



PADLOCK DANCE CREW 2026-2027 AUDITIONS

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

Our Purpose & Values

At Pivotal Academy of Dance and PADLock Dance Crew, our competitive crew 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 Crew Members

We are seeking dancers who are ready to be part of something purposeful. Our ideal crew 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, August 7th - Saturday, August 8th

- Friday, August 7th : Dancers will learn a Hip Hop combo
- Saturday, August 8th : Dancers will perform the hip hop combo learned Friday, and participate in Freestyle

Registration Closes: Friday, July 31st

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Audition Requirements

- Must be 6 years of age or older as of Jan. 2027
- Must take 5 hours of Summer Punch Card Classes and Hip Hop Intensive or both Hip Hop Intensives
- \$30 Audition Fee & PADLock Application due at the time of audition
- Dancers will need to register for the PADLock Audition Class through their customer portal or online at www.padbuda.com.
- Once all registrations are in you will receive an email with your dancer's audition times.
- 2026 - 2027 PADLock Dance Crew Members will be announced within 24 hours.
 - Mandatory Crew Meeting - TBD

Team Structure

PADLock Dance Crew is made up of several crews 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 PADLock crews provide opportunities to perform, compete, grow as artists, and build lasting relationships while fostering commitment, sportsmanship, teamwork, and personal growth.

Introducing: PAD Core

We're launching a brand-new program designed for dedicated middle school and high school dancers who are ready to take their training to the next level, lock-in and work hard. PAD Core is for those who want to be challenged, who love hip hop, who are willing to put in the work and who want to be a part of a team that pushes each other to be better. To be eligible for the PAD Core, dancers must also be members of PADLock Dance Crew.

What to Expect

PAD Core dancers will:

- Train with purpose - developing stronger technique, musicality and performance skills; to be held on Saturdays
- Perform with confidence - learning how to command the stage and connect with an audience; competing an additional competition routine
- Work as a team - understanding that every dancer plays an important role in the success of the group
- Embrace growth - accepting challenges, applying corrections and constantly striving to improve

This is a commitment for dancers who are ready to train hard, dance full out, and grow fast.

What Judges Are Looking For

Dancers selected for Core will be evaluated by a panel of judges based on:

- Precision and control of movement
- Ability to retain and execute choreography
- Strong understanding of hip hop foundations and styles
- Energy, confidence and performance quality
- Coachability and willingness to apply corrections
- Consistency, focus and commitment

These dancers are expected to go FULL OUT, not just sometimes, but every time they step into the room.



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PAD Core Expectations

To thrive in this program, dancers must bring:

- A strong work ethic and positive mindset
- Focus and discipline, rehearsal is a place to train, not socialize
- Commitment to reviewing choreography outside of class
- Respect for teammates, instructors and the process
- A team-first attitude that encourages and supports others
- A desire to continue growing both as a dancer and a person

We're building more than dancers, we're building artists, athletes, teammates and leaders.

PAD Core is:

- A commitment
- A standard
- A family

It's showing up when it's hard. It's pushing yourself and your teammates. It's choosing growth over comfort. It's representing something bigger than yourself.

Expectations of Crew Members

Competitions & Conventions

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

- **All PADLock Dance Crews**
 - Crew 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.

Class Requirements

- **All PADLock Dance Crews**
 - Must be enrolled in a minimum of one Hip Hop class at PAD during the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Members may only compete a solo/duet/trio outside of hip hop if they are enrolled in that genre.
 - Example: A dancer must take Contemporary to compete in a Contemporary solo.
 - Example: A dancer must take Jazz to compete in a Jazz solo.
- **PAD Core**
 - Must be enrolled in a minimum of one Hip Hop class and one class of any genre at PAD during the 2026-2027 school year.
 - PAD Core technique class will be held on Saturdays.

Rehearsal Requirements

- **All PADLock Dance Crews**
 - Crew rehearsals will be held on Saturday mornings/afternoons.
 - Crew members will rehearse three to four times per month.
 - Rehearsal schedules will be distributed two months at a time to allow for advance planning.

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Rehearsal Attendance Policy

- PADLock crew members must notify the director/instructor of any rehearsal absences by email.
- Absences must be kept to a minimum.
- Crew members are expected to maintain attendance and participate consistently throughout the full 10-month crew season.
- The director reserves the right to remove any dancer from the crew 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 PADLock Crews	PAD Core
Classes	1 Class Minimum (Hip Hop)	2 Classes Minimum (Hip Hop Required for 1 class)
Rehearsals	3-4 Saturday Rehearsals Per Month	1 Weekly Technique Class/Rehearsal
Competitions	4 Competitions	4 Competitions
Conventions	Optional Opportunities	Optional Opportunities

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Uniform & Required PADLock Attire

Uniform

- Padlock Backpack - \$50 - \$100
- PADLock Hoodie - \$35 - \$40
- Padlock Crew Shirt - \$25

Rehearsal Attire

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

PADLock Tuition & Fees

- Crew Members - \$65 PADLock 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 crew tuition, competition fees, competition media packages, costume fees, and guest choreography fees. Additional fees for Production Company and other optional or specialty routines are not included in the crew payment plan and will be charged separately as applicable.

Choreography Intensives

All PADLock crews 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 crew culture, and set the tone for a successful season ahead.

Save The Dates: These intensives will take place between **August 10th - August 31st**. Schedules will be released after auditions.



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Audition Application



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 HIP HOP INTENSIVE: YES / NO

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DANCER IS INTERESTED IN AUDITIONING FOR PAD CORE (DANCERS GOING INTO (MIDDLE - HIGH SCHOOL)

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 PADLock Dance Crew 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, PADLock Dance Crew, 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 PADLock Dance Crew 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 PADLOCK DANCE CREW MEMBER.

DANCER'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____