

FOCUS Dance Center 2019-2020 presents BRAND NEW:



COMPETITION STARTER PROGRAM



Who can participate?...

- *dancers that are BRAND NEW to dance competitions and have little to no dance experience*
- *dancers that want to get started in competitions without the large financial and time commitment*

Common Questions and/or Concerns from New Parents

What if my dancer doesn't make the team?

- *there is **NO** audition; we accept everyone who wants to join and place by age (4-6 and 7-11)

What is the level of dance is too difficult for my dancer?

- Everyone will be a beginner so there is no need to worry about them starting behind. They will all learn the same skills together.

I'm anxious about what groups they would get put in.

- each age group only has one dance. The MINI group will be doing Musical Theater dance and the JUNIOR group will be doing a jazz/jazz funk dance. (Boy dancers will be properly choreographed in)

I'm worried about the time commitment it takes to be a competition dancer.

- COMPETITION STARTER PROGRAM only requires a commitment of 3 hours a week, one competition (usually in May which would require you be there for a few hours one day) and performance in the FOCUS Honors Concert Series in June, 2020.

But what about the cost?

- \$375 includes your fabulous dance costume, competition entry fee and choreography fee. Monthly tuition for classes is separate and according to FOCUS's monthly class cost.

What will they learn? What will the schedule be like?

- COMPETITION STARTER PROGRAM will be Mondays and Tuesdays 3:30-4:30. There are two age groups; MINI = 4-6 year olds and JUNIOR = 7-11 year olds. On Mondays dance technique will be taught and Tuesdays will be dance combo hour that will turn into their choreography for competition. One ballet class is required and that may be chosen from an approved list but we will have many options so you can pick and chose your day/time.

Who will be teaching and doing choreography for the COMPETITION STARTER PROGRAM?

- Miss Shannon and Miss Laura R. will be the teachers and they will rotate between the two age groups each week.

What if my dancer still wants to take other classes?

- Of course they can still take as many classes as they want! These 3 hours are the REQUIRED hours for the COMPETITION STARTER PROGRAM. A great class to take in addition to the COMPETITION STARTER PROGRAM would be acro, tap and/or hip hop.

If we like the COMPETITION STARTER PROGRAM, can we participate again next year?

- Dancers can only participate in the COMPETITION STARTER PROGRAM for one year. If they would like to continue as a competing FOCUS dancer, they must audition for the company that next year.

When does the season begin and end?

- Classes for the COMPETITION STARTER PROGRAM will run from July 15th, 2019 until Honors Concert which will be in June 2020 (exact date TBA). Traditional FOCUS holidays observed.

This sounds great!! How do I get started and/or sign up??

Email connect@focusdancecenter.com

LET'S DANCE!!!!!!!!!!

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	Universal Classes	Competition Starter Program	FOCUS Company
Time Commitment	As much or as little as you want	3 hrs per week required May do more classes if dancer wishes (recommended: acro, tap and hip hop)	10-12 hours per week including all training class and choreography classes. (can be more depending on how many groups you compete in)
Training	Train with universal teachers and other students who generally don't; compete	Train with same group of dances for the 3 required hours. Teachers are competition teachers: Miss Shannon and Miss Laura	Train with same group of dancers for your block training. Ballet may be different depending on day you train. Train only with competition teachers.
Performances	Honors Concert Series in June	*one competition (usually in May 2020, would require dancer to be there for a few hours on one day only) *Honors concert series in June	*3 competitions in late spring *1 nationals in July *Honors concert Series in June
Commitment Level of dancers	Dancers can join class and drop class as they please. No long-term commitment from dancers.	*Dancers will be committed for the entire year *trackable progress attention to flexibility, strength and skills	*Dancers will be committed for the entire year *trackable progress attention to flexibility, strength and skills