



Dreher Dance Company 2025-2026

AUDITION PROCESS

Dreher Dance company auditions will be held **Thursday, May 1, 2025** @ 3:45pm in the Dreher dance studio (for the 2025-2026 season). Before auditioning be sure you read this entire audition packet.

THE AUDITION PROCESS:

- 1. COMPLETE & TURN IN** required paperwork before or the day of auditions.
(Audition form • Company contract • Student information Sheet)
- 2. WEAR** a black leotard, black biker shorts and have your hair tied back securely (NO GUM or jewelry)
(Guys: black t-shirt & shorts). Bare feet, jazz shoes or foot thongs are appropriate for auditions.
- 3. BE PREPARED TO LEARN 3 COMBOS:** short pom, jazz & contemporary piece

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER:

1. Dance company is a year-round commitment
2. We are looking for company members who blend well together and match in regard to their: **performance energy, choreography recall, body line, style, technique**, and most importantly **positive attitude & work ethic**.

BEFORE YOU AUDITION:

1. Read this entire packet with your parent(s) / guardian(s)
2. Be sure you can commit to the rehearsal and performance schedule (Call or email with questions or concerns)
3. Summer boot camp is important we learn ½ or more of our material during that time. Missing is not an option.
4. There are start-up costs for your performance wear and gear, but students will own and keep all their items.
(Typically returning members only need to purchase: sneakers, the marching band show costume & lost or worn out items that need replacing. (Please contact Mrs. Lee if there is an issue). **PAYMENT PLANS ARE SET UP.**
5. If you make company there is a mandatory parent meeting May 5, 2024 at 5:30pm in the band room
6. DDC parents are asked to be active members of the Dreher Dance Booster Club which meets the last Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the Dreher Choral room.

QUESTIONS? Feel free to text call Mrs. Lee at 803.629.7469 or email: Kathleen.Lee@richlandone.org

DDC *(Dreher Dance Company)* 20245-2026 AUDITION PACKET

BEFORE AUDITIONING FOR DDC, students and parents need to read the following:

- 1) Expectations
- 2) Rehearsal Schedule & Attendance
- 3) Company fees!
- 4) Summer Practice
- 5) Performance Schedule (please be aware all dates are not established yet)

1. COMPANY EXPECTATIONS:

1. You must be enrolled in a Dreher academic dance class to be in DDC
2. You must attend summer boot camp, all company rehearsals & performance dates
3. You will be on time to all rehearsals (& stretch yourself prior to rehearsal)
4. You will bring a positive attitude & engaged energy
5. You will dance full out every rehearsal
6. You will comply with all hair and make-up standards. (ALL PERFORMANCES require: Full makeup, neutral nails, & the selected hair style for the season)
7. You will be TIMELY & HONEST in all your communication (about any conflicts) in advance to Mrs. Lee
8. You will conduct yourself in an appropriate & honorable manner at all school events & performances.
9. You must maintain academic eligibility to be in DDC
10. No use of drugs/alcohol/vaping are permitted. (This will lead to immediate dismissal from company)

2. REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: DDC is a yearlong activity)


• MANDATORY PARENT MEETING:	May 21, 2024	Tuesday	5:30pm-7:00pm
• Spring Boot Camp:	May 12-15 (Monday-Thursday)	WEEK 1	3:30pm –5:30pm
• Spring Boot Camp:	May 19-22 (Tuesday-Thursday)	WEEK 2	3:30pm - 5:30pm
• DANCE CAMP	Monday-Thursday	4 DAYS	9:00am -12:00pm
• Summer Rehearsal:	Tuesday June 10 & July 15	(2x's)	9:00am -11:00am
• SUMMER BOOT CAMP:	July 21-25	WEEK 1	9:00am - 4:00pm
• SUMMER BOOT CAMP:	July 29-31/August 1 & 2	WEEK 2	9:00am –4:00pm
• Parent Performance	August 5		5:00pm @ Dreher
WEEKLY REHEARSALS:			
(August – October)	Monday & Thursday	Weekly	3:30pm-6:00pm
	Tuesday	Weekly	3:30pm-5:00pm
(November – May)	Monday & Thursday	Weekly	3:30pm-5:00p

3. ATTENDANCE RULES:

- Students are allowed **4 ABSENCES total**
- Absences must be communicated in advance from the student themselves directly to Mrs. Lee
- Be aware Mrs. Lee does her best to work with studio schedules. Therefore, upfront and timely communication is a necessity about conflicts.
- If rehearsal is missed before a performance – **THE STUDENT WILL NOT PERFORM**
- All performance dates during marching band are non-negotiable
- ★ SEE THE ATTACHED COMPETITION & PERFORMANCE DATES

4. COMPANY FEES:

The fees for dance company are listed below and are broken up into 4 payments.

