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A PROGRAM WITH A *Purpose*



Compass Dance Team is a school based competitive dance team at Magellan International School, hosted by Dancers Workshop. This program is designed to provide students with a fun team environment and a competitive dance experience.

This experience includes four key elements:

1 COMPETITIVE TEAM EXPERIENCE

Dancers Workshop staff will provide Magellan students a competitive dance team, building an environment focused on growth giving dancers the opportunity to develop their skills while learning and perfecting their performance strength.

2 ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Compass Team dancers perform at 2 local competitions per season and at a Magellan Pep Rally in the Fall.

3 ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Compass Dance Team members take school based elective dance classes twice per week from experienced DW staff in rotating genres. They also gain insight from competition critiques. This outside feedback offers additional incentive to work hard, dream big and be the best they can be.

4 ADDITIONAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

At Dancers Workshop we expect our Compass Dance Team members to embrace our studio wide CORE VALUES:

- Committing to Excellence, Leading by Example, Building a Culture of Kindness, Learning Life Lessons Through Dance, Connecting Community to the Arts

With the current structure we highly encourage additional dance training to supplement their technical growth throughout the season.

DANCERS WORKSHOP VISION STATEMENT

Since 1974, Dancers Workshop has continued to offer the individual student the highest quality technical dance training. The faculty strives to instill the love of dance as students mature both mentally and physically.

Regardless of a student's long-term goals, dance education is a vehicle to provide lessons that will set the stage for a lifetime.

Start, Stay and Grow with Dancers Workshop.

Shannon Brosco, Director

Dawn Weiss, Owner

DANCERS WORKSHOP MISSION STATEMENT

Dancers Workshop: where passion finds discipline and creativity finds confidence.
A studio that shapes more than movement.

CORE VALUES

Committing to Excellence

Leading by Example

Building a Culture of Kindness

Learning Life Lessons Through Dance

Connecting Community to the Arts

BENEFITS OF JOINING

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Learn responsibility, dependability and resilience

Community building through the arts

Gain appreciation for the arts and music

Accept failure and success gracefully

Set goals and reach them

Build life-long friendships

Keep physically and mentally fit

School Spirit

Being a part of a team with peers

Have fun while working hard



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LET'S GET THEM *Prepared*

Prep classes are offered to build confidence in auditioning. These technique classes are also helpful for training and strength development. Previous dance experience is not a requirement to audition or make the team.

These prep classes are only \$20 each or \$70 for all four! Registration must be completed through the Dancers Workshop website.

Friday, April 10th: 5-6pm

Friday, April 17th: 5-6pm

Friday, May 1st: 5-6pm

Friday, May 8th: 5-6pm

LET'S HAVE THEM *Audition*

Auditions will be held at Dancers Workshop. Students must be registered in advance via the DW website.

Saturday, May 23rd: 2-3:30pm at Dancers Workshop

Arrive ready to take a jazz based audition wearing form fitting athletic wear. Hair should be securely pulled away from their face. Jazz Shoes & Sneakers are suggested. They do not need to have anything prepared in advance for the audition.

Auditions are required to be considered for the Compass Team. Alternative auditions will only be considered based on illness or emergency. Email dwatxcompass@gmail.com with any specific requests.

LET'S KEEP THEM *Strong*

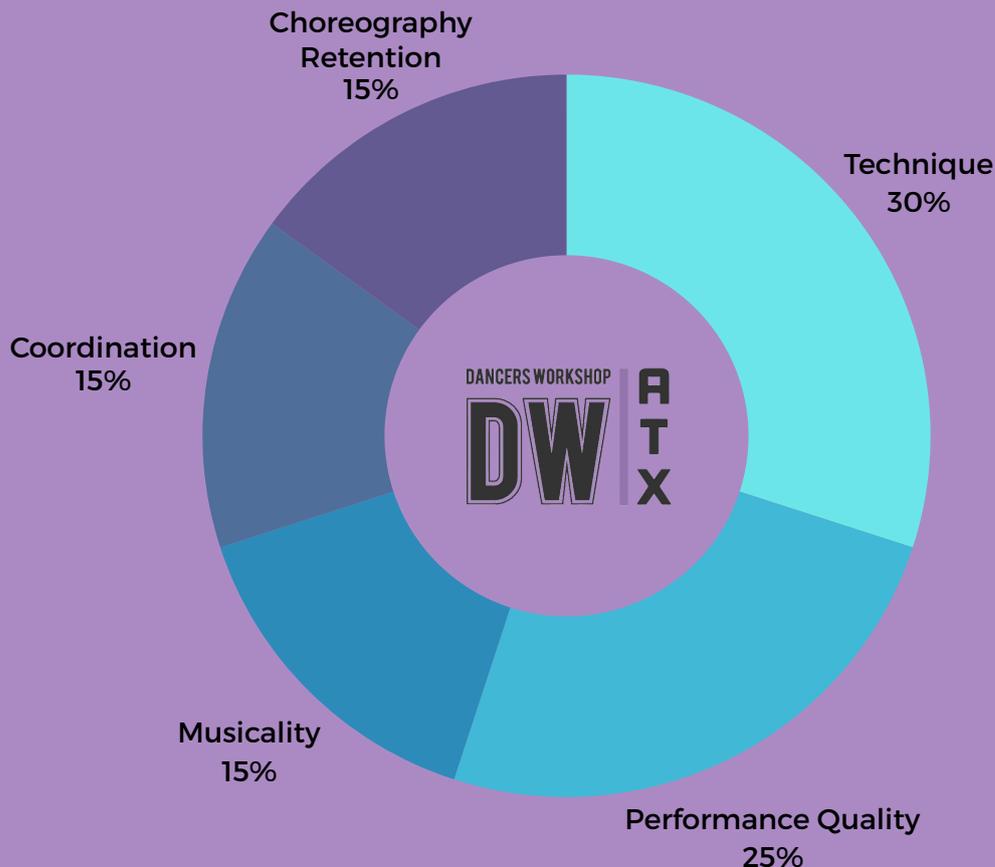
Dancers Workshop membership is included in your CDT fees. Additionally, Dancers Workshop is providing all Compass Dance Team Members a 10% discount of monthly tuition for technique classes held at DW for the 2026-2027 season. We also encourage summer training with camps, classes and drop in options.

