



COMPETITION TEAMS & HIP HOP CREWS AUDITIONS 2026-2027

Competition Team Auditions Wednesday, May 20th: (FOR STUDENTS AGES 9+ by September 1st, 2026). This is a Jazz & Tap Audition.

Ages 9-12: 4:15pm – 5:30pm

Ages 13-14: 5:45pm – 7:00pm

Ages 15+: 7:15pm – 8:30pm

**If interested in auditioning for just Tap, you must attend the Jazz audition portion still.*

Hip Hop Crew Auditions Thursdays, May 21st: (FOR STUDENTS AGES 9+ by September 1st, 2026)

Ages 9-12: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Ages 13-14: 6:00pm – 6:45pm

Ages 15+: 7:00pm – 7:45pm

Please audition with the age group your child is by the date of the audition. *During auditions, some students may be asked to attend more than one audition that night.

***Current members of the Competition Teams and Hip Hop Crews must audition each year.**

****The group each student auditions with will not affect or determine team placement.***

How do I register my child for Auditions: Please login to your parent portal to register your child for auditions. Select the appropriate age time slot. There is a **\$15/student audition fee** for all dancers auditioning for Comp Team and Hip Hop Crew. Once you register, the charge will be added to your account. Cash, Check or Card accepted. Payment must be received before students audition.

LLDS COMPETITION TEAM INFORMATION

Competition Team students are required to possess and maintain a high level of dedication and determination and to work hard. Please read the following important information before considering auditioning:

LLDS Competition Teams:

What is the Live, Love, Dance Studio Competition Team and what is required to be on it?: The LLDS Competition Team is a highly selective dance team that allows the serious dancer to have more performance opportunities, be part of a fun, yet challenging team and compete to receive judges opinions/views. Competition dancers must make a serious commitment to attending ALL classes and performances. We offer students the option to compete in Jazz and Tap. If placed on a Team, additional style classes are offered.

Required Summer: Competition Team Students must commit to and participate in our 6-week competition team technical classes. Tuition varies per team.

Required 9-month Dance Season: Jazz Competition Team Students must be enrolled in core classes of Level Ballet, Jazz Technique Turns & Leaps, Jazz and/or Tap. Other optional classes are highly recommended. Required classes may differ by Team. Tuition is based on number of classes taken and will vary. We encourage Competition Team students to participate in multiple classes, therefore large discounts are offered. Costume fees remain the standard studio rates. However, sometimes we may need to charge for additional accessories, etc.

Additional Competition Fees: A yearly Competition fee of **\$50/dancer** is due with September tuition. This fee helps to cover extra paperwork, additional rehearsals, team building events and our Competition Team Showcase event. The competitions we attend charge students per dance. These fees are approx. \$65-\$85/dancer/dance. (Not including solos/duos/trios fees).

How many Competitions and Performances: Competition Teams perform in at least 2 – 3 competitions per year in March. Competitions will be no more than roughly 2 hours away. They may require a hotel stay. They also perform at local community benefit shows in February - March, along with our Competition Showcase which is scheduled for early February. These performances are mandatory. All information is supplied to team parents at the Competition Team Parent Meeting in early September.

**Tuition payments and fees must be paid regularly, or students may not be able to participate in classes/performances.*

**Attitude and Behavior: Competition Team/Hip Hop Crew students or parents that display a poor attitude or behavior or show a lack of respect towards LLDS staff, the studio, other teammates or parents is at risk of dismissal from the Team*

LLDS HIP HOP CREW INFORMATION:

What is the Live, Love, Dance Studio Hip Hop Crew and what is required to be on it?:

Our Hip Hop Crews offer students a great way to be part of a team with not as much commitment as being on the Competition Team. Students must work hard and be a team player!

Summer: This Summer, Hip Hop Crew members are REQUIRED to attend 2 out of 3 Hip Hop Crew summer classes.

Required 9-month Dance Season: Jr and Teen Hip Hop Crew members must take 1 additional class/week. Students must make a serious commitment to the Crew. They will perform in our Competition Showcase as well as 2-3 competitions. These performances are mandatory.

