



## 2025-2026 SEASON INFORMATION

**Company Goal:** Vibe Dance Company is for dancers who have a passion to learn, to dance well, and to work hard. Dancers 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 competitive 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

**Sunday, July 20:** Ages 7+

Pioneer Community Center – Dance Studio

12:00-1:30pm: Ages 7-8 code [92426](#)

1:00-2:30pm: Ages 9-10 code [92427](#)

3:00-4:30pm: Ages 11-12 code [92428](#)

4:00-5:30pm: Ages 13-18 code [92429](#)

**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 July 17. 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 and bring it with you to auditions.

**Audition Attire:** Female dancers should wear black leotards, light pink or tan tights, tan jazz shoes, and have hair in a tight bun. Dance shorts can be worn. Male dancers should wear t-shirt, comfortable bottoms, tan or black jazz shoes. 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; please remember you are always auditioning.

**Audition Results:** Company lists will be posted online July 24 by 5pm: [ahpd.org/dance](http://ahpd.org/dance)

### BEING A VIBE DANCE COMPANY (VDC) MEMBER

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

**Vibe Schedule:** This year’s Vibe season will run August 24, 2025 – June 27, 2026. 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, and all-company rehearsal dates, please see the 2025-2026 Vibe Company Calendar.

Level	Vibe I	Vibe II	Vibe III	Vibe IV	Vibe V
Site	Admin Studio A+B	Admin Studio A+B	Admin Studio A+B	Admin Studio A+B	Admin Studio A+B
Instructors	Vibe Directors	Vibe Directors	Vibe Directors	Vibe Directors	Vibe Directors/Guest Choreographers
Day	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Tuesday
Time	4:15-6:15pm	4:15-6:15pm	7:00-9:00pm	8/25-10/27 7:30-9:30pm Beginning 11/3 7:30-9:00pm	8/26-10/28 7:30-9:30pm Beginning 11/4 7:30-9:00pm

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**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 Vibe Company 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 the company is a high priority activity. We strongly advise that both parent and dancer examine calendars carefully before committing to VDC. In addition, all Vibe members are required to be available for all shows during recital weekend.

**Competitions:** Vibe will compete in 4 regional competitions March-May and 1 national competition in June in the Chicagoland area. 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 will bring two routines to each competition and Vibe III-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 times.

**Competition Schedules:** Specific dates, some still tentative, are listed in the 2025-2026 Vibe Company Calendar below. 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 VDC in a professional manner at all times, especially at competitions. Any questions or concerns regarding competitions should be addressed with the Vibe Company Director and/or the Cultural Arts Supervisor; dancers and families are not to contact competition staff directly.

**Attendance:** Attendance is not only imperative for personal growth as a company member, it also affects fellow company members and staff. All mandatory rehearsals are just that—mandatory. Additionally, if a dancer accumulates excessive absences, 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. No refunds are offered for any consequences resulting from excessive absences. If a dancer misses a mandatory rehearsal and changes are made, they may be removed from that section of the dance for the competition.

**Injury:** If a dancer is unable to dance due to injury, please immediately communicate the injury to the Vibe Company Director and Cultural Arts Supervisor, and provide a doctor's note if necessary. Please plan to attend your required ballet class and Vibe rehearsals as an observer: this keeps the dancer aware of changes and corrections, and this does not count as an absence.

**Required Ballet Class:** 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 to register for ballet class, as your ballet fee (and 2026 ballet recital costume fee) is included in Vibe tuition. Those unsure of their proper level should contact the Cultural Arts Coordinator 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.

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## TUITION & SPECIALTY FEES

**Vibe Tuition:** Vibe tuition is an all-inclusive fee that varies by level. *Tuition includes:* ballet class fee for 2025-2026 dance season (September through May ONLY; summer is not included); weekly level rehearsals and monthly all-company rehearsals; all competition entry fees for each level's total number of routines, along with their costumes; competition media fees; admission fees for special events and performances; annual holiday party and banquet; company accessory kit, including tights and garment bags; VDC 25-26 gear; and Vibe individual and company photos. Tuition can be paid in full (5% discount) or in 9 monthly installments, August 2025 – April 2026. Enrollment codes will be provided for each level (Vibe I-V) when the company list is posted on July 24.

**Optional Specialties (solos, duets, trios & small groups):** Vibe members are invited to take part in solos, duets, trios or small groups for competitions. 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, costume fees, and competition fees. *PLEASE NOTE:* While dancers may request their style and fellow dancer(s), there are no guarantees; dancers will be assigned choreographer, style, partners/group, and music based on where the Vibe Company Director feels everyone fits best.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** These fees are best estimations and may change slightly between auditions and when the company list is posted. Fees will be set with the company list.

**25-26 TUITION**

<i>Vibe I, II</i>	<i>Vibe III</i>	<i>Vibe IV</i>	<i>Vibe V</i>
\$3,589	\$4,081*	\$3,938	\$4,028

<b>Payment Options</b>	
<b>Option 1:</b> Pay in Full – Receive 5% discount!	<b>Option 2:</b> 9 Monthly Payments
Due at time of registration but no later than 8/15/25	1 <sup>st</sup> payment due at time of registration; remaining payments auto-billed on 15 <sup>th</sup> of each month – 9/15/25 to 4/15/26
<b>No Refunds:</b> If a dancer chooses not to continue or is removed from Vibe, no refund will be offered.	

\*Why is this more expensive? Vibe III will return to regular two-hour weekly rehearsals this season; additionally, Vibe III will begin taking all three of their dances to every competition this season. Therefore, the added costs are in place for increased rehearsal time and additional competition fees.

**Add-On Items at Registration:**

Company Jacket - \$100 (required for all members)

Company Backpack - \$110 (required for new members)

**25-26 SPECIALTIES**

<b>Dance Type</b>	<b>Total Fees</b>
Solo	\$1,212
	(Optional ID, LUXXE, ADC & PAC Title Fees: \$235)
Duet	\$736
Trio	\$681
Small Group	\$519

**VIBE TEAM**

Jennifer Hicks – Company Director

Alyssa Sugisawa – Assistant Director

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Lainey Winter – Guest Artist

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