

HIGHLAND ★ PARK DANCE COMPANY

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Performance Company Information Packet 2025-2026

Introduction

We are so glad you are interested in potentially becoming a member of a Highland Park Dance Company Performance Company. We strongly believe that being trained on and contributing to a team is one of the best ways to grow in dance ability as well as in several vital areas of life such as character, work ethic, and integrity.

Highland Park Dance Company uses Christian values as the basis for our curriculum and instruction. We choose to glorify God in all aspects of our dance training and to show God's love to each student. It is our commitment as teachers and role models to set a positive example in action and in speech.

What is "Performance Company?"

Performance Company is the perfect opportunity for rising 1st-2nd graders and also 3rd-4th graders to learn how to be part of a team but without the pressure of competitions. Our Performance Companies practice on a *weekly* basis and perform at local community events.

These groups have made appearances at events such as Highland Park High School basketball games, Christmas tree lightings, HP Village LOCAL, elementary school carnivals and fundraisers, SMU Basketball games, Chi Omega Christmas Market, assisted living homes, and more.

Is there a tryout required?

While there is not a proper tryout, Performance Company hopefuls will come on **Saturday, April 26th at 10am** to learn a very short piece of choreography and "perform" the choreography at the end of the lesson. This placement will **ONLY** be used to decide which team will be best for your dancer's development.

Everyone who signs up to participate will be given a spot as long as space allows. Current families of Performance Company members have the opportunity to sign up again so there will be very limited space available for new dancers.

General Information

Anyone interested in a position on the HP Dance Co. Performance Company must read this packet fully and complete the online registration form. HP Dance Co. communicates primarily through email and group text messages. Once you provide us with your email address and phone number, we can send notes, reminders, updates, etc. directly to you. You may provide multiple email addresses if you would like (for multiple parents, work emails, etc.).



Prerequisites for Eligibility

- Must be a rising 1st-4th grader for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Current Performance Company members will have the opportunity to register online first the week of March 31st.
- NEW Performance Company members will have the opportunity to sign up for the remaining available open spots on a first come, first serve basis starting at 10am on Monday, April 7th.
- Must submit a non-refundable registration deposit of \$50.

Requirements and Time Commitment

Summer 2025 Requirements

All Performance Company members are **required to attend at least ONE WEEK of "Entering 1st-2nd" or "Entering 3rd-4th" SUMMER DANCE CAMP (or a total of 4 days).** While attending one dance camp is the minimum requirement, dancers would benefit from attending as many summer camps as possible. Dance camps are 4 days long, and you also have the opportunity to register for individual camp days. As long as you can amass 4 days of camp over the summer, then your requirement will be satisfied.

2025-2026 Fall & Spring Requirements

- Weekly requirements (1-3 hours total):
 - 1 hour/week of Performance Company Practice
 - 1 hour/week of Ballet AND/OR
 - 1 hour/week of Jazz & Technique

***Last year 3 hours were required. This year we are requiring 2 classes - the Performance Company class and one additional Ballet and/or Jazz & Technique class.
- Miscellaneous requirements:
 - Extra practices (as needed)
 - Private lessons (as needed)
 - Community performances
 - 2-3 each semester
 - Dates and times TBA



Performance Company Costs

Participation in Performance Company is \$500 each semester paid in two separate installments. In addition to Company tuition, members will also pay the normal rate for their required ballet, jazz/technique classes. Members will also purchase performance attire and costumes (approximately \$150).

Other fees to be collected throughout the year (these are not included in the team tuition amount mentioned above):

- Summer Camp tuition
- Team apparel (includes practice attire, warm ups, team bag, costumes, props, etc.)
- Extra team practices and choreography learning sessions

***Please keep a copy of this document for your records. ***