Crew Class Tuition: Students that are on the Hip Hop Crew pay \$60/month in addition to your regular monthly tuition for other classes. Costume fee of \$100.00. May or may not include sneakers.

**Tuition payments and fees must be paid regularly, or students may not be able to participate in classes/performances.*

Comp Team and Hip Hop Crew Audition Information:

What will happen at the audition?: For both Comp and Crew auditions, students will be led in a stretch, progressions across the floor and then be taught a short dance combination. Students will audition in small groups selected by our judges and teachers. We hire a qualified and professional dance instructor that is not part of LLDS to assist in judging.

Students will be judged on level of technique, expressions, confidence and stage presence as well as how quickly they learn material and if they pay attention to the choreographer's details. Students' past classroom behavior, sportsmanship and attendance records are also reviewed. Accepted dancers will be placed on teams based on technique level/skill and age. Students are not placed on teams based off parent opinions or wishes. The auditions are closed to parents. We have teams for intermediate and advanced technical dancers.

What should I wear to the audition?: Please come looking your best for auditions!

Competition Team: please wear dance attire - pink or tan tights, black leotard, and hair in a bun or ponytail. No Jewelry. Black dance shorts worn over leotard and tights is acceptable. Please bring all dance shoes to the audition in a dance bag.

Hip Hop Crew: Black leggings/pants with a leotard or fitted tank top and hip hop sneakers are acceptable. Hair pulled up into a ponytail. No baggy clothing or midriffs showing, please.

If I make the team, what is expected of all Competition Team & Hip Hop Crew

members?: This is a very serious commitment for a dancer, just as serious as any other school sport, play, or activity. Excessive absences through-out the year will not be allowed. Negative attitudes and poor sportsmanship from students and parents will not be tolerated. Students with outstanding balances on their accounts will not be able to continue in classes or performances.

Attendance in all classes is closely monitored. Students on our Competitive Teams or Crews are not allowed to be members of other dance studio competitive or performance teams.

What is the typical yearly schedule for a Competition Team and Hip Hop Crew member?:

Fall: Possibly attend a one-day local dance convention or held in-studio.

Winter: Competition Showcase in early February

Spring: Perform in benefit dance shows and at least 2-3 Dance Competitions (typically not more than 2 hours away). Will require that student keeps entire weekend open. Schedule for competitions are released in September. Also, group dances will perform in the yearly dance recital. *Not all comp/crew dances will be in each recital.

Late Spring: Competition Teams Prep for recital opening and/or closing dance numbers!

Summer: Competition Team Members must enroll in our 6-week Summer class sessions at the studio (Classes are on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings over the Summer). Workshops are also offered! Hip Hop Crew Members must attend 2 out of 3 summer Hip Hop Crew classes.

** Please note: The Competition Teams & Hip Hop Crews are sometimes asked to participate in other community performance events throughout the year.*

**Teams and Crews may have extra social events such as Secret Santa, Team Sleepovers, Bonding Events and Fundraisers!*

**All our Competitive Team and Hip Hop Crew students and their families qualify to attend Family Team Trips to Nationals or places such as Disney World or NYC based on trip availability! We have lots of fundraising opportunities.*

When do I find out if I made the Competition Team or Crew? :

All information will be EMAILED to you within a week after auditions. If accepted, students will receive their Summer Schedule & Fall Schedule information then, as well. Please remember that not all students will be accepted onto our Teams or Crews. We encourage ALL our dancers to always try their best, and most importantly, keep dancing, no matter what!

If my child is interested but does not make the Comp Team, what other performance opportunities does LLDS offer?:

If your child is interested in gaining more technical skills and dance training, we suggest they enroll in our LLDS Dance Company class. This class is a Musical Theater based class! Participating in the LLDS Dance Company will assist students in furthering their dance training. The class is open to grades 3 and up. This class runs every other Saturday. Students enrolled in this class will gain technical skills, stage presence and more! They also participate in community performances and benefits throughout the year! Members will learn 2 dances, 1 of which will be performed in the recital. There are no auditions necessary. If interested in further information, please reach out and ask!