

SPOTLIGHT ON DANCE



Company

1 **What are the attendance requirements? (please see attendance policy below*)**

Younger kids are usually in one group dance and practice once per week in addition to their regular classes, dancers in multiple groups have a more time consuming schedule. Routines have summer rehearsals to learn choreography and then practice through the fall and winter on a consistent schedule. Co dancers MUST take ballet. No solos for new dancers.

2 **What are the competitions like? When/Where/How often?**

We typically attend 3 mandatory local competitions. Past locations have been Somerset, Millstone, East Brunswick, etc. We do an optional 4th competition & Nationals as well. Competitions typically run Friday/Saturday/Sunday and you will receive your exact performance time 1-2 weeks prior. Competition dates are sent out in September--in 2026/2027 we plan to compete in February, March, and/or April as we try to work around other activity schedules.

3 **When are auditions?**

Tuesday, May 19th. Sign up HERE, and then a specific time schedule (between 5:00-9:00 pm) will be sent a week prior. Company teachers are the "judges" and dancers will perform different style combinations and skills (ie: single pirouette, split, leap). Dancers are then cast into groups and solos/duos/trios if appropriate.

4 **How much does it cost?**

Summer choreography rehearsals and summer classes are about \$150+. Adidas warmup (new dancers) about \$150. Then fall/winter fees will be due 50% in October and 50% in January and include weekly rehearsals, costumes, competition entry fees, etc. Estimates based on last year-- \$563 total for 1 group dance, \$1088 for 2, \$1575 for 3, and so on. Solos/duos/trios have choreography fees PLUS entry fees (approx. \$500 total for duos/trios and \$1,000 total for solos).



*Attendance Policy: Dancers are allowed 3 excused and 2 non-excused absences throughout the entire season. Excused absences include absence with a Doctor's note, family travel plans, mandatory school function. Work is not an excused absence and participation in any sport, Rec program or school function that you freely involved yourself are not excused absences. You must e-mail spotlightondancenj@gmail.com at least one week prior to any known absences. If you attend multiple rehearsals in a week, and miss them due to the same illness, it may likely count as only 1 absence with your Doctor's note. Consistent attendance in "regular" classes is also required. Dancers going beyond their allowed absences will be removed from their dance(s) &/or be required to take a private lesson with their choreographer at a cost that will be in addition to their rehearsal fee. If a dancer is pulled from a dance or the Co. entirely, they will forfeit any money paid.

✧ *We hope you'll join us at auditions!*