:

Throughout the year, we will be looking for our Junior 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)*

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| December | Winter Fest – Performance |
| February (usually first weekend) | Dance Idol competition – Des Plaines |
| March, April or May | Competition 2 |
| Mid/End of May | Dance Recital |

Company Tuition:

What's included?

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| Fall Session Technique (30 minute class) | 13 weeks | \$120 |
| Fall Session Choreography (30 minute class) | 13 weeks | \$120 |
| Winter/Spring Technique (30 minute class) | 18 weeks | \$167 |
| Winter/Spring Choreography (30 minute class) | 18 weeks | \$167 |
| STARS Days (5 days) | | \$28 |
| Opening/closing recital costumes | 2 costumes | \$110 |
| 1 Group dance costumes | 1 costume | \$75 |
| 1 Group competition fees | 2 competitions | \$110 |
| 2 Competition media fees & recital video | 2 competitions & Recital video | \$75 |
| End of year banquet for dancer | | \$28 |
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Payment options:

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

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
- Any other performances we are invited to participate in

Refunds:

Competitions, media fees, and 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.

Junior Company Handbook Acknowledgement

Dancer's Name: _____

Parent Acknowledgement

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

Signature _____ Date _____

Junior Stars Dancer Acknowledgement

I understand that as a member of the Hoffman Junior 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 Junior Stars dancers.
- I will have fun and dance my heart out!

Signature _____ Date _____