

CENTRAL JERSEY DANCE COMPANY

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Central Jersey Dance Company is a performance level, competitive company for students, ages 4 -19, who study at Central Jersey Dance and Gymnastics. Membership is by invitation.

Company levels are:

Little Pearls:	ages 4 – 7	Competes 3-6 (average age) or Petite 5-6 division
Jade:	ages 7 1/2 – 10	Competes 7-9 (average age) or Petite 7-8 division
Topaz:	ages 10 1/2 – 13	Competes 10-12 (average age) or Junior division
Star Sapphire:	8 th grade & up	Competes Teen or Senior division

The Dance Company requires a copy of your child's birth certificate, so we can show proof of age if the competition judges request it.

Competitions

The Central Jersey Dance Company generally attends two competitions yearly. Dance Company members are expected to participate in competitions and must be current with tuition and fees to register. Each competition is preceded by several mandatory rehearsals. Dates for competitions and rehearsals are given well in advance. Failure to attend all mandatory rehearsals may result in the dancer losing his or her place in the dance.

Classes

Company classes are offered in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical/contemporary, and hip hop at each company level. Members in Jade, Topaz and Star Sapphire must take 2 ballet classes weekly (one hour in their class company level, and one ballet workshop class). Pointe is offered (by teacher recommendation only) at the Star Sapphire level. Musical theatre workshop is available for all levels.

Tuition and Coaching Fees

Tuition for technique classes for company members is the same as for regular students (See the regular Central Jersey registration form for tuition amounts.) In addition to tuition, CJ Dance Company members pay a teachers/coaches fee for competitions. The yearly Dance Company Registration Form states the amount and due date for coaches fees. Company members must be current with all their Dance Company fees or they will not be allowed to attend competitions or use company costumes.

Choreography

Dance Company groups typically perform the same dance for two competition seasons. All new choreography for Jade, Topaz, and Star Sapphire dances is taught during classes held for one week during the summer. The week is announced well in advance, so families can plan summer vacations accordingly. Attendance is strongly recommended, as choreography is not taught during regular technique classes. There is an additional fee for summer choreography camp. Little Pearls may attend summer classes at no charge, although their dances are not taught at this time.

Dancers may perform solos, duos and trios at competitions, but only by invitation from the Central Jersey staff and coaches, who choreograph all dances. Performing these dances will require an additional investment in time and money. Participation is optional.

Costumes

Most of the company's costumes are lent to members by the Dance Company Parents Organization, and are issued for the season well before the first competition. Members are fully responsible for the care and return of all company costumes. Members are also responsible for purchasing their own shoes, tights, undergarments, jewelry and (usually) headpieces. Additionally, you will need to supply your own hair accessories, make-up and costume sundries (i.e. bobby pins and hair nets, blush and mascara, safety pins and double stick tape). A complete list will be distributed before each competition.

Because the costumes do not belong to individual members, all alterations should be temporary and easily removed in case the next person issued the costume is a different size. If you need assistance with costume alterations, please let your teacher know, or contact one of the DCPO board members. Costumes must be returned cleaned and in good condition in a clear zip-locked bag labeled on the outside with the member's name and the size of the costumes clearly marked. **Costumes must be returned at the scheduled time during summer classes. Failure to do so will result in membership being immediately revoked (during summer classes). Replacement cost of the costume being charged.**