



**Interested in
Joining our
Competition Team?**

Here's Everything
You Need to Know for
the **2023-24 Season!**

Joining a competition team is a big step in any dancer's journey. Being part of a competition team teaches accountability, teamwork, dedication, and perseverance. It fosters confidence and passion in children, not only as dancers, but as people. Joining a competition team is a big commitment and requires more hours and dedication than recreational programs, but it certainly pays off! The experience of dancing competitively is one that is unmatched, and we want to be able to provide to all children who want it. That is why we have created three competitive programs to fit any schedule and budget!

Which program is **right for my dancer and my family?**

Introduction to Competition: \$95/month

Introduction to Competition is our least demanding program. Students take one ballet class weekly, and they rehearse and compete in one competition routine.

Part Time Competition: \$125/month

Part Time Competition requires students to take two classes weekly; one ballet, and one of their choice. Students will rehearse and compete in several group numbers.

Full Time Competition: \$225/month

Full Time Competition students will take classes in all genres weekly. In addition to learning and competing in group numbers, these students will have the opportunity to audition for solos, duets and/or trios to compete.

What does the **season long schedule look like?**

Competitive dance is a **season long commitment**, meaning dancers are committed to the team from **August to June or July**, depending on when Nationals are finished. Our typical season looks like this...

August -

Auditions and placements

September through **January -**

Rehearsing competition routines and taking classes weekly.

February through **May -**

We compete as three local regional competitions as a team

June or **July -**

We compete at one out of state Nationals as a team

What is **financially required** of my family?

There are additional costs associated with competitive dance besides tuition. These costs include...

Costumes:

Competition costume bills are due around September or October. Competition costumes can cost anywhere between **\$75-\$250** per dance.

Competition Entry Fees:

Competitions charge entry fees for every dancer to participate in the competition. A typical group dance fee is around **\$70**, a typical duet/trio fee is around **\$90**, and a typical solo fee is around **\$180**. If we attend a competition/convention where students take classes throughout the weekend in addition to competing, there is an additional cost (anywhere from **\$200-\$350**) to take the convention classes.

We have recently implemented an incredibly parent run **boosters program** to organize monthly fundraisers and help alleviate as much of these costs as possible! With diligent fundraising, parents in the past have wiped out their entire bill and not paid a penny out of pocket!

What is **expected** of my dancer?

Dancers on our competitive team are expected to be **respectful, team players, punctual, passionate, exemplary** in their attitude and actions, **good role models**, and **good sports**.

We follow an **attendance policy** at our studio regarding our competition team;

Dancers are allowed **three unexcused absences** per season.

Excused absences are ones that have been cleared by our studio office. An **excused absence** may be one due to a doctor's appointment, funeral, wedding, religious commitment, school function which is required for credit, or illness. Injured dancers are expected to observe classes and rehearsals.

Being on a competition team is **tons of fun**, but also comes with **responsibility**!

What is expected of parents or guardians?

Many parents find that they are more involved in competitive dance than they were in their recreational dance programs because of the extra time spent around the studio and teammates. We love and support parent involvement, and could not do this without parents! That being said, it's important we review what is expected of parents so we can maintain positive learning environment for all students.

Parents are expected to...

Keep track of all payment dates and submit payment in a timely manner

Speak kindly and positively of all teammates

Be on time to all competitions, conventions and other studio events

Participate in food tables at competitions, or other things that rely on parent involvement

Trust EDP staff with placements and creative decisions

I'm **interested in joining, but I still have questions!**

Please email us at elitedanceprojectlapeer@yahoo.com and we will answer any questions you may have! We can also set up a face-to-face meeting time and review anything you need more information about.

I want to join! What are my **next steps!**

We're so excited to take this next step with you and your dancer! Your next step is to email elitedanceprojectlapeer@yahoo.com and let us know that you would like to join our competition team for the 2023-24 season. You will need to register for the **Summer Intensive** and **Auditions** which will take place August 4-6th, 2023. From there, your dancer will be placed in groups appropriately, and we will have a parent meeting to go over dates, costs and more specifics.