

# A Step Above Dance Company

## Frequently Asked Questions

- When are auditions?
  - Auditions take place on Saturday, August 18. Check in begins at 8:30am and auditions begins at 9:00am.
- What do dancers wear to auditions?
  - Dancers should wear a black leotard, or well fitted black clothing. Hair should be out of the face in a bun or a French braid. Jazz shoes should be worn.
- Will there be an informational meeting prior to auditions?
  - Parents are encouraged to attend one of our informational meetings at 9:30am or 12:00pm the day of auditions, August 18.
- Does my child need prior dance experience before auditioning?
  - We recommend dancers ages 8 and up have at least one consecutive year of dance experience before auditioning.
- Do all dancers make the team?
  - Yes, after auditions dancers are split into four different groups based on technique, showmanship, and attitude. Parents will be sent an email with their child's placement the Monday after auditions.
- How often does the Company practice?
  - All groups practice once a week on Friday's. Strive practices from 5-6:30pm, Dream from 6:30-8:30pm, Believe and Inspire from 5-8pm. Practices take place at both Boulder Point and Civic Center.
- What do dancers wear to practice?
  - All dancers should wear a black leotard, black dance shorts, tan/nude tights, and the required Bloch "Super Jazz" slip-on jazz shoe in Tan. Hair should be out of the face in a bun or French braid.
- What types of dance styles do you perform?
  - A Step Above performs many styles including jazz, lyrical, contemporary, musical theatre, and even tap!
- Where do you perform?
  - We perform at various local or community events including retirement homes, PrairieFest, Spring Recital, Holiday Show, and Six Flags Great America.
- Do you compete?
  - Yes, A Step Above is a competitive Dance Company. Strive competes at one recreational competition, while all other groups compete in at least three competitions a season.
- Are practices, performances, and competitions mandatory?
  - Attendance is expected for practices. Dancers who miss practice will have trouble performing to their highest potential and will hinder the group performance at various events. All performances and competitions are mandatory. Dancers unable to perform at a competition or event will hurt their groups performance.
- Are dancers required to take ballet as an additional class?
  - Additional dance classes including ballet are not required, but highly encouraged. Ballet is important because it is the foundation of all other dance disciplines. Through ballet dancers will learn correct terminology, develop skills, and build strength and control.
- How much does it cost to be a part of A Step Above Dance Company?
  - Participation costs vary year to year but are paid three times annually in September, January and April. Fees include competitions, costume, and tights.