



Audition Information

2026-27 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 26

Vibettes: 12:00-12:30pm – Ages 5-7 (Ages calculated on Sept. 15, 2026) – code 98593

Pioneer Community Center Dance Studio: 500 S Fernandez Ave.

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: The company list will be posted online on Thursday, July 30 by 5pm at ahpd.org/dance. Dancers must accept or decline their spots by Monday, August 3 by enrolling in the registration code included on the company list. A \$50 registration fee is required at the time of enrollment and will be deducted from the overall tuition.

Payment: After all dancers have accepted their spot, they will be sent a registration form. Dancers may choose to pay in full by September 14 or with a monthly payment plan (September 14-April 14).

Season: This year's Vibettes season will run September 14, 2026 – June 6, 2026.

Registration Questions: Kate Schwarz, Cultural Arts Supervisor

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Company Questions: Jennifer Hicks, Vibe Company Director

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BEING A VIBETTES DANCER

Schedule: Vibettes will meet weekly at the **Administration Center Annex Dance Studio A on Mondays, 4:45-5:15pm.** 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 weekend dates are listed on the 2026-27 Vibettes Calendar. Competition titles and locations will be solidified by and communicated at the Parent Meeting on August 23. 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. The fees listed below are an estimate and may change slightly once competitions are finalized.

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

Optional Items:

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

<i>Vibettes</i>
\$630

Vibettes Expense Breakdown:			
Rehearsals	\$10/hr.	x 15 (29 30-min reh.)	\$145
Dance Competition #1 (March)	~\$100/dancer		~\$100
Dance Competition #2 (April)	~\$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
			~\$630

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.**

Suggested classes are:

- + Beginning Ballet (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+

2026-27 Vibettes Calendar

August/September	- Sun, 8/24 - 12:00-12:30pm New Parent Meeting (<i>Pioneer</i>) - Tues, 9/14 - Fall Dance Begins & 1st Vibettes Rehearsal 4:45-5:15pm (Admin Studio A)
October	Sat, 10/10 – 10:00-11:30am – Autumn Harvest Performance (NSP) - Mon, 10/19 – 5:15-6:00pm Dance with Vibe I Day! (<i>Admin Studio A</i>) - Mon, 10/26 – 4:45-5:15pm Rehearsal & Halloween Party (<i>Admin Studio A</i>)
November	- Mon, 11/23 – NO REHEARSAL Tues, 11/24 – 4:30-6:15pm Feed My Starving Children (Schaumburg)
December	- Mon, 12/7 – 4:45-5:15pm Rehearsal & Holiday Party (<i>Admin Studio A</i>) - Sun, 12/13 – Sun, 1/3 – EPAA Winter Break
January	Mon, 1/4 – Classes & Vibettes Resume (<i>Admin Studio A</i>)
February	Sun, 2/21 1-3pm AH Senior Center Performance (AHSC Dance Studio)
March	- Mon, 3/8 – 4:45-5:15pm *MANDATORY* Rehearsal (<i>Admin Studio A</i>) Fri, 3/12 - Sun, 3/14 DANCE COMPETITION WEEKEND #1 - Sun, 3/22 - Sun, 4/4 – EPAA Spring Break
April	- Mon, 4/5 – Classes & Vibettes Resume (<i>Admin Studio A</i>) - Mon, 4/19 – 4:45-5:15pm *MANDATORY* Rehearsal (<i>Admin Studio A</i>) Fri, 4/23 - Sun, 4/25 DANCE COMPETITION WEEKEND #2 - Mon, 4/26 – NO REHEARSAL
May/June	- Mon, 5/3 – 4:45-5:15pm Vibettes Resumes (<i>Admin Studio A</i>) TBD – 10:00-11:30am Swing into Spring Performance (North School Park) - Mon, 5/24 – 4:45-5:30pm Dress Rehearsal & Photo Day (<i>Admin</i>) - Mon, 5/31 – NO REHEARSAL Fri, 6/4 & Sat, 6/5 – EPAA Dance Recitals (St. Viator HS) Sun, 6/6 – 2:00-5:00pm (call times beginning at 12:30) – Vibe Showcase (St. Viator HS)

*This calendar is subject to change. There may be additional company events announced throughout the 26-27 season.

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Questions:

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