A PEEK INTO AUDITIONS FOR

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JUDGES WILL BE ASSESSING EACH DANCER BASED ON THESE METRICS.

WE ARE LOOKING TO CREATE A TEAM OF AS MANY SIMILAR LEVELED DANCERS AS POSSIBLE. WHERE THERE IS A CLEAR BREAK IN ABILITY/SCORES WILL DETERMINE THOSE THAT DO/DON'T MAKE THE TEAM.

WE WILL ACCEPT AS MANY DANCERS AS WE FEEL WE CAN PROVIDE A FULL, SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE.

AUDITIONS ARE CLOSED TO PARENTS. SCORES ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE RELEASED FOLLOWING AUDITIONS.

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CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE IN MORNING REHEARSAL IS REQUIRED.

Summer Schedule

OPTIONAL, BUT ENCOURAGED
DROP IN CLASSES AT DW|ATX

TECHNIQUE CLASSES

**9 WEEKS OFFERED,
JUNE 8 - AUG 6
SCHEDULE ON DW|ATX
WEBSITE.**

When selecting classes,
please prioritize
Ballet and Jazz
In addition, consider hip hop,
turns/jumps, contemporary

DIVERSITY DANCE INTENSIVE

**OPTIONAL BUT ENCOURAGED
JUNE 8-11 AND/OR AUG 3-6
9-3PM DANCE CAMP**

Competition Choreo

CDT members will learn two routines to compete at two local competitions in the spring. Members will also perform in a pep rally.

School Year

AUGUST 18, 2026 - FEB 2027

MORNING REHEARSALS

REQUIRED

**TUESDAYS 7:30-8:30AM
AND
THURSDAYS 7:30-8:30AM**

ELECTIVES

REQUIRED FIRST 2 TRIMESTERS

**MONDAY AND FRIDAY
DURING ELECTIVE PERIODS**

RECOMMENDED, NOT REQUIRED

**ADDITIONAL WEEKLY CLASSES
AT DANCERS WORKSHOP**

DANCERS WORKSHOP MEMBERSHIP FEE INCLUDED IN CDT FEES. ADDITIONALLY, CDT MEMBERS RECEIVE 10% OFF DANCERS WORKSHOP TUITION.

Elective Period

Dancers Workshop will bring staff in on Mondays and Fridays for elective periods to offer different genres of dance. CDT members are required to participate in the first 2 trimesters.

Year long calendar will be published in May/June

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COST BREAKDOWN

Fees

\$500 - Due June 1 (commitment fee)

\$350 monthly - Due Sept 1, Oct 1, Nov 1, Jan 1, Feb 1

Includes:

Choreography for two Routines

Two costumes

Competition Earrings

Two morning rehearsals, per week, for choreography

Dedicated administrative support with Dancers Workshop

Competition Entry Fees for 2 local events

Instruction during 2 elective periods per week

Membership Fee for classes at Dancers Workshop

10% discount on Dancers Workshop technique classes

for the 2026-2027 season

Staffing to facilitate 1 Pep Rally Performance

Staffing for Competitions

Does Not Include:

Team Rehearsal Uniform (Estimated \$75 for the set)

Rehearsal and Performance Shoes

Needed performance undergarments

Required Team Gear (Estimated \$150-\$175)

Anything not listed above

Compass Dance Team

Rehearsal & Team Wear

Your Collection



EXAMPLE



Required Shoes

Carmael Jazz
Shoes

Sneakers, Any style for
rehearsal. TBA for
competition



Purchase shoes through DW or any dance wear store

COMPASS DANCE TEAM ATTENDANCE AND INJURY POLICY



REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE:

Dancers are expected to attend all morning rehearsals two times weekly. Attendance is tracked. Although we do not want kids coming to rehearsal contagious, ongoing absences regardless of reason cannot be accommodated. Dancers are expected to learn any choreography or changes made before the next rehearsal meets.

