

## Company Audition FAQs

### What is Company?

Company teams consist of students who are dedicated to dance and want to train at a competitive level. They attend 2-3 competitions in the spring and require 2-4 dance classes each week, depending on their age. Company is a big commitment but offers a great opportunity for your child to excel in dance!

### Does attending the audition commit my student to a team?

No! If your student is interested, we recommend they audition and see if they are placed on a team. If they make it, you may decide from there. The audition experience itself is valuable for all students.

### What will students do in auditions?

Students will be taught a short dance combination and perform it in groups several times. We suggest they come warmed up and stretched.

### What are we looking for?

The instructors will observe how well they are able to pick up choreography, showmanship, overall performance quality, and technical ability.

### Is there a dress code for tryouts?

No, there is not a mandated dress code. We do suggest students auditioning for jazz/lyrical company wear tights, a leotard, and jazz or lyrical shoes. We also suggest all students have hair pulled back into a neat ponytail or bun.

### What time should my child come to placements?

Come to the age group time listed below for your child's current age. We suggest arriving 10-15 minutes early to stretch and warmup. You can choose which company you might be interested in (jazz/lyrical, pom, or hip-hop) or come to more than one if you are interested in multiple companies.

### Does everyone make the team?

No, everyone does not make the team. Company classes are our most advanced classes, and not all students are ready for that level of dance. If your child is not ready, we can recommend which classes will be most beneficial for next year.

### When will we know if they have been placed on a company team?

It will take about two weeks for the instructors and the director to determine company teams. We want to make sure that each student is placed at the appropriate level to both be challenged and to feel confident. Each participant will receive a letter containing their results about two weeks after placements. No letters are to be opened in the studio or in the parking lot. We ask that you wait until you get home to open the envelopes.

### What are the requirements if they are placed on a team?

Company students are required to take anywhere from 2-4 hours of dance per week depending on their age and level. Most jazz/lyrical teams are required to take their company class, a ballet class, and at least one additional class. Our youngest team is required to take 2 hours per week.

Company is a big commitment (time-wise and financially), and it is completely optional. If you are not interested in a competitive team, your child will still be challenged in her dance classes next year. Please let us know if you have further questions and we're happy to help. We hope to see you at tryouts!