St Peters Academy of Dance Competitive Dance Program

The purpose of the St. Peters Academy of Dance Performance Company (SPADPC) is to give dancers who want to commit to dance, additional opportunities to perform by competing in regional dance competitions. The SPADPC teaches discipline, sportsmanship, loyalty, organizational skills, and builds self-esteem. It also teaches members how to win and lose graciously and demonstrates the level of dedication required to be part of a team.

We are aware of the importance of family and DO NOT rehearse on Friday, Sunday, or Monday. We do rehearse two Saturdays a month from 9 am - 12 pm

Our season starts with a Parent Meeting on **Thursday May 29th, 2025 at 7:00 pm at SPAD**. This is for parents. **TURN IN PINK FORM TO SPAD OFFICE BY MAY 22ND, 2025**

Auditions will be Saturday May 31st 2025

8:45-10:00 AM - Dancers aged 5-8 years. Dancers could be asked to stay for the second audition.

9:45-12:00 PM – Dancers Aged 8 and Older

ALL SPAD Competition Teams will participate in three or four regional competitions in the St. Louis area. Financial Responsibilities Include: Summer Intensive, Choreography, Monthly Tuition, Yearly SPAD Performance Company Fee, Conventions, Guest Teachers, Costumes and Competition Entry Fees.

- Minis 5/6 years & under. Tues/Thurs 5:15-7:00 PM. No Saturday rehearsal.
 Ballet Leotard is Light blue.
- Petites- 6-8 yrs Tues/Thurs 5:15-7:30 PM No Saturday rehearsals Ballet Leotard is Lilac
- **Juniors –** 7-9 yrs Tues/Wed/Thurs, 2 Saturdays a month Ballet Leotard is Light Pink
- Teens Tues/Wed/Thurs, 2 Saturdays a month Ballet Leotard is Fuchsia
- Seniors Tues/Wed/Thurs, 2 Saturdays a month Ballet Leotard is Eggplant

FIRST SATURDAY Rehearsal - September 13th, 2025

Performance Company Fee: \$155.00 per dancer or \$250.00 for the family. This needs to be turned in with your summer registration & tuition fees.

Costumes & Costume Fees: A \$100 deposit for each GROUP costume will be is due by August 15th. The cost of a costume is in the \$150-250 range. This is a costume that they will wear numerous times, including at recital. At no time will we allow the dancers to perform a routine or wear a costume that we feel is not age-appropriate or suggestive in nature.

Choreography Fees: Fees range from \$50.00-125.00 for group routines and \$350.00 for solos, duets, and trios. These are paid to the choreographer in cash for their original choreography.

Competition Fees: Approximately \$85.00 per child/per routine. For instance, if your child were performing in two numbers at a competition, your fees would be \$170.00 for each competition. A payment plan is in place to defer the costs of the competitions. Five-month plan with payments on the 15th of each month (Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, March)

Solos, Duets, Trios: These are reserved for experienced dancers and are at the discretion of the Director. This choreography will be scheduled between August $1^{st} - 22^{nd}$. Weekly private lessons will be required and are \$30 for a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour session.

Performance Hair: Middle part, low bun/ponytail (no bangs). Please keep this in mind before your child does anything drastic to their hair.

Make Up: All SPADPC members are required to purchase eyeshadow from Mary Kay. The required colors are #013085 Moonstone, 044768 Sweet Plum, and #044760 Espresso. The required lipstick is Maybelline Super Stay Ink Crayon: #50 Own Your Empire. They will also need false eyelashes, blush, mascara, eyeliner and foundation.

SPADPC Jackets: These are ordered once a year in September. These can be ordered at the SPAD Office. These jackets will be worn at competitions and for our Team Photo in January.

Jewelry: All SPADPC members are required to have rhinestone earrings, necklace, and ponytail holder. These can be purchased at SAS Dance Supply.

Attendance: It is expected that dancers will attend ALL technique classes and rehearsals. If your dancer complains about coming to dance or you are planning on missing dance for another activity, stick with recreational classes. Excessive absences will result in a dancer being removed from the routine.

NEW members to SPAD... with competition experience will be evaluated individually.

Summer 2025 Requirements

June 24th, 25th, 26th Ballet/Pointe AM or PM Camps Available

July 14th-17th - Mini Team Intensive Camp

- o Attendance at this camp is REQUIRED to be a member of the SPAD Performance Company.
- These teams will have 1 routine and 1 costume.
- Intensive Schedule: Technique classes Monday Thursday 9 AM -12 Noon, Lunch 12-12:30
 Choreography 12:30-2 pm. Parents arrive at 1:45 each day to record choreography

July 21st -25th: SPADPC Intensive Camp - Senior, Teen, Junior, Petite Teams – A schedule of the week will be provided so you know which days your dancer will be staying for choreography

- o Attendance at this camp is REQUIRED to be a member of the SPAD Performance Company.
- o Dancers will be required to attend Saturday rehearsals twice a month. (No Petites)
- Dancers will compete locally as well as travel for some competitions.
- Intensive Schedule: Technique classes Monday- Thursday 9 AM -12 Noon, Lunch 12-12:30,
 Choreography 12:30-6 pm. Parents arrive at 5:45 each day to record choreography. Friday 9 AM 2 PM with lunch break. Choreography ONLY. Parents arrive at 1:45 to record routine.
- o Most of our choreography will be done this week and the following week.

Fall Requirements

 Next Step Dance Convention: November 16th, 2025, St Charles Convention Center, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Junior, Teen & Senior Teams ONLY)

Spring Requirements 2026

- January/February: Concert/Team Photo Dress Rehearsal
- February, March, April, May: One Competition each month
- June: Recital
- NO NATIONALS IN 2026

Please attend the meeting for more information. Turn in the pink form included with your Recital Packet and return the Pink Form to the SPAD Office by May 22nd if you are interested in participating in any of these Teams.

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