



Audition Information

2023-2024 Vibe Season

Company Goal: Vibe Dance Company is for dancers who have a passion to learn, to dance well and to work hard. Students prepare for competitions during their company classes, develop their skills in technique classes, and learn the foundation of all dance in their ballet class. This program offers a competition dance team experience that places importance on commitment, encouragement, technique, and having fun. There is a specific emphasis on ballet, jazz, lyrical and contemporary dance styles.

AUDITIONS

Ages calculated on Sept. 15, 2023

Monday, Aug. 7: Ages 7+

Pioneer Community Center – Dance Studio

4:00-5:30pm: Ages 7-8 code [75635](#)

5:00-6:30pm: Ages 9-10 code [75636](#)

6:30-8pm: Ages 11-12 code [75637](#)

7:30-9pm: Ages 13-18 code [75638](#)

Audition Times: Please sign up in advance for the audition time that corresponds with your dancer's age category by clicking on the code and registering for free. Dancers will perform an audition dance that should be learned in advance from the online dance audition video available Aug. 4. Ballet barre and additional dance skills will be requested by the instructors in the studio, and an in-person dance piece will be taught for the audition as well. Please fill out an audition form after you have clicked on a code to register for an audition time.

Audition Attire: Dancers should wear black leotards, light pink or tan tights (convertible or footed), black or tan jazz shoes (bring ballet shoes and lyrical sandals/turning shoes, if available), and have hair in a tight bun. Dance shorts can be worn. No jewelry please.

Audition Evaluations: Dancers are evaluated and placed by execution of skill, performance quality, and attitude. Instructors will include past knowledge and experience of dancers in the evaluation process; you are always auditioning.

Audition Results: Company lists will be posted online by Aug. 10 at 5pm: ahpd.org/vibe

Vibe Season: This year's Vibe season will run Aug. 19, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

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BEING A VIBE COMPANY MEMBER

Vibe Levels: Vibe levels vary by skill, from Vibe I to our most advanced level, Vibe V.

Vibe Schedule: Vibe company members meet weekly. Rehearsal sites will vary between the studios listed below, and Vibe levels may change rehearsal studios at any time. For additional competition, performance, workshop and all-company rehearsal dates, please see the tentative 2023-2024 Vibe Company Calendar.

Level	<i>Vibe I</i>	<i>Vibe II</i>	<i>Vibe III</i>	<i>Vibe IV</i>	<i>Vibe V</i>
Site	Pioneer Studio/ Admin Studio	Admin Studio/ Pioneer Studio	Pioneer Studio/ Admin Studio	Admin Studio/ Pioneer Studio	Pioneer Studio
Instructors	Vibe Directors	Vibe Directors	Vibe Directors	Vibe Directors	Vibe Directors/Guest Choreographers
Day	Thursday	Thursday	Monday	Monday	Tuesday
Time	4:15-6:15pm	4:15-6:15pm	7-9pm	7-9pm	7-9pm

Competitions: Vibe will compete in 4 regional competitions March-April in the Chicagoland area and 1 national competition in June in the Wisconsin Dells. Vibe I & II will have two competition routines, Vibe III & IV will have three competition routines and Vibe V will have four competition routines. Vibe I, II & III will bring two routines to each competition and Vibe IV & V will bring three routines to each competition. Each Vibe dancer will also compete in the all-company piece, which will be rehearsed during the all-company rehearsal/class times and during the regular weekly class time.

Competition Schedules: Specific dates, some still tentative, are listed in the 2023-2024 Vibe Company Calendar. We do not receive tentative or finalized schedules from competition hosts until 1 week prior to the competition date. We ask that dancers/families keep the weekends of competition available to accommodate for this.

Competition Etiquette: Dancers and family members are expected to represent Vibe Dance Company in a professional manner at all times, especially at competitions. Any questions or concerns regarding competitions should be addressed with Company Directors and/or the Cultural Arts Supervisor; dancers and families are not to contact competition staff directly.

Required Ballet class: Vibe Company members are required to take a ballet class in addition to the weekly Vibe class time. All Vibe dancers will receive a coupon code each season to register for ballet class, as your ballet fee (and 2024 ballet recital costume fee) is included in Vibe tuition. If a ballet class needs to be cancelled during the season due to instructor illness, etc., one-class refunds will not be provided for Vibe dancers as the class fee included in the Vibe tuition is already at a discounted rate. We will however do our best to arrange for a make-up class, but one cannot be guaranteed. Those unsure of their proper level should contact the Cultural Arts Supervisor for an evaluation.

