

XPRESSION 2026-27

The XPression Pre-Professional Team is an elite team specifically designed for dedicated middle school through high school dancers within Excel Dance Centre. It's tailored for those seeking a more intensive and specialized dance experience during their high school years. Members of this team are committed individuals who are passionate about dance and aim to take their skills and performance abilities to a higher level.

This program offers rigorous training, challenging choreography, and opportunities for performance and adjudication at competition. It provides a platform for these dancers to refine their technique, expand their repertoire, and develop a deeper understanding of various dance styles. Through this experience, members can foster their talent, discipline, and teamwork, preparing them for potential careers or higher education in dance post-graduation.

For more inquiries regarding XPression Pre-Professional Program, please reach Ms Susan at susan.s.excel@gmail.com

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be in 6th - 12th grade
- Application due Monday before auditions (a link will be sent in a Google survey)
- Must also be on a Company Team (highly recommend XLR8 as well)
- Must be enrolled in genres of dances you are placed in (ex. if you are placed in a hip hop dance, you must be enrolled in a hip hop class for the entire year). Attendance will be tracked for required classes, and make-ups will be required in order to participate in performances.
- 7 Summer drop-in classes
- Attend DFX adjudicated events
- Attend ASH Convention plus one additional convention (ASH April 16th-18th can perform as early as 7 am on 16th)
- Required PBT (Progressive Ballet Technique) class during the year
- Two outside auditions to help prepare for job auditions (must be complete before Recital to be considered for the team for the next season)
- Allowed 4 excused absences throughout the year (make-ups required after 3)
- Expect mandatory weekend rehearsals throughout the year
- Participate in fundraisers to help cover costs for your family
- Guest choreographer dates will be set by July 1st. If unavailable, you will not be able to participate in that group dance.
- Set aside entire week of August 3rd for potential choreography. Know that choreography will take place outside of this week as well.

FINANCIALS

- Additional convention fee estimated at \$170-\$365 (hotel additional, booked on own)
 - 1-2 group dances = \$20/month added to tuition, 3-4 dances is \$40/mo
 - ***Choreography fees are given to us by the guest teacher and can be a large range. We do our best to find amazing and affordable as possible
 - Small group dances = \$400-\$600 and up divided by # of dancers
 - Large group dances = \$600-\$1000 and up divided by # of dancers
 - Solo/duet/trio = up to \$350-\$500 divided by # of dancers (balance to choreographer by end of last lesson).
 - Any solo, duet, or trio is paid to the choreographer. \$65 separate studio rental and music cut fee is paid to the studio outside of your bundle.
 - ESTIMATE entry fee for events = \$90/dancer per group dance, \$215/solo, \$125/person duet/trio (collected closer to event, not a part of bundle)
 - ASH Showcase = \$85/dancer (includes showcase with adjudication)
 - Costume fee = \$80/costume
 - Reblocking Fee (for any dancer that decides not to finish the season = \$100 per dance (cover staff time & admin) - entry fees covered for any dancer that will fill in
- *Your total will be divided by 5 monthly payments (Aug.-Dec.) on the 15th of each month and run automatically using your tuition payment method. Please email Ms. Karly with questions.

