



# VITALITY DANCE COMPANY 2026-2027 AUDITIONS

This handbook contains everything you need to know about Vitality Dance Company Auditions, Member Expectations and More!

## Our Purpose & Values

At Pivotal Academy of Dance and Vitality Dance Company, our competitive team stands for more than awards and accolades. It's about growth, determination, and community. We are passionate about cultivating strong dancers and even stronger humans. Our program is designed to challenge committed artists to elevate their technique, strengthen their mindset, and grow into confident, compassionate leaders, both on and off the stage.

We train with intensity and perform with purpose, but what sets us apart is how we treat each other. We value kindness, consistency, and connection. Every class, rehearsal, and competition is an opportunity to build discipline, resilience, and respect for both dance and one another.

When you step into our space, you're stepping into something bigger than yourself: a community that believes in the power of commitment, passion, and determination.

## What We Look For in Our Team Members

We are seeking dancers who are ready to be part of something purposeful. Our ideal team members are:

- Motivated learners who love dance and are eager to improve
- Team players who celebrate collective success and lift others up
- Resilient artists who accept challenges and grow from them
- Positive leaders who support and inspire their peers, no matter their age

## Audition Dates: Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> - Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

- Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>: Dancers will learn a Jazz combo
- Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>: Dancers will learn a short ballet combination, perform the jazz combo learned Friday, and participate in Contemporary improv

**Registration Closes: Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**



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## Audition Requirements

- Must be 9 years of age or older as of Jan. 2027
- If they are under 9 years of age, they may audition if they have completed one year on VDC Prep
- Must take 15 hours of Summer Punch Card Classes and Ballet Intensive
- \$30 Audition Fee & VDC Application due at the time of audition
- Dancers will need to register for the VDC Audition Class through their customer portal or online at [www.padbuda.com](http://www.padbuda.com).
- Once all registrations are in you will receive an email with your dancer's audition times.
- 2026 - 2027 VDC Company Members will be announced within 24 hours.
  - Mandatory Company Meeting - TBD

## Team Structure

Vitality Dance Company is made up of several teams designed to meet dancers where they are in their training journey, with the number of teams varying from season to season based on audition results. All VDC teams provide opportunities to perform, compete, grow as artists, and build lasting relationships while fostering commitment, sportsmanship, teamwork, and personal growth. Evolve, Soar, and VDC Collective offer an enhanced experience through additional training, rehearsals, competitions, and convention opportunities for dancers who are eager to challenge themselves and continue growing both artistically and personally.

### About Evolve & Soar

Evolve and Soar are VDC's distinguished competition teams. These dancers demonstrate exceptional commitment, leadership, work ethic, and technical ability. To support their continued growth, Evolve and Soar participate in additional training, rehearsals, competitions, and convention experiences designed to challenge and inspire them as artists, performers, and teammates. The Evolve and Soar schedule has been intentionally designed to provide advanced training opportunities while allowing dancers to successfully balance their commitments both inside and outside the studio. Dancers will be selected based off of their auditions.

### About VDC Collective

VDC Collective is designed for dedicated dancers in 4th–6th grade who are eager to accelerate their training and performance experience. Collective dancers participate in additional technique and choreography training, perform an extra competition routine, and attend a required convention experience.

To be eligible for VDC Collective, dancers must also be a member of Vitality Dance Company. *Dancers must indicate on their audition form that they would like to be considered for VDC Collective.*

What to Expect:

- VDC Collective dancers will take a weekly technique/choreography class in addition to their 3 required classes.
- VDC Collective dancers will compete an additional competition routine.
- VDC Collective dancers will attend a required Spring Convention.



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## Expectations of Company Members

### Competitions & Conventions

**\*\*VDC Calendar for Conventions/ Competitions -To be released with audition results.**

- **All VDC Company Teams**
  - Company members will attend four competitions/conventions throughout the season.
  - Additional competition opportunities for solos, duets, trios, and small groups may be available.
  - Optional convention and competition opportunities may be offered throughout the year.
- **Evolve, Soar & VDC Collective**
  - Evolve, Soar & VDC Collective dancers are required to attend four competitions during the season.
  - Evolve, Soar & VDC Collective dancers are required to attend one mandatory convention.
  - Additional competition and performance opportunities may be offered throughout the season.

### Class Requirements

- **All VDC Company Teams**
  - Must be enrolled in a minimum of three classes at PAD during the 2026-2027 school year.
    - These classes must include ballet, jazz, and contemporary.
    - If dancers are interested in Tap Company, they must be enrolled in a tap class.
  - Members may only compete in genres in which they are currently enrolled.
    - Example: A dancer must take Contemporary to compete in a Contemporary routine.
    - Example: A dancer must take Tap to compete in a Tap routine.
- **Evolve & Soar**
  - Must be enrolled in a minimum of three classes at PAD during the 2026-2027 school year.
    - These classes include ballet, contemporary, and the Monday Technique Class from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.
      - This technique class replaces the required Jazz class for Evolve and Soar dancers.
      - They may still enroll in the appropriate leveled Jazz class for additional training if they would like to do so.

### Rehearsal Requirements

- **All VDC Company Teams**
  - Company rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoons.
  - Occasional Saturday rehearsals may be scheduled as needed.
  - Company members will rehearse three to four times per month.
  - Rehearsal schedules will be distributed two months at a time to allow for advance planning.
- **Evolve & Soar**
  - Company rehearsals will be held weekly on Mondays from 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM.
  - Evolve and Soar dancers will also attend one Sunday rehearsal per month.
  - Rehearsal schedules will be distributed two months at a time to allow for advance planning.
- **VDC Collective**
  - VDC Collective technique class/company rehearsal will be held weekly on Thursdays from 4:30 - 6:00 pm.



