



TEAM ESSENTIALS - 2023

With competitions approaching I'd like to make sure all dancers have what they need as far as jackets, makeup, clean shoes and tights, and other essentials. A link to an order form for jackets and makeup is available at the bottom of this notice that will need to be submitted by Friday 1/13 please.

Team Jackets

Please let me know if your dancer needs a new jacket this year. Aside from our newest team members, I will assume your dancer's jacket still fits and is in good condition if I don't receive a request for a new one. Jackets are \$50 this year as we are using a new vendor.

Tights & Shoes

Please check your dancers tights and shoes and make sure they are clean and in excellent condition for the upcoming comps.

Makeup

In addition to makeup staples such as foundation, blush, mascara, etc, team dancers have specific eyeshadow (Diamond Dust) and lipstick (Lady Balls) that is ordered for all families. Please check your dancers supply so I may order replacements.

*Miss Mikayla's Hip hop trio and group Jazz will require additional makeup requirements. Requirement details for all groups are at the bottom of this notice.

Competition schedules

Comp schedules are not released until the weekend before the event. Once I receive the schedule, it will immediately be sent out to all families.

A few key things to note:

- + All dancers must arrive fully prepared in hair and makeup *2 hours before* their stage time. It is not uncommon for comps to run ahead of schedule. Costume & makeup checks, run throughs, and warming up is required before all performances.
- + All dancers *must* attend awards and are required to look neat and clean in black leggings/sweatpants and their team jacket. If there is a lengthy break before awards, dancers are welcome to leave with a guardian for a bite to eat or otherwise stay at the auditorium until awards.
- + For a more detailed explanation of expected behavior from our dancers during competitions please visit our [Team Guidelines](#) found at the bottom of our [Team page](#) on the [Elite website](#).

Team Costume Balances

Team costumes are now complete and balances will be added to your accounts by Monday of next week or sooner. Payments will be due 30 days from the date the charge is posted.

West Coast Dance Explosion (WCDE)

+ **Schedule** - Class schedules should be received 1 - 2 weeks before the event. Typically classes begin around 8:30/9am and run through until 2/2:30 with a lunch break in between.

+ **Lunch** - If you are going to purchase food for your dancer I recommend buying it while they are in class and having it ready at lunch break. Otherwise, packing a lunch/snack and having it with them is also an easy option. Although ice water is available in all ballrooms dancers should bring plenty of bottled water.

+ **Auditions** - On the second day of workshops, WC faculty will conduct an audition for each age division to determine scholarship winners for that tour stop. All scholarships will be awarded during The Weekend Wrap Up following the Faculty performance on Sunday after classes have finished.

[Please click here to see scholarships offered.](#)

+ **Observer Bands** - West Coast Dance Explosion allows guardians of registered workshop participants to observe workshop classes by purchasing an observer band on site at each convention city.

**Observer bands are not valid for Breakout Classes or Scholarship Auditions.*

+ **Dinner/Down time** - When dancers are finished classes they are welcome to come and go as they please with a guardian. Please check in with an Elite faculty member so we can be sure that all our dancers are safe and under supervision. We also encourage dancers to find some time to watch the competition as an opportunity to learn from and expand their own creativity through watching other artists and dance peers.

+ **Faculty Performance** - On Sunday after classes have finished, the WC faculty put on a short performance before awarding scholarships. I warn you in advance, there is no assigned seating and people charge the ballroom to get a 'good seat'. There is no order to it, we just have to find our group and try to sit together. Most dancers like to try to get up front and that is fine. We typically like to take pictures at the end of the event so please stick around for photo ops and *most definitely please do not leave the venue without letting us know you are taking your dancer.*

Please note that Miss Mikayla's hip hop trio (PHONE HOME) and group jazz (NIGHT OF THE DANCING FLAME) both have a specific look for their routine and will require the makeup needed to complete this look *in addition* to the Diamond Dust eye shadow and Lady Balls lipstick. These groups will not have time to create their team looks for the recital and will therefore use the standard team makeup.

To simplify, here is the make up required for each group:

Hip hop trio - [PHONE HOME MAKEUP](#)

If you want to discuss sharing makeup to reduce some of the costs please reach out to each other so as to fill out the order form properly.

Group Jazz - [NIGHT OF THE DANCING FLAME](#)

Miss Silvia's Lyrical & Jazz - [IN THE AIR TONIGHT & HERE COMES THE RAIN AGAIN](#)

ALL Solos - [SOLO MAKEUP](#)

Please fill out [this form](#) by Friday 1/13 so I may place orders. Amounts due will be added to your online account after orders are placed.

Also, for your convenience, I have created a [Team Info](#) page on our website for you to reference costumes, makeup and comp dates and locations. It is a sub page under our [Elite Team](#) page. In my opinion, our website is better viewed as a whole from a desktop. This notice and the order form will also be available to access on the Team Info page as I know emails can get lost in the shuffle.

If there are questions that were not addressed in this notice please let me know so I can cover all bases!