



## Audition Information

### 2025-26 Season

**Company Goal:** Vibettes is for dancers who are interested in being part of an introductory competition team. This program offers a team experience that places importance on commitment, encouragement, technique, and having fun.

#### AUDITIONS

Sunday, July 20

Vibettes: 11:30-12:00pm – Ages 5-8 (Ages calculated on Sept. 15, 2025) – code 92109

Pioneer Community Center Dance Studio: 500 S Fernandez Ave.

**Audition Attire:** Dancers should wear black leotards, light pink or tan tights, black jazz shoes, and have hair in a tight bun. Dance shorts can be worn.

**Audition Evaluations:** Dancers will learn a short audition combination. Dancers are evaluated on 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 Thursday, July 24 at 5pm: [ahpd.org/dance](http://ahpd.org/dance). *Dancers must accept or decline their spots by Thursday, July 31, at 5pm by emailing Kate at [kschwarz@ahpd.org](mailto:kschwarz@ahpd.org).*

**Payment:** Dancers may choose to pay in full by August 30 or with a monthly payment plan (August 30-April 30). Enrollment codes will be included on the company lists.

**Season:** This year's Vibettes season will run September 2, 2025 – May 31, 2026.

**Registration Questions:** Kate Schwarz, Cultural Arts Supervisor

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## BEING A VIBETTES DANCER

**Schedule:** Vibettes will meet weekly at the **Administration Center Annex Dance Studio on Tuesdays, 4:00-4:30pm**. For additional competition and performance information, please see the tentative calendar.

**Competitions:** Vibettes will compete in two (2) competitions throughout the season in the Chicagoland area.

**Competition Schedules:** Specific dates are listed on the 2025-26 Vibettes 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. We will do our best to request performance times that do not conflict with school hours.

**Attendance:** Attendance is not only important for personal growth as a member of the company but also to fellow company members and staff. Each dancer is allowed 4 absences throughout the season. 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 or portions of a dance. 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. Performances and competitions are required.

**Vibettes Tuition:** Tuition is an all-inclusive fee.

**Optional Items:**

- Team Jacket & Bag (*required for new members*)    **\$90**

**No Refunds:** If a dancer chooses not to continue or is removed from the company, no refund will be offered.

<i>Vibettes</i>
\$695

<b>Vibettes Expense Breakdown:</b>			
Rehearsals	\$10/hr.	x 15 (30 30-min reh.)	\$150
Dance Idol Competition & Convention (February)	\$160/dancer		\$160
ID Dance Competition (March)	\$100/dancer		\$100
Special Performances/Events	\$50/dancer		\$50
Costumes (Competition + Recital)	\$170/dancer		\$170
Company Gear	\$50/dancer	<i>+\$90 for new dancers</i>	\$50
Company Showcase Digital Download	\$15/dancer		\$15
			<b>\$695</b>

Additional dance classes through Expressions Performing Arts Academy (EPAA)

Dancers admitted to Vibettes are strongly encouraged to enroll in at least one (1) EPAA dance class for the 2025-2026 Dance Season. This is so dancers are able to strengthen their technique and skills outside of rehearsal. This fee is not covered in Vibettes tuition. Dance class registration opens **Tuesday, August 5 @ 10am (Residents) and Tuesday, August 12 @ 10am (Non-Residents) at [ahpd.org](http://ahpd.org).**

*Suggested classes are:*

- + Ballet & Tap III (ages 5-6) or Ballet I if age 6+
- + Mini Jazz Hip Hop (ages 5-6) or Jazz Hip Hop I if age 6+
- + Beginning Jazz if age 6+
- + Tap I if age 6+

**2025-26 Vibettes Calendar**

August/September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sun, 8/25 - 12:00-12:30pm New Parent Meeting (Pioneer)</li> <li>• Tues, 9/2 - Fall Dance Session Begins &amp; <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vibettes Rehearsal 4:00-4:30pm (Admin Studio A)</b></li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon, 10/27 – 5:45-6:15pm Dance with Vibe I Day! (Admin Studio A)</li> <li>• Tues, 10/28 – 4:00-4:30pm Rehearsal &amp; Halloween Party (Admin Studio A)</li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tues, 11/25 – NO REHEARSAL</li> <li>• <b>Tues, 11/25 – 4:30-6:15pm Feed My Starving Children (Schaumburg)</b></li> </ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tues, 12/9 – 4:00-4:30pm Rehearsal &amp; Holiday Party (Admin Studio A)</li> <li>• Sun, 12/14 - Sun, 1/4 – EPAA Winter Break</li> </ul>
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tues, 1/6 – 4:00-4:30pm Classes &amp; Rehearsal Resume (Admin Studio A)</li> </ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tues, 2/3 – 4:00-4:30pm <b>*MANDATORY*</b> Rehearsal (Admin Studio A)</li> <li>• <b>Fri, 2/6 - Sun, 2/8 Dance Idol Competition &amp; Convention (Des Plaines Park District)</b></li> <li>• <b>TBD (afternoon) AH Senior Center Performance (AHSC Dance Studio)</b></li> </ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tues, 3/10 – 4:00-4:30pm <b>*MANDATORY*</b> Rehearsal (Admin Studio A)</li> <li>• <b>Fri, 3/13 - Sun, 3/15 ID Dance Competition (Copernicus Center; Chicago)</b></li> <li>• Sun, 3/22 - Sun, 4/5 – EPAA Spring Break</li> </ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tues, 4/7 &amp; 4/14 – NO REHEARSAL</li> <li>• Tues, 4/21 – 4:00-4:30pm Rehearsals Resume (Admin Studio A)</li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sat, 5/9 – TBD (morning) Swing into Spring Performance (North School Park; AH)</b></li> <li>• Tues, 5/19 – 4:00-4:30pm Dress Rehearsal &amp; Photo Day at Admin</li> <li>• <b>Fri, 5/29 &amp; Sat, 5/30 – EPAA Dance Recitals (St. Viator HS)</b></li> <li>• <b>Sun, 5/31 – Vibe Showcase (St. Viator HS)</b></li> </ul>

*\*This calendar is subject to change. There may be additional company events announced throughout the 25-26 season.*

[www.ahpd.org/dance](http://www.ahpd.org/dance)

**Questions:**

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