



TUITION PAYMENT: There is an annual registration fee of \$35 per individual, \$50 per family. Tuition is an annual fee based on 30 weeks of class and includes group choreography by RCDC instructors. For the convenience of our families, tuition is divided into 10 monthly payments and is due on the 1st of each month, paid by credit card draft. There are NO refunds for missed or dropped classes. Tuition is based on enrollment not attendance.

COMPETITION FEES: Each competition has a set price per routine that all participants must pay. All entry fees must be paid by the required deadline per the Fee Schedule to avoid a late penalty. For any competition outside Central Arkansas, travel and lodging expenses will be the responsibility of each family.

LATE FEES: Any non-tuition fee (competition, convention, costume, etc.) that is outstanding more than 30 days will incur a 10% late fee. This company late fee will be applied to overdue accounts once every 30 days until the fees are paid and the account is current. Monthly tuition that is outstanding past the 15th will be charged a \$15 late fee.

DROP/DISMISSAL FEE: If you leave any RCDC Company Program for any reason, you will incur a \$150 Drop Fee PER ROUTINE. This includes injury, dismissal, relocation, and any other reason a dancer may not be able to fulfill their commitment to the RCDC Company Programs. When a company member leaves, it affects the entire RCDC team. This fee will be used for choreography, re-blocking, costumes, etc. If you exit a routine, an understudy can be put in your dancer's place. You will be responsible for loaning the understudy your costumes and paying all entry fees for required competitions/events.

CHOREOGRAPHY: If outside choreographers are hired for groups, choreography fees will apply. For groups choreographed by in-studio instructors, there will be no choreography fees. Dancers who want outside choreography for solos, duets or trios must have approval from the Company Director and must submit a choreography request in writing. NO EXCEPTIONS.

PROPS: Choreographers may choose to have the dancers perform with a set piece or prop. This prop fee is divided equally among all dancers in the group. Prices vary depending on the size, as well as the construction materials. Prop deposits will post in October, the remainder balance (if any) will post after company dress rehearsal. Transport of props for solos, duets and trios is the responsibility of the dancer's family.

COSTUMES: Each routine will have a professional costume. Each costume will be approximately \$150-\$250 per the Fee Schedule.

COMMITMENT FORM: Dedication is one of the pillars upon which RCDC Company is founded. Therefore we require every dancer and their family to sign the RCDC Company Program Commitment Form. This contract details the number of routines and competitions, as well as the time, financial, and personal obligations required. We understand that families have other obligations, so we ask that you carefully consider your family's ability to fully commit to the program before you submit the form. Submission of the signed contract is due before choreography begins.

STUDIO RENTAL: Company members receive discounted studio rental rates: \$10/half-hour. All studios must be booked in advance through the front desk.



COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

Policies & Procedures



WELCOME TO OUR COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

We are pleased that your dancer has shown interest in competitive dance. This handbook is designed to outline our company policies and answer any questions you may have about our competition programs. As always, we want to keep the line of communication open and available for YOU, so please contact us at anytime with questions!

Experience the JOY of dance!

WHAT MAKES RCDC DIFFERENT?

WE ARE A TEAM. We focus on training dancers not only to be great technicians and artists, but also upstanding young men and women who can work well with others and understand the value of teamwork. The nationally recognized RCDC Company is founded on the pillars of Respect, Character, Dedication and Creativity. These values are the core of the RCDC Company. At Rock City Dance Center, we provide a positive learning experience that is not based solely on winning awards; instead, we promote dancers to use their talents to the best of their abilities. We want every child to be proud of who they are! We serve dancers who love to perform and give them the opportunity to compete and excel on stage alongside their friends and teammates. Company Dancers learn the importance of determination, discipline, and time management; ultimately working hard for what they desire. These skills not only help our students succeed in dance, but also in their future academic, professional, and personal endeavors.



RESPECT

CHARACTER

DEDICATION

CREATIVITY

WEEKLY REHEARSALS: All group routines rehearse on Company Night. Rehearsals for each routine average 30 minutes. Select small groups may rehearse on fundamental nights if needed. Attendance is mandatory. Missed rehearsals cannot be made up.

