

Dance Connections Ensemble Contract 2026-2027

We are so excited that you are considering learning an ensemble for our upcoming year! This extra routine is a great way for your dancer to receive one on one instruction with the teacher as well as build confidence in their technique and dance ability. In order for us to stay organized, we have **specific procedures that need to be followed**. We ask that you read through this packet thoroughly and please make yourself knowledgeable with the process. Ensembles are a big commitment that we expect our dancers and parents to take it seriously. Although ensembles are fun and exciting, **team and tryout dances always take priority above ensembles**. We expect our dancers to work just as hard in their team and tryout dances as they would with their ensemble. That being said, we expect our ensembles to practice their routine and work on corrections outside of their required privates as well.

- First year Company members are not eligible to register for an ensemble.
- Returning Company members are eligible to compete in one ensemble per year (excluding Senior Elite Team). Senior Elite Team members may be permitted to compete in a second ensemble, pending DC approval, and only if space remains after ensemble sign-ups have closed. If approved for a second ensemble, it must be with a different instructor than their first ensemble.
- Dancers must be enrolled in their 2026-2027 Team through the parent portal, with May 2027 Tuition paid, BEFORE registering for an ensemble.
- Once you have registered, you MUST sign up for your choreographer's Remind 101 by May 31st so your ensemble instructor is able to contact you to set up the three choreography sessions. All routines must be learned before August 17th. Before your choreography sessions, send your instructor 2-4 song options for your routine. From there, you and the instructor will narrow it down to one. She will cut the music and have it ready for you at the first private.
- There is a contest fee that is associated with your routine. These fees are based upon each company. There is a fee associated with each contest you attend. Fees are due in the Fall. Average price ranges are below-
-Solos: \$100-\$220 -Duets: \$90-\$180/dancer -Trios: \$90-\$180/dancer
- Parents will not be allowed in the room during privates. Parents will be invited in at the end of the private to watch the routine. Parents are required to video choreography sessions. Please have past videos of choreography easily accessible in the event the dancer forgets choreography during a private. It is not the instructor's responsibility to remember the choreography for ensembles, it is strictly up to the dancer.
- Please give teachers at least a 24-hr. advance cancellation notice for privates. Parents are responsible to pay for the private on their second no show / last minute cancellation. Exceptions will be made for emergencies. If you are late to your private, you will only receive the remainder of your time slot.
- Private sessions must be paid up to date. If a balance is owed to your DC Instructor for privates, all privates will be put on hold until balance is paid.
- If at any time your Dance Connections account is not paid up to date, all privates will be put on hold until balance is paid.
- From October – January, we have Friday "Ensemble Class" from 5:00-6:15. Dancers will take turns performing their routine to get used to performing in front of an audience. They will receive critiques from various instructors to help improve their dance. **Your dancer is required to attend at least 3 of these throughout the season. Cost - \$12.00. Enroll in your Parent Portal.**
- Sign up for the Ensemble Remind 101 text to stay up-to-date on information regarding performances, competitions, reminders, etc.- Text @dcensemble to 81010
- Always remember that winning is our goal but not our priority! Most importantly, remember to have fun and do not let your ensemble performance interfere with your day at contest!

Ensemble Sign-Up Instructions

Sign-ups open at 3:00PM on Wednesday, May 13th in DC Parent Portal

Solos:

Sign up through your parent portal under the “Ensemble Sign Ups (2026-2027)” option and click on the instructor of choice, then follow the prompts to checkout. Make sure to click the **“Pay by Cash at The Office” option.**

Once enrolled online, turn in the signed contract page in this packet with EXACT cash in an envelope to the front desk or black drop box by 7:00PM on Wed. 5/13 or your dancer will be dropped from the ensemble.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

Duets/Trios:

****Only ONE dancer will sign up on the parent portal. ALL dancers are required to turn in the signed contract and payment.**

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Once enrolled online, turn in the signed contract page in this packet with EXACT cash in an envelope to the front desk or black drop box by 7:00PM on Wed. 5/13 or your dancer will be dropped from the ensemble.

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Initial Sign-up Choreography Fee:

*Cost includes 3 one-hour choreography sessions + cut music.

