



Rising Stars Handbook

2026–2027 Season

Ages 4–7

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About the Rising Stars Program

The Rising Stars Program is an invitation-based program designed for dancers ages 4–7 who demonstrate strong potential and a passion for performing. Dancers are introduced to foundational dance styles while working closely with our experienced instructors, receiving a small taste of the larger Company experience in a fun, age-appropriate setting.

With opportunities to perform, this program focuses on building strong technical fundamentals, confidence, teamwork, and a positive, encouraging introduction to the competitive dance environment — for both dancers and families.

We are so excited to watch these young dancers shine as they grow into confident performers and valued members of our DDC family!

Program Highlights

- Program for dancers ages 4–7 — welcoming both current and new students!
- Weekly technique class + choreography/rehearsal
- Weekly commitment: 2 hours per week — all classes on the same day for convenience
- Introduction to performance and competition opportunities
- 2 competitions, Winter Showcase, and Spring Showcase throughout the season
- Focus on confidence, teamwork, and stage presence
- Positive, nurturing, and structured environment
- Direct pathway into our Company program
- Award-winning choreography and experienced instructors

How to Join

Current DDC Students

Current students may be invited by the Director based on their progress, work ethic, and readiness. Parents are also encouraged to reach out directly if they feel the program is a good fit for their dancer.

New to DDC?

We welcome all prospective dancers! New families are encouraged to reach out via email, phone, or our website inquiry form to learn more about joining. We want to provide all interested dancers with the opportunity to be considered for the program.



Next Steps

- Create an account on our Member Portal (returning DDC Students can skip this step)
- Reach out to us directly with any questions: info@dedicationdanceco.com or 402-612-6277

Studio Email	info@dedicationdanceco.com
Phone / Text (Urgent Only)	402-612-6277
Address	6405 S 118th Street, Suite 101, Omaha NE 68137
Commitment Deadline	July 1, 2026
Communication App	BAND — required for all event-day updates

Contracts

All dancers are required to have a signed parent contract on file by July 1, 2026. Contracts will be sent via DocuSign. A completed contract confirms your commitment to the 2026–2027 season.

Weekly Schedule & Commitment

Weekly Hours: 2 hours per week

Rising Stars dancers attend 2 hours per week, which includes technique training and choreography/rehearsal. All classes take place on the same day for your convenience. Dancers will have breaks in between classes.

Required Classes

- Technique and stretch class — foundational dance styles and movement skills
- Combo/choreography class — alternating between lyrical, jazz, hip hop, and other styles
- Rehearsals for group routines

While additional classes are not required, dancers are welcome and encouraged to enroll in extra classes to further develop their skills and technique. Contact us today for more information!



Performances & Competitions

Rising Stars dancers will have exciting performance and competition opportunities throughout the 2026–2027 season. The goal is to provide a fun, age-appropriate introduction to the competitive dance environment in a positive and nurturing setting.

Performance Schedule

Event	Details	Dates
Winter Showcase	Full company — no performance fee	February 2027
Competition 1	Regional competition — \$89 entry fee	One weekend in February, March, April, or May
Competition 2	Regional competition — \$89 entry fee	One weekend in February, March, April, or May
Spring Showcase	\$75 performance fee	May 2027

Competition and performance dates will be announced no later than September 1, 2026. DDC cannot predict which days each dance will be performed, so please reserve the full weekend when competitions are announced!

Tuition & Fees

Tuition covers the weekly 2-hour class/rehearsal and professional instruction throughout the season. The average monthly tuition is approximately \$175/month.

Monthly Tuition

Item	Cost
Monthly Tuition (average)	~\$175 / month
Season Length	September – May (9 months)

What's Included in Tuition

- Weekly training and rehearsals
- Professional instruction from experienced DDC staff
- In-house choreography
- Costume(s) for group routines



What’s Not Included in Tuition

Item	Estimated Cost
Winter Showcase	No fee
Competitions (2 total)	\$89 each
Spring Showcase	\$75

All fees are managed through the DDC Parent Portal. Payment options include credit/debit card, ACH bank transfer, and auto-pay (recommended). Auto-pay charges on the 1st and 15th of each month. Billing questions? Contact Tiffany at tiffany@dedicationdanceco.com.

Summer Participation

Summer participation is not mandatory for Rising Stars dancers. However, DDC strongly encourages dancers to attend summer programming to maintain progress and consistency heading into the new season!

Recommended Summer Options

- DDC Kids Camps — fun, age-appropriate dance camps for younger dancers
- DDC Summer Series classes — drop-in evening classes throughout June and July
- DDC Summer Intensive — June 8–12, 2026 (Ages 3–18)

Summer Series Drop-In Rates

Class Length	Drop-In Cost
45 minutes	\$22
60 minutes	\$28
90 minutes	\$32

Rising Stars Summer Series Requirement: 2 classes of choice (if attending)

We understand summers are busy! Summer programming is optional for Rising Stars but highly encouraged. Reach out to us at info@dedicationdanceco.com with any questions about summer options for your dancer.



Dress Code

Rising Stars dancers should come dressed and ready to move! Please follow the guidelines below for all classes and rehearsals.

