

PG PARENT MEETING NOTES
APRIL 23, 2024
6:00 P.M.

WHAT IS A PG (PERFORMING GROUPS)?

PGs are groups of specially selected dancers that are interested in taking their performing experience a step further (instead of one show per year).

It focuses on the performance aspect as well as technique while working in a team environment.

Our PGs are especially for dancers that not only love to dance and perform, but love to take class and work hard. That's very important because consistent training is vital to becoming a great performer.

OUR COMPETITION PHILOSOPHY:

We believe competitive dance gives our students a chance to perform onstage, get constructive criticism from judges (in order to grow) and appreciate other dance styles while supporting others.

WE ARE A STRONG COMPETITION STUDIO THAT FOCUSES ON TRAINING DANCERS IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

We have two types of Performance Groups:

1. **Performing Groups (PGs)** which are various levels – ages – styles (from ages 5 & Up and Level I-B and Up)
 - **Pre-Mini PG** - Ages approximately 5-7 (MINIMUM of 3 classes per week)
 - **Mini PG** - Ages approximately 6-8 (MINIMUM of 4 classes per week for one MINI PG and 5 classes per week for two MINI PGs)

- **Hip Hop PG** – Ages approximately 8 & Up - (MINIMUM of 3 classes per week)
 - **PG** - Ages 8 & Up (MINIMUM of 6 classes per week for one PG)
2. **PD Elite Company** which is for a more advanced dancer (from ages 10 & Up and Level II+ & Up). These dancers are focused on dance careers/college. They have separate requirements and auditions. (TODAY AT 7:00PM)

PG APPLICATIONS

PG Applications are due no later than **May 15, 2024 BY 7:00 P.M.** **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** You must submit your Application **online** at our PERFORMING GROUPS 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 new to Pacific Dance, please also submit the Registration and Waiver form online.

If your dancer is not chosen for a PG, your \$175 will be refunded. However, if you drop after you submit or decline after chosen, your \$175 is non-refundable.

Please note you must indicate on your application how many Performing Groups you will commit to. Once you submit your Application you cannot decrease the number of Performing Groups you are committing to (so please think it through). Please note if you would like to do privates, you will need to commit to at least two PGs to do one private and three PGs for unlimited privates.

If you are interested specifically in Hip Hop or Tap, please mark that on your form.

AUDITIONS

Our auditions will take place in the afternoon of June 8TH. A timeline will be e-mailed to you no later than June 1ST. You may be asked to attend certain classes as well. Pre-Mini's, Mini's, Hip Hop and Tap auditions will be done during a class time during the week of May 20th, and we will notify you of those dates/times.

NOTIFICATION

By June 16TH, you will receive an e-mail notifying you of the group(s) your dancer has been chosen for. You will also receive your contract(s). Your contract and PG deposit(s) will be due no later than June 26TH. You will need to schedule your required tech classes for August no later than July 7TH. Jill will e-mail you starting July 2ND to set up your required classes for August in the order that contracts have been received. All required classes and PGs will start August 1ST.

REQUIREMENTS/COMMITMENT

We want committed dancers only. Your dancer must have very good attendance in all required tech classes year-round.

Your dancer will need to commit from August 1, 2024 through July 2025. Summer classes and tuition for all required classes is mandatory. **Current dancers will be required to take your current technique classes (no PGs) in July.**

We will attend 3 Regional competitions, 1 Convention (competition & weekend classes) and 1 National competition in July 2025 (out of the area). Hip Hop PG Dancers will only attend 3 Regional competitions and 1 National competition (convention is optional).

Mandatory Workshop held at Pacific Dance on September 14, 2024 (time TBA)

All dancers are required to take a minimum of six classes (each style will have a specific requirement). However, Hip Hop PG will only require three classes per week, and MINI PG's will only require four classes per week. All required classes must be taken at Pacific Dance.

Dancers may not compete at any other studio.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

You will need to turn in a \$175 non-refundable costume deposit for each PG you are chosen for. There are no refunds.

If you drop a PG, you must drop all PGs and allow us to borrow your costume for a sub. If your costume has a remaining balance due, you

will be responsible for paying that. You will also be responsible for paying all regional and national entry fees for your sub.

New students will also need to purchase a Pacific Dance jersey (jackets are optional).

ADDITIONAL COSTS REQUIRED

- Tuition from August 2024 through July 2025
- Costumes are \$350 MAX (plus required shoes, tights, accessories and props) – not all teachers will use the max amount.
- Required MAC make-up (approximately \$200)
- Entry Fees (approximately \$80-\$105 per routine for Regionals and a \$100-\$125 per routine for Nationals)
- Regional Convention Fee (approximately \$300)
- Competition Media Fee (approximately \$25-\$35 per competition)
- Parking fees at competitions
- Expenses with Nationals (location TBD) – could be Las Vegas, Palm Springs or San Diego

Please carefully consider the commitment and don't apply/audition unless you are committed to the PGs for next season.

We work hard and have lots of fun!