DDC ITEM	COST	NEW MEMBERS	RETURNING MEMBERS	
DDC Performance dress	\$100	√		
Backpack (+ monogramming)	\$40	√		
Earrings	\$10	√	√	
Poms	\$25	√	√	
1ST PAYMENT DUE:May 12, 2025		\$170	\$35	
Marching Band Costume 2024	\$150	√	√	
Company T-shirt	\$20	√	√	
2nd PAYMENT DUE:June 10, 2025		\$170	\$170	
Choreography Fees	\$150	√	√	
3rd PAYMENT DUE:July, 21, 2025		\$150	\$150	
DDC Team jacket	\$125	√		
Sneaker: <i>White Nike Women's Tanjun</i> 	\$80	√ Purchase on your own on line	√ Purchase on your own on line	Have in place: July 30, 2025
Tan BLOCH jazz shoes	\$50	√ Tan BLOCH slip on jazz shoes	√ Tan BLOCH slip on jazz shoes	Have in place: September 15, 2025
4th PAYMENT DUE:August 11, 2025		\$125		
<i>Bands of America Competition</i> (Coastal Carolina, Myrtle Beach, SC) (Competition Fees, Bus, hotel, food)	\$250	√	√	
5th PAYMENT DUE:Sept. 1, 2025		Est. \$175	Est. \$175	
TOTAL DDC COST		\$790	\$530	

- DDC uniform and gear will be ordered before the end of May 2025
- The sneaker style number will be provided to you. Purchase on your own by: July 30, 2025
- Bloch Tan jazz shoes can be purchase (at Turning Point) on your own and need to be in place by: Sept 15, 2025

- Parents can pay for all items up front or use the payment plan given above. **(Money will be turned into the Dreher High School Dance Booster Club)**. Fundraisers with the Marching Band will be held in July & August to help offset competition and travel costs to Bands of America at Coastal Carolina.

5. SUMMER PRACTICE (We will rehearse 2 Tuesdays during the summer)

We will rehearse Tuesday June 10 & July 15, 2025 @ Dreher 9:00am-11:00am

★ Dancers will be responsible for learning a dance each week in rehearsal. (They are expected to practice that dance so it's memorized. Football season requires a large amount of dance material to be digested, including an 8-10 minute dance show for marching band competition season. Preparing over the summer means less stress once school starts.

6. DANCE CAMP (Rising 4th & 5th Graders)

June 16-19, 2025 9:00am-12:00pm

★ DDC members will be expected to work this dance camp to help offset company costs for the year.

7. BOOT CAMP & MARCHING BAND SEASON

★ Due to the nature of field work and the cost of marching band season, NO ABSENCES are allowed for any of the band competitions. PLEASE CHECK YOUR SCHEDULES before auditioning as this is the only thing non-negotiable during our season.

Dreher Dance Company **SCHEDULE** 2025-2026

AUGUST – OCTOBER: Rehearsals are	Monday & Thursdays	3:30pm-6:00pm
	Tuesday	3:30pm-5:00pm
NOVEMBER – MAY: Rehearsals are	Monday & Thursdays	3:30pm-5:00pm
★ MANDATORY PARENT MEETING	May 26, 2025 (Dreher)	6:00pm

\$170 DDC FEE DUE	Monday	May 12	
• SPRING BOOT CAMP WEEK 1	Monday - Thursday	May 12-15	3:30pm-5:30pm
• SPRING BOOT CAMP WEEK 2	Monday - Thursday	May 19-22	3:30pm-5:30pm
\$170 DDC FEE DUE	Tuesday	June 10	
• Summer Practice	Tuesday	June 10	9:00am-11:00am
• DANCE CAMP (fundraiser)	Monday - Thursday	June 16-19	8:00am-12:00pm
• Summer Practice	Tuesday	July 15	9:00am-11:00am
\$150 DDC FEE DUE	Monday	July 21	
• SUMMER BOOT CAMP WEEK 1	Monday-Friday	July 21-25	8:30am-4:00pm
• SUMMER BOOT CAMP WEEK 2	Monday-Friday	July 28-August 1	9:00am-:300pm
★ August 1 <i>Team Photos</i>	Friday	August 1	8:00am
• PERFORMANCE: Band Camp Wrap up	Friday	August 1	5:30pm
• PERFORMANCE: Freshman Orientation	Monday	August 4	8:00am
• PERFORMANCE: BACK TO SCHOOL BASH	Wednesday	August 6	5:30pm
• SPORTS-O-RAMA	Friday	August 15	6:30pm-10pm
• Football Game #1 <i>Keenan</i>	Friday	August 22	6:45pm
• AUDITIONS: for Fall Dance Show	Saturday	August 23	8:00am-12:00pm
• Football Game #2 @ <i>Cardinal Newman optional</i>	Friday	August 29	6:45pm
• Football Game #3 <i>Lakewood</i>	Friday	Sept. 5	6:45pm
• Football Game #4 <i>York</i>	Friday	Sept. 19	6:45pm
• 2 MARCHING BAND COMPETITIONS:	Sat. (<i>Whitknoll/Walterboro</i>)	Sept. 27	8:00am-11:00pm
• Football Game #5 @ <i>RNE - optional</i>	Friday	Oct. 3	6:45pm
• BANDS OF AMERICA:	Saturday & Sunday	Oct. 4-5	
• Football Game #6: <i>Lancaster</i> ★ <i>Homecoming</i>	Friday	Oct. 10	6:45pm
• MARCHING BAND COMPETITION:	Saturday (<i>Airport</i>)	Oct. 11	TBD
• Football Game #7 <i>Flora</i> ★ <i>Senior Night</i>	Friday	Oct. 17	6:45pm