- Fitted dance attire — leotard, dance shorts, leggings, or fitted athletic wear
 - Pink tights and ballet shoes are required for the technique portion of class
- Hair must be secured and pulled back away from the face for all classes
- Dance shoes appropriate for class style (tap, ballet, jazz — instructor will communicate specific needs)
- No loose-fitting T-shirts or jeans in class
- No cell phones, gum, food, or drinks (except water) in the studio

Specific costumes and apparel needs will be communicated after the choreography is finalized. Costume costs for the Rising Stars Company dance are included in tuition.

Parent & Student Behavior

At Dedication Dance Co., we prioritize a positive, respectful, and disciplined environment that supports each dancer's growth and enjoyment. Rising Stars is designed to be a fun and nurturing experience — we ask that all families help maintain that environment!

Student Expectations

- Come prepared, dressed appropriately, and arrive on time
- Put in strong effort and maintain focus during classes
- Show respect to instructors, peers, and staff at all times
- Hair must be secured for all classes
- No cell phones, gum, food, or drinks (except water) in the studio
- Maintain cleanliness and avoid inappropriate language or rough play
- Follow all safety and wellness guidelines — communicate injuries and illness promptly
- Remain inside the studio when waiting for rides



Parent Expectations

- Treat all DDC members and families with respect
- Stay informed through official communication channels (email and BAND app)
- Report absences via email and keep children home when sick
- Promote good sportsmanship and positive behavior at all events
- Refrain from entering studios unless invited
- Support your child’s commitment and encourage a positive attitude
- Ensure timely drop-offs, pick-ups, and fee payments
- Address concerns professionally by scheduling an appointment
- Immediately communicate all health and injury-related matters with DDC

Health & Safety

Dedication Dance Co. is committed to the health and safety of our staff, students, and dance families. Please familiarize yourself with our policies as you prepare to enter the studio.

- If your dancer is not feeling well, please stay home. This helps keep all DDC staff and dancers healthy.
- Wash hands frequently and avoid touching the face.
- If your dancer is injured, please notify your instructor immediately and email info@dedicationdanceco.com. We adhere to the doctor’s recommendations. A doctor’s note may be required.
- All families must submit an Emergency Contact during enrollment.
- Notify DDC in writing of any allergies or medications — staff cannot administer medication without a written authorization form on file.

Communication Policies

Clear and timely communication is essential to supporting our dancers and maintaining a smooth studio experience. Please follow these guidelines when reaching out to us.

General Communication

For all non-urgent matters — illness notifications, absences, schedule questions, and general inquiries — please email us at info@dedicationdanceco.com.



Urgent Matters

For time-sensitive concerns, contact us via phone or text at 402-612-6277. Please reserve this number for urgent issues only.

Event Day Communication

All event-day communication — including schedule updates, check-in instructions, real-time announcements, and practice video submissions — is handled through the BAND app. All Rising Stars families are required to use BAND to receive timely updates.

Attendance

If your dancer will be absent, please notify us as soon as possible via email at info@dedicationdanceco.com. Consistent attendance is important for your dancer's growth and the success of the group routines. Please communicate any potential conflicts as early as possible — we understand that life happens and we are flexible!

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Rising Stars Program?

The Rising Stars Program is an invitation-based program for dancers ages 4–7 who demonstrate strong potential and a love for performing. It provides a fun, supportive introduction to the Company experience while building confidence, teamwork, and foundational technique.

How does my dancer get into the program?

Current DDC students may be invited by the Director based on their progress, work ethic, and readiness. Parents are also encouraged to inquire. New to DDC? Reach out via email, phone, or our website inquiry form — we want to provide all interested dancers with the opportunity to be considered!

When do we need to commit by?

We ask for your commitment by July 1st — just a quick confirmation email to the Director is all you need!



Can my dancer take additional classes?

Yes! While not required, dancers are welcome and encouraged to enroll in additional classes to further develop their skills and technique. Contact us today for more information.

Are there summer commitments?

Summer participation is not mandatory. However, DDC strongly encourages dancers to attend to maintain progress and consistency. Kids camps and Summer Series classes are also available and encouraged!

Why DDC?

At Dedication Dance Co., we focus on each dancer's growth and development while fostering a positive, encouraging environment where every dancer feels valued. Through personalized instruction, guided goal-setting, and a strong emphasis on technique and style, we are committed to helping each dancer grow in confidence and reach their full potential.

Dancers are provided with many performance opportunities throughout the year, along with team bonding experiences both inside and outside the studio. At DDC, we pride ourselves on creating a family atmosphere centered on teamwork, unity, and positivity. With award-winning choreography and experienced instructors, we strive to push our dancers to be their very best — both on and off the stage.

Withdrawal & Cancellation Policy

- Written notice of withdrawal must be submitted to info@dedicationdanceco.com.
- By enrolling in the Rising Stars Program, families commit to the full season (September–May).
- Monthly tuition is non-refundable
- Families are responsible for all tuition and fees through the end of the season, regardless of withdrawal date.
- Competition and performance fees are non-refundable.



Thank You!

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