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## Rehearsal Attendance Policy

- VDC company members must notify the director/instructor of any rehearsal absences by email.
- Absences must be kept to a minimum.
- Company members are expected to maintain attendance and participate consistently throughout the full 10-month company season.
- The director reserves the right to remove any dancer from the company after **three** missed rehearsals.

## Solo, Duet and Trio Requirements (Optional)

- All solos, duets and trios must be approved by the director by submitting the application form.
- Rates for solos, duets and trios are determined by the choreographer.
- All choreography must be complete by October 31st.
- Must schedule TWO half hour or more rehearsal sessions per month
  - No instructor required
  - Studio Usage Fees will apply and be charged automatically each month, October - April.

## Commitment Breakdown

Commitment	All VDC Teams	VDC Collective	Evolve & Soar
Classes	3 Classes Minimum (Ballet, Jazz & Contemporary Required)	3 Classes Minimum (Ballet, Jazz & Contemporary Required)	3 Classes Minimum (Ballet, Contemporary & Monday Technique Training Required)
Rehearsals	3-4 Sunday Rehearsals Per Month	1 Weekly Technique Class/Rehearsal	1 Weekly Rehearsal & 1 Sunday Rehearsal Per Month
Competitions	4 Competitions	4 Competitions	4 Competitions
Conventions	Optional Opportunities	1 Convention	1 Convention



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## Uniform & Required VDC Attire

### Uniform

- VDC Backpack - \$50 - \$100
- VDC Jacket - \$80 - \$90
- VDC Hoodie - \$35 - \$40
- VDC Team Shirt - \$25

### Rehearsal Attire

- All black with appropriate dance shoes
  - Attire can include leggings, joggers, bike shorts, leotard, fitted shirts, etc. No baggy shirts and running shorts please!

## VDC Tuition & Fees

- Company members - \$75 VDC Tuition per month (3 - 4 rehearsals per month)
- Costume Fees - \$85 per routine
- Competition Fees - \$75 - \$85 per routine depending on competition
  - All Competition Fees are per dancer and per routine.
- Competition Media Packages - \$30 - \$50 per competition
- Guest Choreography Fees - PAD will pay a portion of the choreography fee and the remaining amount must be paid by the dancers participating in that particular routine.

### How Is This Paid?

To simplify billing, all anticipated company expenses will be calculated and divided into 10 equal monthly payments. This payment plan includes company tuition, competition fees, competition media packages, costume fees, and guest choreography fees. Additional fees for Jr. Tap Company, Production, and other optional or specialty routines are not included in the company payment plan and will be charged separately as applicable.

## Choreography Intensives

All VDC teams will begin learning choreography in August following auditions. Choreography Intensives are a mandatory and exciting part of the company season, serving as the official launch of our year together. These intensives provide dancers with the opportunity to learn choreography, train with guest artists, build connections with their teammates, establish team culture, and set the tone for a successful season ahead.

**Save The Dates:** These intensives will take place between **August 3<sup>rd</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Schedules will be released after auditions.



# Vitality Dance Company 2026-2027 Audition Application

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**DANCER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DANCER'S AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DANCER'S EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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DANCER PARTICIPATED IN SUMMER PUNCH CARDS AND BALLET INTENSIVE: YES / NO

DANCER IS INTERESTED IN AUDITIONING FOR THE VDC COLLECTIVE (DANCERS GOING INTO 4TH - 6TH GRADE)

### Medical Release:

I fully understand that Pivotal Academy of Dance's instructors, agents and employees are not physicians or medical practitioners of any kind. With the above in mind, I/we hereby release and grant permission to the Pivotal Academy of Dance Staff to render temporary first aid to my/our child in the event of any injury or illness, and if deemed necessary by the Pivotal Academy of Dance Staff to call a doctor to seek medical help, including transportation by a Pivotal Academy of Dance Staff member, whether paid or volunteer, to any health care facility or hospital, or the calling of an ambulance for said child should the Pivotal Academy of Dance Staff deem this to be necessary.

**PARENT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Code of Conduct:

Pivotal Academy of Dance is dedicated to providing quality dance instruction in a safe and nurturing environment. Any of the below scenarios may be cause for immediate dismissal from Vitality Dance Company or Pivotal Academy of Dance.

1. Attitudes that are disrespectful, uncooperative, or aggressive do not have a place at Pivotal Academy of Dance.
2. Students and parents will not speak negatively about one another or the instructors.
3. Any inappropriate or slanderous remarks about Pivotal Academy of Dance, Vitality Dance Company, its staff members, or other students/parents on any social media site will be cause for immediate dismissal from the studio.
4. As a member of Vitality Dance Company you are a representative of Pivotal Academy of Dance and our mission to provide quality, respectful, and well-rounded dancers.
5. The use of social media (EX: Tik Tok, Instagram, SnapChat, etc.) with inappropriate movements and vulgar language is in violation of Pivotal Academy of Dance's Mission statement.

If you have a concern or grievance you must make an appointment with the studio director, or you are welcome to send an appropriate email to discuss the issue.

**BY SIGNING I HAVE READ THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS OF A VITALITY DANCE COMPANY MEMBER.**

**DANCER'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_