Fall Semester:

- 4th Absence (notified or unexcused): A phone meeting will be scheduled to discuss attendance and expectations.
- 5th + Absence (notified or unexcused): Dancers may be removed from routine(s) and re-blocking may be done. Dancers may not be re-added into choreography and they will be considered an alternate going forward through the end of the season. This is at the discretion of the director and what is best for the team, at large.

Spring Semester:

- There will not be any excused absences in the spring as it significantly impacts your dancer and their team

PRE-COMPETITION ATTENDANCE:

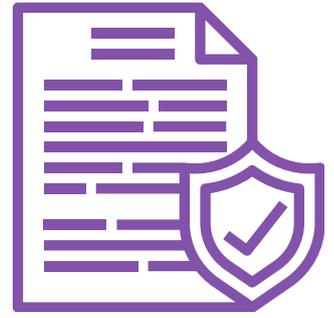
Dancers must attend and participate fully in rehearsals during the two weeks prior to any performance or competition. Failure to do so may result in removal from routines for the dancer's safety and the success of the team.

IN THE EVENT YOUR DANCER IS INJURED:

If a dancer is injured during competition season and unable to dance, directors may remove them from some or all routines. Injured dancers must still attend all classes and rehearsals. Fees remain due in full to stay on the team, and competition fees are non-refundable/non-transferable. To compete, dancers must be dancing full-out in proper attire during the two weeks leading up to competition.

IN THE EVENT YOU ARE SICK:

If you are contagious, do not come to rehearsal. Email dwatxcompass@gmail.com as to why you will be absent and stay home. Doctors notes may be requested for ongoing absences due to illness.



Code of Conduct

At Dancers Workshop, we are committed to fostering a culture of respect, accountability, and teamwork. All dancers and parents are expected to uphold the following standards throughout the season:

TRUST, RESPECT AND KINDNESS

- Trust in the program and respect all decisions made by directors and instructors.
- Communicate respectfully with staff and fellow families at all times.
- Support and contribute to a community of kindness between the dancers, parents and staff.

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

- Maintain a supportive and encouraging environment in rehearsals, at Dancers Workshop and at events.
- Negative talk, gossip, or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

COMMITTMENT

- Honor your time and financial commitments to the team.
- Ensure consistent attendance, punctuality, and preparedness for all rehearsals and performances.

COMMUNICATION

- Stay informed by reading all emails and team updates.
- Direct all questions to the appropriate staff via email.

STUDIO POLICIES

- Follow all guidelines related to dress code, costumes, outside training, and competition expectations.
- Phones and smart watches must remain off and stored during rehearsals.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Dancers and parents are responsible for knowing and following all Compass/Dancers Workshop policies.
- Repeated issues may result in removal from routines or the program.



STAY UP TO DATE

We pride ourselves on exceptional communication. Here's how you can stay up to date!

Compass GOOGLE CLASS &/or GROUP ME

We currently utilize Group Me for communication. We are still finalizing what makes the most sense for communication throughout the season for Compass. This will be finalized following auditions in May.

DIRECTORS' EMAILS

It's vital that we have YOUR accurate email. If you change your email, please notify Dancers Workshop. Directors are always available to answer any questions.

Compass Director - Ashley Kwasna | Asst. Director - Robyn Riojas
dwatxcompass@gmail.com

Dancers Workshop Director: Shannon Orosco
info@dancersworkshopaustin.com

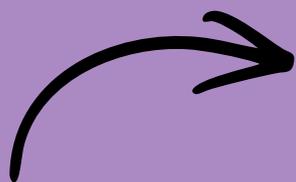
NEWSLETTERS

Directors will email you a monthly Studio Newsletter. These newsletters are great resources to recap what is on the horizon for Dancers Workshop. We will email specific Compass emails about the program.

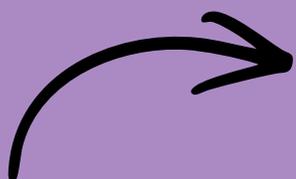
SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay up to date on all studio wide events! You may even see your dancer featured on our social media.

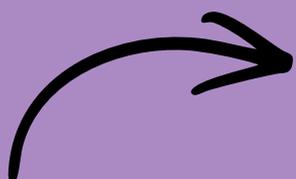




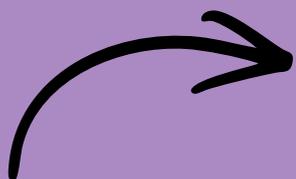
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compass page on DW website



summer evening session classes



summer intensives