

# Encore 2026-27

## Competition Team Overview

### About the Team

Our Competition Team currently includes 84 dancers, ages 5–18. Dancers are placed in age-appropriate and style-specific groups to ensure a positive, supportive, and growth-focused experience for everyone.

### Competition Season

- We participate in four competitions each season.
- Three competitions are local, and one is out of town (within approximately 3 hours).
- Competitions take place between February and May.
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### Training & Rehearsals

- Competition routines are learned in August and September.
- Once choreography is learned, dancers attend a weekly rehearsal to clean, refine, and perfect their routines throughout the season.

### Required Classes

All competition dancers are required to enroll in:

- The class they are competing in
- One ballet or jazz class
- One acro class

These class requirements help support technique, strength, and overall performance quality.

### Team Culture & Events

Beyond competitions, we focus strongly on teamwork and connection. Throughout the season, dancers participate in:

- Big/Little events
- Team bonding activities
- An end-of-year celebration to celebrate the season's accomplishments

### Questions?

The full Competition Team Handbook is available for detailed information. Please feel free to reach out at any time if you have questions—we're always happy to help and make sure you feel confident and informed!