FUNDAMENTAL CLASSES: All RCDC company members are required to take a combination of weekly fundamental classes. Dancers may choose to take more technique classes than the minimum requirement. Classes offered and/or required may include:

- Apprentice: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Leaps/Turns, & Conditioning
- Company: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, Acro, Conditioning, Hip Hop & Leaps /Turns

MAKE-UP CLASSES: Dancers are required to make up missed fundamental classes. Dancers may only make up with classes in their level or below, and all make-up classes must be completed within 2 weeks of the absence. You must get permission from the front desk prior to any make-ups. Attendance is required. Dancers may not make up over 50% of their fundamental classes.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance is a MUST for a successful dancer & a successful competition group. Dancers are allowed 2 absences in each fundamental class each semester. The schedule is set early so that you can plan absences accordingly. No absences are excused-every absence counts. If you are ill for any class/rehearsal and NOT CONTAGIOUS, you must still attend to watch/ take notes. If you ARE CONTAGIOUS and miss rehearsal, you must make up any missed choreography/cleaning with that particular instructor and it will be considered an absence. ANY MISSED REHEARSALS DURING THE WEEK PRIOR TO A PERFORMANCE WILL RESULT IN A FINE OF \$50 PER REHEARSAL. So much time, effort & money is put into preparing for competition that it is imperative every dancer be present during the week preceding an event. Performance attendance is MANDATORY. Dancers who miss a performance may be removed from the team for the rest of the regional season and incur the drop policy.



REQUIRED EVENTS: The Apprentice Company will attend 2 local competitions and recital. The RCDC Company will attend 4 local & regional competitive events, recital, and 1 national competitive event. The dates of all required events will be announced by auditions.

SOLOS, DUETS & TRIOS: Solos, Duets, & Trios are optional and offered to RCDC Company dancers based on level of commitment, performance & attendance. S/D/T will have additional fees and weekly rehearsals. Monthly fees are based on a total of 22 rehearsals annually. All Company S/D/T will compete at every required competition. RCDC Company dancers must be in 4 groups and Production to be eligible for a solo. If a dancer would like to do 2 solos, they must be in 6 company groups and Production. All duets and trios will be paired up and selected by the RCDC Company Director & faculty. NO EXCEPTIONS.





LITTLE ROCK APPRENTICE COMPANY SEASON 15

AUDITIONS
JULY 24 - 25

APPRENTICE

| Ages 3 - 18 |

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OUR CORE VALUES

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Respect • Character • Dedication • Creativity



TUITION & FEES

Tuition is a set monthly fee for Apprentice Company dancers. Tuition is an annual fee split into 10 equal monthly payments for your convenience (August - May)

- Apprentice Monthly Tuition \$140

Additional Fees (per the Fee Schedule):

- 2 Costumes
- Competition Entry Fees (per dance/per event)
- RCDC Recital Tuition
- Dress Rehearsal
- Practice Attire

REQUIREMENTS

- 2 Group Dances
- 2 Local Competitions (Spring 2025)
- RCDC Recital (May 2025)
- Class twice per week
- Auditions July 24-25, 2024

OPTIONAL

NEW this year, dancers can select to participate in an Apprentice Company production!

DISCOUNTS

Boys receive 50% discount on monthly tuition. Families who have 1 or more student enrolled receive a 20% discount on monthly tuition. Families eligible for multiple discounts may only take advantage of 1 discount.



CONWAY APPRENTICE COMPANY SEASON 4

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Apprentice: July 24-25 • Company: July 27-28
All-Stars: Video Auditions Due July 26



COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

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2 Dances • 2 Local competitions • 2 Nights per week

THE COMPANY

The RCDC Company consists of Mini, Petite, Junior, Teen & Senior levels. Company members are eligible for Productions, Lines, Large Groups, Small Groups, Trios, Duos and Solos. All groups have weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays. Company members are required to take fundamental training classes. Auditions are required for placement.

3+ Dances • 4-5 Regional Competitive Events • 1 Nationals • 3 Nights per week

ALL-STARS

The RCDC JR & SR All-Star teams are highly competitive teams assembled to train dancers for high school dance teams, college dance teams and professional careers. They will compete at NDA All Star Nationals. Auditions will be conducted by video submission for both JR & SR programs. Company commitment is required.

1-2 Additional dances • 1-2 Additional events • 1 Additional night per week

TUITION

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- Apprentice \$140
- Mini Dancers \$195
- Petite Dancers \$230
- Junior, Teen & Senior Dancers \$260

Additional Fees: The fees below are all annual fees split up into 9 monthly payments for your convenience:

- Solo Rehearsal \$105/month
- Duo/Trio Rehearsal \$55/month
- All-Stars Rehearsal \$55/month

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