Additional classes: Vibe Company members are encouraged and recommended to take at least one additional dance class outside of Vibe rehearsals and ballet class requirements. Suggested disciplines include jazz, lyrical, contemporary, and tap.

Attendance: Attendance is not only important for personal growth as a member of company, but also to fellow company members and staff. Each dancer is allowed 4 absences in their weekly Vibe class each season (August-June), not including mandatory rehearsals. If a dancer exceeds this, they may not be permitted to participate in an upcoming company performance or competition. Excessive absences can affect a dance piece and the team as a whole. This could be in the form of removal from a dance, multiple dances or portions of dances. If a dancer is unable to dance due to injury, please plan to attend class and rehearsals as an observer: this keeps the dancer aware of changes and corrections, and this does not count as an absence. No refunds are offered for any consequences resulting from excessive absences.

Commitment: Vibe Dance Company is for dancers who have a passion to learn, to dance well and to work hard. Students prepare for competitions during their company classes, develop their skills in technique classes, and learn the base of all dance in their ballet class. As part of the Member Agreement, company dancers are required to make a serious commitment to their directors and fellow team members. Dancers will be removed from Company performances and competitions if they are not meeting the expectations and requirements of a Company member. While we love that our students are well-rounded and participate in many activities, it is very important that Company is a high priority activity. We strongly advise that both parent and dancers examine calendars carefully before committing to the Vibe Company. All Vibe Company Members are required to be available for all shows during recital weekend.

Vibe Tuition: The group routines for each competition are included in the Vibe tuition fee. Vibe tuition is an all-inclusive fee that varies by level. A more extensive breakdown of fees is below. The fee can be paid in full (5% discount) or in 10 monthly installments, August-May.

<i>Vibe I, II</i>	<i>Vibe III</i>	<i>Vibe IV</i>	<i>Vibe V</i>
\$3,477	\$3,562	\$3,912	\$3,997

Payment Options	
Option 1: Pay in Full – Receive 5% discount! Due 8/16/23	Option 2: 10 Monthly Payments Auto-paid on the 15 th of every month – 8/15/23 to 5/15/24
No Refunds: If a dancer chooses not to continue or is removed from Vibe, no refund will be offered.	

Approximate Expense Breakdown						
			I/II	III	IV	V
Vibe Level Rehearsals	\$22/rehearsal	38 rehearsals	\$836	\$836	\$836	\$836
All Company Rehearsals	\$22/rehearsal	11 rehearsals	\$242	\$242	\$242	\$242
Ballet Classes (Aug-Jul) & Recital Costume	varies/level		\$489	\$489	\$529	\$529
Precision Arts Challenge - Regionals	varies/level		\$191	\$191	\$243	\$243
Inferno Dance Competition - Regionals	varies/level		\$185	\$185	\$235	\$235
Hall of Fame Dance Challenge - Regionals	varies/level		\$270	\$270	\$345	\$345
Power of Dance Competition - Regionals	varies/level		\$230	\$230	\$295	\$295
Inferno Dance Competition - Nationals	varies/level		\$239	\$239	\$307	\$307
Vibe Costumes	varies/level		\$265	\$350	\$350	\$435
Special Events & Performances	\$72/dancer		\$72	\$72	\$72	\$72
Six Flags Ticket	\$40/dancer		\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
Boomers Ticket	\$13/ticket		\$13	\$13	\$13	\$13
Vibe Banquet & Holiday Party	\$60/dancer		\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Vibe Company Photos	\$50/dancer		\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
New Company Bag	\$110/dancer		\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110
Company Accessory Kit	\$70/dancer		\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70
Company Gear	\$100/dancer		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Company Showcase Digital Download	\$15/dancer		\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
TOTALS			\$3,477	\$3,562	\$3,912	\$3,997

Optional Items: Vibe Jacket \$100 (required for new members)

Solos/Duets/Trios/Small Groups: Vibe members will be invited to take part in solos, duets, trios or small groups for competitions, based on the initial Vibe audition. Dancers are not required to accept this invitation in addition to being a part of the company pieces. Those that accept the invitation to do an additional competition piece will be responsible for an additional fee that will cover up to 4 hours of instruction choreography/rehearsal time, a choreography fee, 2 hours of optional rehearsal space during off hours (must be accompanied by an adult; instructors will not be present), costume fee, and competition fees. Dancers will be assigned choreographers, style and music. Total costs for these additional opportunities are below and are per individual.

Dance Type	Total Fees
Solo	\$1,003
	(Optional PAC, Inferno & POD Title Fees: + \$165)
Duet	\$668
Trio	\$595
Small Group	\$445