

## A Step Above Dance Company

### Frequently Asked Questions

- What do dancers wear to auditions?
  - Dancers should wear a black leotard, or well fitted black clothing. Hair should be out of the face (bun or French braid for longer hair). Jazz shoes should be worn.
- Will there be an informational meeting prior to auditions?
  - Yes, an informational meeting will always take place before the season begins.
- 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 5:30-7:00pm, Dream from 7:00-9:00pm, Believe and Inspire from 5:30-8:30pm. Practices take place at both Boulder Point and Civic Center. Duet and Trios will have additional Sunday practices.
- What do dancers wear to practice?
  - All dancers should wear a black leotard, black dance shorts, nude tights, and the required Bloch "Super Jazz" slip-on jazz shoe in Tan. Hair should be out of the face (bun or French braid for longer hair).
- What types of dance styles does the Company perform?
  - Company performs many styles including jazz, lyrical, contemporary, musical theatre, hip hop and even tap!
- Where does the Company perform?
  - Company performs at various local or community events including retirement homes, Prairie Fest, Spring Recital, Holiday Show, and Six Flags Great America.
- Is this a competitive Company?
  - Yes, A Step Above is a competitive Dance Company. Strive competes at three competitions, while all other groups compete in at least four additional 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 group's performance.
- Are dancers required to take ballet as an additional class?
  - Additional dance classes including ballet are highly encouraged. 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 throughout the season September-April. Fees are split between practice fees and competition fees.