- **PERFORMANCE: MB COMPETITION** Saturday (Rockhill) Oct. 11-13 TBD
- **PERFORMANCE: MB COMPETITION** Saturday Oct. 25 6:00am-11:00pm
Belton Honeapath, SC: SCBDA Lower State & State MB Championships

Practice Changes to 2x's a week now Monday & Thursday 3:30-5:00pm

- VETERANS DAY PARADE Tuesday Nov. 11 8:00am-2:00pm
- FALL SHOW TECH Wed. & Thurs. Nov. 19 & 20
- FALL SHOW DRESS Mon. & Tues. Dec. 1 & 2
- **DREHER FALL DANCE SHOW** Wed.- Fri. Dec. 3-5 **TBD**

★ After school team rehearsals begin in January for DWTT (5 (30 minute) rehearsals with your teachers(s))

★ **PERFORMANCE: Dancing with the Teachers** Friday March 20 **TBD**
Dreher Dance Company Show

• **PERFORMANCE:** Richland 1 District Dance Festival April **TBD**

• **PERFORMANCE:** CHOREOGRAPHY SHOWCASE Wed.- Friday April 28-May 2 **TBD**

PARENT LETTER.....

About the Dreher Dance Company

DDC is the pinnacle performance ensemble of the Dreher Dance program. It is important to have parent support to ensure your child's success and positive experience if they are selected for this performance ensemble.

Each dancer must not only learn an immense amount of new material, but also learn to technically and stylistically dance together as one performance unit. A lot of responsibility is placed on your child. They are expected to honor their commitment to our rehearsal & performance schedule, arrive on time, be professional, and work safely and supportively with fellow company members.

DDC rehearsals are 6 1/2 hours a week (August-October) and then 3 hours a week starting in November. It is very important your child is not absent from rehearsals. One day out from a practice can mean missing an entire dance and leave a student feeling overwhelmed and possibly removed from that piece for the year. Please understand this in advance and support your child being present at all rehearsals.

- **Only 4 absences** are allowed for the entire year.

- Absences are expected to be communicated in advance from the student directly to Mrs. Lee (NOT by fellow company Members). In the event of an illness parents please be in touch with Mrs. Lee.

Dancers are trained to pick choreography up quickly. Spring and summer DDC boot camps are where we learn 75% of choreography for the year because we have to perform so early in August! (Students who do not know material will sit out of performances but are expected to attend the games and performances with their company members) It is important for parents and dancers to understand our production schedule is tight. Therefore, if a student misses rehearsal – it is up to them to get caught up from a rehearsal video.

Dancers are expected to work hard, be on time, and dress appropriately for rehearsals, follow make up and hair attire for all performances, and communicate effectively in regard to any conflicts. Your child is the face of the Dreher Dance Company and as such I expect them to follow all school rules and act accordingly when dancing at school and public events. They are not just representing the legacy of this performance group, but Dreher High School and myself.

Parent support and volunteers are needed. DDC is a part of the Dreher marching band family. A lot of volunteer time and money is spent preparing for our competitive season. A lot of effort is also made to provide students with snacks at after school rehearsals and to feed them lunch and dinner at competitions. (We need DDC parent support and participation in band booster correspondence, meetings, and fundraising). **All DDC parents are asked to attend a start of the year Booster Meeting: Tuesday, May 27 from 6:00pm-7:00pm.** Additionally, please mark your calendar now for **March 20th** – which is our 19th annual company show: *Dancing with the Teachers*.

There are costs associated with the Dance Company. At the parent company member meeting we will discuss ways to subsidize some of the costs through marching band fundraisers and dance program ad sales. I look forward to working with your dancer to make their high school dance experience as meaningful and engaging as possible.

