

PD ELITE PARENT MEETING NOTES
APRIL 23, 2024
7:00 P.M.

ALL REQUIRED CLASSES MUST BE TAKEN AT PD

What is PD Elite?

A unique Company of specially selected dancers that show an interest and potential in taking their dance and performance abilities to the next level. PD Elite, in addition to their dance training and performing opportunities, provides career training.

PD Elite 2 is the Company to prepare for the commitments and level that PD Elite requires.

Topics Covered:

- Dance on camera
- Headshots & Dance shots (taken by a professional)
- Resume writing
- How to audition and what to wear for various opportunities (different for a Company versus a music video, etc.)
- Improv
- Convention life
- Assisting master/convention teachers
- Subbing classes
- Choreography
- Conditioning/technique
- Life after high school (college/careers) future
- Study of current dance companies/choreographers

REQUIREMENTS

In order to be in PD Elite, you must commit to the following:

- **PDE** - Minimum of 6 required classes per week to include (please note the Company classes will be held Monday-Thursday):
- 2 ballet classes

- 1 Turns/Tech Class
- 1 extra class of your choosing
- 2 Company classes/rehearsals
- **PDE 2** - Minimum of 6 required classes per week to include (please note the Company classes will be held Monday-Thursday):
 - 2 ballet classes
 - 1 Turns/Tech Class
 - 2 Extra Classes of your choosing
 - 1 Company class
- Attendance in all classes will be monitored and excessive absences will result in removal from an upcoming performance/competition
- One Master Class per month with industry professionals
- One professional photo shoot DATE TBA
- Mandatory rehearsals with guest choreographers DATES TBA
- Mandatory Workshop held at Pacific Dance on September 14, 2024
- Mandatory Articulate Dance Company Workshop held at Pacific Dance on October 19-20, 2024
- Group performances at Pacific Dance's annual recital in June 2025

Approved outside choreographers are okay for solos, but dancers must compete only with Pacific Dance and must be approved by PD (including YAGP)

COMPETITIONS:

PDE will be required to attend 4 mandatory Regional conventions/competitions and 1 mandatory National convention/competition.

PDE 2 will be required to attend 1 Regional convention/competition, as well as 3 Regional competitions and PG Nationals (same schedule as PGs)

PDE will compete with one to three dances choreographed by guest choreographers. The dancers will audition in various styles and be cast in pieces by the choreographer.

PDE 2 will compete one dance choreographed by a guest choreographer. You may do as many additional PGs as you would like to.

DANCERS MAY NOT MISS TWO CLASSES BEFORE COMPETITION WITHOUT EXCEPTION. Missing these will result in removal from the upcoming competition and possibly the following competition. Dancers are required to attend the full weekend event and competition at all conventions.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT:

- \$75-\$100 monthly for PDE/\$35-\$45 for PDE 2 plus the tuition (minimum 6 classes). This fee is dependent upon number of dancers that commit and INCLUDES:
 - 6 required weekly classes
 - Monthly Master Classes for the year
 - Teacher Expenses (conventions/competitions, travel expenses, rehearsals, etc.)
- **ALL MONTHLY TUITION PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE ON AUTO PAY, and if you have a balance due by the 30th day of the month, we have the right to charge that balance due with your auto pay.**

ADDITIONAL COSTS:

- \$175 non-refundable non-transferrable Application fee.
- The June Master Class will be directly preceding the PDE/PDE 2 audition. Dancers are required to take the master class to learn the choreography for the audition - \$35

- For PDE, there will be a choreography fee of approximately \$350-\$600 per dancer for 1-3 guest choreographers. A \$250 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit will be due when turning in the contract.
- For PDE 2 you will do one group choreographed by a guest choreographer (choreography fee approx \$200-\$350). A \$175 non-refundable, non-transferrable deposit will be due when turning in the contract.
- Professional photo shoot fee (approximately \$150)
- Articulate Dance Company Workshop (approximately \$250-\$300)
- **PDE** - Purchase 1-3 group costumes (1 for PDEA). The MAX per costume will be \$350 - usually average around \$150.
- **PDE 2** - Purchase one group costume. The MAX per costume will be \$350 - usually average around \$150.
- **PDE** - Convention and group entry fees for four Regional conventions/competitions
- **PDE** - Convention and group entry fees for one out-of-town National convention/competition (and associated travel costs)
- **PDE 2** - One Regional convention, three Regional competitions, and one National competition

PDE APPLICATIONS

PDE Applications are due by **May 15, 2024 by 7:00 P.M.** NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. You must submit your Application **online** at our PD ELITE page on our website. At the same time, you click the link below to pay the \$175 non-refundable, non-transferrable application fee. If you are turning in this Application, you will not need to complete the PG Application. You will indicate your total number of groups you are committing to. If you are new to Pacific Dance, please also submit the Registration and Waiver form online.

Committed dancers only.

Audition June 8TH *Time TBA* -

It is strongly suggested that dancers interested in PDE take the remaining master classes for this season.

Please consider the commitment carefully before applying. Please do not apply unless you are committed to next year.

This program is a unique and fun experience for our dancers!