



Audition Information

2024-2025 Vibe Season

Company Goal: Vibe Dance Company is for dancers who have a passion to learn, to dance well and to work hard. Students prepare for competitions during their company classes, develop their skills in technique classes, and learn the foundation of all dance in their ballet class. This program offers a competition dance team experience that places importance on commitment, encouragement, technique, and having fun. There is a specific emphasis on ballet, jazz, lyrical and contemporary dance styles.

AUDITIONS

Ages calculated on Sept. 15, 2024

Sunday, August 11: Ages 7+

Pioneer Community Center – Dance Studio

12:00-1:30pm: Ages 7-8 code [85771](#)

1:00-2:30pm: Ages 9-10 code [85772](#)

3:00-4:30pm: Ages 11-12 code [85769](#)

4:00-5:30pm: Ages 13-18 code [85770](#)

Audition Times: Please sign up in advance for the audition time that corresponds with your dancer's age category by clicking on the code and registering for free. Dancers will perform an audition dance that should be learned in advance from the online dance audition video available Aug. 8. Ballet barre and additional dance skills will be requested by the instructors in the studio, and an in-person dance piece will be taught for the audition as well. After you have clicked on a code to register for an audition time, please fill out an audition form and bring it with you to auditions.

Audition Attire: Dancers should wear black leotards, light pink or tan tights (convertible or footed), black or tan jazz shoes (bring ballet shoes and lyrical sandals/turning shoes, if available), and have hair in a tight bun. Dance shorts can be worn. No jewelry please.

Audition Evaluations: Dancers are evaluated 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 Aug. 15 at 5pm: ahpd.org/dance

Vibe Season: This year's Vibe season will run Sept. 3, 2024 – June 29, 2025.

Questions: Kate Schwarz, Cultural Arts Supervisor 847.506.7872 KSchwarz@ahpd.org

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BEING A VIBE COMPANY MEMBER

Vibe Levels: Vibe levels vary by skill, from Vibe I to our most advanced level, Vibe V.

Vibe Schedule: Vibe company members meet weekly. Rehearsal sites will vary between the studios listed below, and Vibe levels may change rehearsal studios at any time. For additional competition, performance, workshop and all-company rehearsal dates, please see the 2024-2025 Vibe Company Calendar.

Level	<i>Vibe I</i>	<i>Vibe II</i>	<i>Vibe III</i>	<i>Vibe IV</i>	<i>Vibe V</i>
Site	Pioneer Studio/ Admin Studio	Admin Studio/ Pioneer Studio	Pioneer Studio/ Admin Studio	Admin Studio/ Pioneer Studio	Admin Studio
Instructors	Vibe Directors	Vibe Directors	Vibe Directors	Vibe Directors	Vibe Directors/Guest Choreographers
Day	Thursday	Thursday	Monday	Monday	Tuesday
Time	4:15-6:15pm	4:15-6:15pm	7:30-9pm	7:30-9pm	9/3-1/28 8-9:30pm Beginning 2/4 7:30-9pm

Competitions: Vibe will compete in 4 regional competitions March-May and 1 national competition in June in the Chicagoland area. Vibe I & II will have two competition routines, Vibe III & IV will have three competition routines, and Vibe V will have four competition routines. Vibe I, II & III will bring two routines to each competition and Vibe IV & V will bring three routines to each competition. Each Vibe dancer will also compete in the all-company piece, which will be rehearsed during the all-company rehearsal/class times and during the regular weekly class time.

Competition Schedules: Specific dates, some still tentative, are listed in the 2024-2025 Vibe Company 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.

Competition Etiquette: Dancers and family members are expected to represent Vibe Dance Company in a professional manner at all times, especially at competitions. Any questions or concerns regarding competitions should be addressed with Company Directors and/or the Cultural Arts Supervisor; dancers and families are not to contact competition staff directly.

Required Ballet class: Vibe Company members are required to take a ballet class in addition to the weekly Vibe class time. All Vibe dancers will receive a coupon code each season to register for ballet class, as your ballet fee (and 2025 ballet recital costume fee) is included in Vibe tuition. If a ballet class needs to be cancelled during the season due to instructor illness, etc., one-class refunds will not be provided for Vibe dancers as the class fee included in the Vibe tuition is already at a discounted rate. We will however do our best to arrange for a make-up class, but one cannot be guaranteed. Those unsure of their proper level should contact the Cultural Arts Supervisor for an evaluation.