Feel free to contact Mrs. Lee at Kathleen.lee@richlandone.org with any further questions.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Lee
Company Director

DDC AUDITION FORM 2025-2026

AUDITION# _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ zip: _____

Student Email: _____ Student Cell: _____

Student Birthday: _____

★ PRIMARY PARENT CONTACT for DDC information: Mom Dad Both

Mother's Name: _____ MOMS CELL: _____

MOMS Email: _____ Best contact for MOM Email or Phone

Dad's Name: _____ DADS CELL: _____

DADS Email: _____ Best contact for DAD Email or Phone

Please list other after school commitments:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Performance Wear

T-SHIRT SIZE: small medium large x-large

COSTUME SIZE: small medium large x-large

BIKER SHORT SIZE: small medium large x-large

JACKET SIZE: small medium large x-large

NAME ON WARM BACKPACK: _____

NAME ON WARM UP JACKET: _____

Returning members (I NEED TO REORDER):

- Football sequin dress
- Earrings
- Backpack
- POM POMs

DDC CONTRACT

2025 - 2026

- I agree to all company rehearsals and performances dates for the 2025-2026 season.
- I understand no more than 4 excused absences are allowed for the year (or removal from the company is maybe warranted).
- I understand it is my responsibility to communicate my own scheduling conflicts in advance and directly to Mrs. Lee (and not through other company members). Absences to due to illness or emergency can be communicated by a parent.
- I understand my absence from company rehearsals affects the entire group. Therefore, if I am absent from rehearsal the day before a performance, I will not perform. (I will however attend the performance in support of my company members).
- I will follow all required hair & full face makeup guidelines (& neutral nails for competitions and major stage performances).
- **I agree to be on time to all DDC rehearsals.** It is expected that I arrive early & begin a self-stretch before rehearsal).
- I will bring positive energy, respect, compassion and confidentiality to all DDC members.
- I understand I must follow all school rules, policies and be academically eligible to participate in DDC.
- As a member of DDC I understand I am the face of the Dreher Dance Program. My actions at school, school and community events represent Mrs. Lee, our program and my company peers.
- I am committed to dance. I pledge to give the best of myself physically, mentally & emotionally in all rehearsals and performances. I expect this of my company members and myself.

Company Member Signature & Date

Parent Signature & Date

By signing above and checking the box below you understand and agree to comply with the Dreher Dance Company policies & requirements.

YES NO ✓ THE BOX NEXT TO EACH ITEM BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | AUDITION FORM completed & signed | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DDC CONTRACT Signed | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attendance @ Spring Boot Camp May 12-15 | 3:30pm-5:30pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attendance @ Spring Boot Camp May 19-22 | 3:30pm-5:30pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attendance @ DANCE CAMP June 16-19 | 9:00am-12:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attendance @ Summer Boot Camp July 21-25 | 9:00am-3:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attendance @ Summer Boot Camp July 28 – August 1 | 9:00am-3:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Teacher partner(s) Request for Dancing with the Teachers: | _____ |

CONFLICTS:

HOW CAN DDC PARENTS HELP THEIR DANCER

BE SUCCESSFUL & HONOR THE CONTRACT YOU HAVE BOTH SIGNED

- ✓ **Make sure you read your child's DDC contract and performance schedule and what they agreed to!** All contracts are to be signed by each student and their parents/guardians.
- ✓ Make sure your student is at all scheduled practices & performances.
(Reschedule appointments if at all possible)
- ✓ **Look at your family schedule and inform me of any conflicts now.**
- ✓ Understand that your child may not have more than 4 absences the entire year. In the event they do they may be dismissed from DDC. Because we are a small group every rehearsal is affected when a person is absent.
- ✓ Read weekly correspondence from Dr. Lee (Marching Band Director) & be a member of the Band Boosters, attend home football games (we need fans in the stands)
- ✓ At home football games consider providing drinks or snacks for the kids.
- ✓ Mark your calendar for our Dance Company Show (Dancing with Teachers in March). DDC parents provide a pot luck dinner for the teachers and students at this annual Event and work the show.
- ✓ **TURN IN PAYMENTS ON TIME – CONTACT ME IF THERE IS AN ISSUE.**
Our performance wear is made to order – custom made (not an in stock item). Therefore, the entire teams costumes can not be ordered until all student payments are in. Additionally if your child attends an out of state trip – monthly payments must be made on time or your child forfeits their trip spot (with no refund). Communicate if there is an issue – and let me see if I can help you if there is a need. BUT communicate up front.
- ✓ Help schedule dance parent volunteers to work front of house jobs at Dreher Dance Shows in (Dec./March & April). Tickets, programs, concessions, Photos/DVDs and flowers (Dec. only)