

# Mirror Image Dance Team

## 2023 - 2024 Competition Information

Mirror Image Dance Team (MIDT) is the competitive option at Mirror Image Dance Company (MIDC). The competition season starts on August 28th, 2023, and continues through our National Competition on June 30th, 2024. If your dancer is interested in joining the team, please read the following information and fill out this [form](#). If you have any questions email [info@mirrorimagedancecompany.com](mailto:info@mirrorimagedancecompany.com)!

**The deadline to join the team is:**  
**June 1, 2023 - for returners**  
**August 15, 2023 - for new dancers**

**How to join:** The dancer and parents/guardians are required to attend the **mandatory parent meeting on August 21st @6:30**. In order to participate, the dancer and parents/guardians must sign the MIDC contract for the season. There are no tryouts! All parent handouts and dates will be shared with everyone on May 1st, 2023. Competition dates will be added as they are released. All dates will be solidified by August 1st, 2023.

**Age Group & Class Requirements:** The age/grade and minimum class requirements for each age group are stated below.

### Competition Team

- Petite (Grade 1-3): 1 Jazz Technique, 1 Ballet, 1 CT

### Hip Hop Only

- Petite/Juniors (Grade 1 - 5):
  - Technique class (Tues or Weds depending on age)
  - 1 CT (Tuesdays only)

**CT (Competition Team Routine):** All dancers must enroll in at least one "CT" class. A CT is a class where you only practice a competition dance. (MIDC suggests doing at least two CTs)

**Costumes:** All costumes are custom designed and fitted. We use them for an entire season (4 regional competitions, 1 national competition, and all dress rehearsals, team photos, and the showcase). Dancers must purchase a separate costume for each dance. Some costumes will be purchased to rent (\$215/costume/season) and some will be full price.

**Competitions:** MIDT competes at 4 regional competitions (starting in January and competing through May) and 1 national competition (in late June). All dancers must attend all competitions. Competitions start Friday afternoon and end Sunday evening. The schedule for each weekend is released one week before the competition. Dancers are expected to arrive two hours before their first performance and stay for awards. All dates for competitions are released at the end of June.

**Conventions:** MIDT attends at least 2 conventions each dance season. Dancers attend multiple dance classes in all genres per day over a weekend (Friday evening - Sunday evening). Classes are typically taught by famous dance teachers. **Conventions are OPTIONAL for the petite level.**

**Extra Practices:** Throughout the season there are extra extended practices. All dancers must attend all extra practices.

**Blackout Dates:** Throughout the season there are dates when dancers cannot miss practice. The month before the first competition is blacked out. Also, the week before each competition is blacked out.

**Payment:** All payments will be automatically charged to your card on file. You will receive a detailed description of each charge before it is charged.

**Costs:** Below is a list of costs associated with the team

- Class Tuition - monthly tuition will be charged automatically via your card on file.
- Costumes - estimate \$300-400 per costume you purchase and \$215 per costume you rent
- Competitions - estimate \$70 per group dance (CT Routine) per competition
- Extra Practices - estimate \$25 per practice for dancers in 1-2 dances, and \$50 per practice for dancers in 3+ dances. Typically we have 9.
- Mirror Image Fees - \$300 (headshots, canvas headshot photo, team photo, group photography, showcase photography, showcase participation, showcase videography, winter party for dancer, end of year party fees, etc)
- Optional Fees - extra headshots, individual photos, showcase tickets, convention fees
- Mirror Image Gear - dancers must purchase a practice backpack, team shirt, yearly star, and 1 patch.
- Optional Gear - there is a list dancers can choose from
- Hotel - usually dancers will need to stay in hotels during the weekend at competitions. A list of hotels will be suggested at the beginning of the season. These are optional. It is the responsibility of each family to make the appropriate reservations.
- Miscellaneous Purchases
  - Makeup
  - tights/leotards/shoes
  - Hair supplies