Solo- \$300.00 (EXACT CASH ONLY)

Duet- \$380.00 (EXACT CASH ONLY)

Trio- \$450.00 (EXACT CASH ONLY)

**Fees are non-refundable.

Monthly Requirement (from Aug – last contest)

*Minimum requirement: One 1-hour private sessions/month or Two ½-hour private sessions/month

Solos- ½ hour private: \$40.00 / 1 hour private: \$65.00

Duets- ½ hour private: \$48.00 / 1 hour private: \$70.00

Trios- ½ hour private: \$54.00 / 1 hour private: \$78.00

**Cash/Check/Venmo/Zelle directly to instructor

**Make sure you are signed up for your choreographer’s
Remind for parent-instructor communication:**

In the app, click “Add Class” > “Join Existing Class” > type in teacher’s code:

Mrs. Holly - *hollysolos*

Miss Kylie B. - *kyliesolos*

Miss Lauren - *laurensolo*

Miss Jordan - *jordansolo*

Miss Brita [****Choreography ONLY****] - *britasolos*

Miss Noelle - *noellesolo*

Miss Kylee S. - *kyleesolos*

Miss Kate - *katesolos*

Costume Details:

Below is a list of costume companies. You will browse these websites to pick 2-3 costume choices to send to your instructor. Once you and the instructor narrow it down to 1 and you have received approval, you will fill out this costume order form and turn into the front desk. If you are planning to make a custom costume for your ensemble, please send the design to your teacher so she can approve it. You will still need to turn a form in indicating you are ordering a custom costume.

****Clearance costumes cannot be ordered.**

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Costume Companies:</u> Weissmans Dance Revolution Dance Wear A Wish Come True Dancewear Solutions Kelle Company (Made-to-order items. No returns or exchanges for sizing)</p> |
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Ensemble Costume Order Form

Turn this form into the *front desk* by October 1st. Late submissions will not be accepted. The costume fee of **\$90.00** is due when you turn the form in. (*Fee subject to increase if your costume is more than \$90.00*). If you are creating a custom costume, please check the box below, turn this form in, and no charge will be added to your account.

*****You must send your ensemble teacher a photo of the costume for approval BEFORE turning this form in.**

Dancer: _____ Instructor: _____

Costume Company: _____ Style #: _____ Color: _____

Custom Costume

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY. Please do not write below this line.

Date Received this form: _____

- Costume picture uploaded by instructor
 All info added to Ensemble spreadsheet
 Ensemble costume fee charge added to portal

Payment method:

- Card on file
 Cash/Check # _____

Size: _____ Order Date: _____

Est. Ship Date: _____ Order #: _____



I, _____ (parent name), have read the information in this packet concerning the process. Understanding and accepting all of this, I give permission for my dancer to participate in an ensemble.

Please initial the following, to acknowledge and accept policies for the 2026-2027 dance season.

- _____ 1. I understand that team/tryout routines take priority over my dancer's ensemble.
- _____ 2. I understand that my instructor may not be available to warm-up, practice with, or be present to watch my dancer at competition.
- _____ 3. I understand that I must pay the instructor each time my dancer has a private with them. If the fee is not paid at the time of the scheduled practice, future privates may be cancelled.
- _____ 4. I understand that my dancer does not own a certain private time/day, costume, or music selection.
- _____ 5. At any point it becomes evident that the dancer focus is more on the ensemble than the team obligation (i.e.: missing ballet, technique, team or tryout practices, not knowing team or tryout choreography, etc.) their privates may be cancelled, and if the problem persists, the routine may be pulled from competition with no refund available.
- _____ 6. I understand that my account shall stay in good standing at the studio. If it does not, my dancer's privates will go on hold and performances at competition will cease until it is brought back to good standing.
- _____ 7. I understand that I must give a 24-cancellation notice to the instructor. I understand that the 2nd time I cancel within 24 hours and/or do not show up for my private, I am responsible for the private fee.
- _____ 8. I understand that my dancer must attend THREE Friday Ensemble Classes. If my dancer does not attend three, I have to book a 30-minute private with my instructor to make up for each missed class.
- _____ 9. I understand that myself nor my dancer is allowed to alter or change any choreography unless discussed with the ensemble instructor.

*By signing below, we understand and accept the above policies.

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Dancer's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Type: Solo / Duet / Trio

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Choreography Fee Paid in Cash (full amount)

Registered for 26-27 Team

DC Account balance paid up-to-date

Ensemble Instructor signed up for in SD: _____

Completed Check-Out in SD

Added Ensemble Tag in SD