Additional classes: Vibe Company members are encouraged and recommended to take at least one additional dance class outside of Vibe rehearsals and ballet class requirements. Suggested disciplines include jazz, lyrical, contemporary, and tap.

Attendance: Attendance is not only imperative for personal growth as a member of the company, it also affects fellow company members and staff. All mandatory rehearsals are just that, mandatory. Additionally, if a dancer accumulates excessive absences, 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, multiple dances or portions of dances. No refunds are offered for any consequences resulting from excessive absences. If a dancer misses a mandatory rehearsal and changes are made, they may be removed from that section of the dance for the competition.

Injury: If a dancer is unable to dance due to injury, please immediately communicate the injury to the Cultural Arts Supervisor, and provide a doctor's note if necessary. Please plan to attend your required ballet class and Vibe rehearsals as an observer: this keeps the dancer aware of changes and corrections, and this does not count as an absence.

Commitment: Vibe Dance Company is for dancers who have a passion to learn, to dance well and to work hard. Students prepare for competitions during their company classes, develop their skills in technique classes, and learn the base of all dance in their ballet class. As part of the Member Agreement, company dancers are required to make a serious commitment to their directors and fellow team members. Dancers will be removed from company performances and competitions if they are not meeting the expectations and requirements of a company member. While we love that our students are well-rounded and participate in many activities, it is very important that the company is a high priority activity. We strongly advise that both parent and dancers examine calendars carefully before committing to Vibe Dance Company. In addition, all Vibe members are required to be available for all shows during recital weekend.

Vibe Tuition: Vibe tuition is an all-inclusive fee that varies by level. *Tuition includes:* ballet class fee for 24-25 dance season (September through May ONLY; summer is not included); weekly level rehearsals and monthly all-company rehearsals; all competition entry fees for each level’s total number of routines, along with their costumes; competition media fees; admission fees for special events and performances; annual holiday party and banquet; company accessory kit, including tights and garment bags; Vibe 24-25 gear; and Vibe individual and company photos.

Tuition can be paid in full (5% discount) or in 9 monthly installments, August 2024 – April 2025.

NEW: Enrollment codes will be provided for each level (Vibe I-V) when company list is posted on Aug. 15.

<i>Vibe I, II</i>	<i>Vibe III</i>	<i>Vibe IV</i>	<i>Vibe V</i>
\$3,346	\$3,150	\$3,482	\$3,710

Payment Options	
Option 1: Pay in Full – Receive 5% discount!	Option 2: 9 Monthly Payments
Due at time of registration but no later than 8/22/24	1 st payment due at time of registration; remaining payments auto-billed on 15 th of each month – 9/15/24 to 4/15/24
No Refunds: If a dancer chooses not to continue or is removed from Vibe, no refund will be offered.	

Add-On Items at Registration:

Vibe Jacket - \$100 (*required for new members*)

Company Backpack - \$110 (*required for new members*)

Addiction Dance Convention - \$200 (*optional*)

Solos/Duets/Trios/Small Groups: Vibe members are invited to take part in solos, duets, trios or small groups for competitions. Dancers are not required to accept this invitation in addition to being a part of the company pieces. Those that accept the invitation to do an additional competition piece will be responsible for an additional fee that will cover: up to 4 hours of instruction choreography/rehearsal time, a choreography fee, 2 hours of optional rehearsal space time during off hours (must be accompanied by an adult; instructors will not be present), costume fees, and competition fees. **PLEASE NOTE:** While dancers may request their style and fellow dancer(s), there are no guarantees; dancers will be assigned choreographers, style, partners/group, and music based on where the Vibe Director feels everyone fits best. Total costs for these additional opportunities are below and are per individual.

Dance Type	Total Fees
Solo	\$1,045
	(Optional Inferno, POD & ADC Title Fees: \$205)
Duet	\$663
Trio	\$618
Small Group	\$462

VIBE TEAM

Jennifer Hicks – Director

Alyssa Sugisawa – Assistant Director

Ashley Valencia – Assistant Director

Lainey Winter – Guest Artist

Thank you for your interest in Vibe Dance Company—we know this is going to be another wonderful season!