

Mission Statement of MCollective Dance Academy

We are committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone, where individuals can learn, grow, and express themselves through dance.

Our Mission Encompasses:

1. Inclusivity:

- We embrace diversity and welcome everyone into our dance community. Regardless of age, background, or experience level, we believe in the power of dance to unite and celebrate each individual's unique gifts.

2. Positive Body Image:

- MCollective Dance Academy is dedicated to promoting a positive body image. We encourage dancers to appreciate and celebrate their bodies, fostering self-confidence and a healthy relationship with themselves.

3. Self-Respect and Dignity:

- We prioritize the cultivation of self-respect and dignity among our dancers. Through dance, we aim to empower individuals to carry themselves confidently and gracefully on and off the dance floor.

4. Resilience:

- In the face of challenges, we instill resilience in our dancers. Dance is not just an art form but a journey that builds strength, perseverance, and the ability to overcome obstacles.

5. Trusted Adult Relationships:

- MCollective Dance Academy is committed to providing dancers with trusted adult relationships. Our instructors serve as mentors, guiding and supporting dancers in their personal and dance-related endeavors.

6. Love for Dance:

- Above all, we aim to instill a genuine love for dance in every participant. We want dancers to discover the joy, passion, and fulfillment of expressing oneself through movement.

As we dance together on this journey, we strive to create an atmosphere where individuals develop their dance skills and cultivate a deeper understanding of themselves and their peers.

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of the MCollective Dance Academy (MCDA) Competition Dance Team is to provide quality dance and performance instruction in a positive, fun, and dedicated atmosphere. Team members will train and compete in a variety of styles. Competitive Dance allows young dancers to participate in an activity that develops sportsmanship, character, responsibility, leadership, and self-discipline.

COMMITMENT:

- Each member must commit to the MCDA Competition Team Contract.
- Each member must commit not just for themselves but for the entire team. Team members depend on each other to be at practice consistently and do their part to know their routine.
- We ask parents to recognize the commitment required. Participation on this team is similar to participation on a travel sports team.

LEVELS:

Ages are calculated as of January 1.. We use an average of ages to determine which age group each dancer will compete in. This does vary by competition.

- Minis (6 and under)
- Petite (6-9 yrs old)
- Junior (9-12 yrs old)
- Teen (12-15 yrs old)
- Senior (15-19 yrs old)

CONDUCT:

Team Members represent their team, the community, and the MCollective Dance Academy. Members and their families should maintain a high standard of performance, behavior, appearance, and sportsmanship. Violations may result in removal from the team.

ATTENDANCE:

All members are required to attend ALL scheduled practices and performances unless excused by directors. Known absences should be communicated to and cleared by directors in advance of absence.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: MCDA does not always follow the Van Buren school district's inclement weather policy due to our different operating hours. Announcements will be made on the DSP App.

Up to 4 excused absences will be allowed during the 2025-2026 season.

Two or more consecutive absences may result in being dropped from a routine(s).

Excused Absences Include:

Required School Activities, illness (with doctor's note), death in the family, or serious family business. If a dancer is injured, it is expected that they attend to observe classes and practices.

Please note that even an excused absence could affect a dancer's ability to perform depending on the date and length of the absence. A team member excused from a practice or event will not be permitted to perform with the team until he/she knows the routine to the director's satisfaction.

- Members must attend all performances, competitions, and team events. Members must stay for the entire event session, including awards to support other team members unless told otherwise by the director.
- Arrivals more than ten minutes late to class are considered unexcused absences.

Cost for 25-26 Competition Season

Monthly Tuition

Included all classes, technique class, and costumes for each dance.

Dances	Cost per month	Solo	Duo	Trio	Solo & Duo	Solo & Trio	Duo & Trio	Duo & Duo	Solo, Duo, & Trio
1 Group Dance	\$87.00	\$149.00	\$144.00	\$139.00	\$206.00	\$201.00	\$196.00	\$201.00	\$258.00
2 Group Dances (10%)	\$134.00	\$196.00	\$191.00	\$186.00	\$253.00	\$248.00	\$243.00	\$248.00	\$305.00
3 Group Dances (15%)	\$181.00	\$243.00	\$238.00	\$233.00	\$300.00	\$295.00	\$290.00	\$295.00	\$351.00
4 Group Dances (20%)	\$228.00	\$290.00	\$285.00	\$280.00	\$346.00	\$341.00	\$336.00	\$341.00	\$398.00

Does not include competition fees

* One time fee(Due August 1): Solo:\$300 - Duo\$150/dancer - Trio \$100/dancer

Everyone is required to have at least 1 group dance.

All prices include classes for the month, technique class each week, and costume cost for all dances.

Cost you are responsible for:

1. Monthly Tuition (we have several payment terms to best meet your needs)
2. Competition Fees (payments or lump sum)
 - a. Solo: \$200 per competition
 - b. Duo: \$100 per competition
 - c. Trio \$100 per competition
 - d. Group: \$80 per competition
3. One time fee for solos, duos, and trios (if applicable)
 - a. Solo \$300
 - b. Duo \$150/dancer
 - c. Trio \$100/dancer
4. Team Photos
5. Dance Attire
6. Jazz Shoes for weekly practice
7. Team Jacket
8. \$100 Team fee
9. Costume alterations if needed
10. Competition shoes & Tights (ordered from Discount Dance)
11. Big/Little Gifts (Pool Party, Christmas, Competitions) Spending limits will be communicated.
12. Hotel for competitions as needed (parent choice)

Important Information/Dates:

June 17, 2025 Try-outs @ MCDA (2011 Main Street STE. D Van Buren, AR 72956)

Ages 6 & under: 4:00-4:30

Ages 7-9 4:30-5:15

Ages 10-12 5:15-6:00

Ages 13-15 6:00-6:45

Ages 16 & over 6:45-7:30

***Alt. Try-out (Schedule with Wendy)**

June 18, 2025: Announcement of MCDA Competition Team

You will receive a text message and team members will be posted on facebook. You will also receive an email to update/create your Dance Studio Pro account. Team fee of \$100 will be posted to your account.

June 22-July 6, 2025: DEAD WEEK (no classes) This follows the Arkansas Athletic Association schedule. This is a great time to schedule your vacation.

July 7-17, 2025: Dance Choreography Classes: You will have class either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. Order forms for team jackets will be sent home.

July 21- July 31, 2025: No Classes. This would be a great time to schedule vacations.

August 11, 2025: Classes Start

Competition Dates:

We will compete in 5 competitions this season. Highlight competitions have already been scheduled. I am waiting on exact dates for the others to determine which 2 we will attend.

?January Date TBA Masquerade- Fort Smith, AR

January 31-February 2, 2026- Starquest Dance Competition- OCK

February 20-22, 2026- Tribute to Dance Competition- Tulsa, OK (Claremore)- Robson Performing Arts Center

?February Date TBA- Rainbow Dance Competition-Fort Smith, AR

March 13-15, 2026 Edge Dance Competition-Fort Smith, AR

?April 10-12, 2026 Encore Dance Competition- OCK (Midwest City)- Rose State College

?April Date TBA Groove Dance Competition- OCK

?April Date TBA Synergy Dance Competition- Fort Smith, AR

?May Dage TBA The Dance Effect- Fort Smith, AR