



Edgez Dance Performing Team Handbook 2022 - 2023


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Edgez Dance Performing Team (EDPT)

2022 - 2023 Handbook

EDPT is open to all students starting at 5 years and older who audition and are accepted into EDPT by Ms. Melissa and EDPT staff. As an EDPT member, your student will be held to a higher standard within their regular classes and performances outside Edgez Dance. ***It's not that your student is better than anyone, but they are part of EDPT.*** This means that the student will be looked up to by Edgez Dance students and represent Edgez Dance in front of judges at competitions and audience members at all performances. Therefore, we push EDPT members harder in classes and rehearsals than other students that just come once a week. **Students that do not meet our standards and/or fail to follow our EDPT rules can be removed from our team at any time in the dance season. ALL EDPT fees for attended rehearsals and attire will be due regardless of removal from the team.**


EDPT Fees

	<u>Ruby</u> (Level 1) Age 5+	<u>Sapphire</u> (Level 2) Age 7+	<u>Amethyst</u> (Level 3) Ages 7+	<u>Diamond</u> (Level 4) Ages 9+
Must be enrolled in 1 class at Edgez Dance for the dance season	Total hours per year: 21 Year: \$168 Monthly: \$24 (Sept only) \$18 October - May	Total hours per year: 25.75 Year: \$206 Monthly: \$30 (Sept only) \$22 October - May	Total hours per year: 33 Year: \$264 Monthly: \$40 (Sept only) \$28 October - May	Total hours per year: 33 Year: \$264 Monthly: \$40 (Sept only) \$28 October - May

EDPT fees are \$8.00 per hour; This fee covers rehearsal time for the studio space, choreography & instruction during EDPT rehearsal. The fee is fixed and is added to each student's monthly tuition. **EDPT tuition is charged for nine (9) months which will be for the months of September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, & May. All EDPT tuition must be paid before rehearsals begin. EDPT tuition will be due on the 2nd of each month along with regular tuition.** If additional rehearsals for EDPT are scheduled, there will not be any additional charge. This monthly fee doesn't cover competition rehearsal/fees, costumes, event tickets or parking. *If you are removed from the team you will be charged for all rehearsals that your student(s) participated in.*

Teams

To better focus on our students, we will be separating the students based on age and then skill level. Students may/may not meet the age level of a team but might be placed in a different group because of their technique, ability to focus, or choreography retention. Students can be moved from one team to the other if it will benefit the student and/or the team. We will have one team captain for all of EDPT and a selected team leader per team (if available/leadership is shown). If a team has more than 10 students it may or may not be split into two groups.

	Ruby (Level 1) Age 5+	Sapphire (Level 2) Age 7+	Amethyst (Level 3) Ages 7+	Diamond (Level 4) Ages 11+
Must be enrolled in 1 class at Edgez Dance for the dance season	✓	✓	✓	✓
Minimum years at Edgez Dance	New students accepted	New students accepted	1 year	3 years
Choreography: Holiday interchangeable choreography	✓	✓	✓	✓
Choreography: 2 Stationary/Moving Parade	✓	✓	✓	✓
Choreography: Community Bow			✓	✓
Choreography: Exclusive to Team				✓
Choreography: Competition Group Mandatory	Elective	✓	✓	✓

Attendance, Absences, and Discipline

EDPT members are allowed to miss 15% of total EDPT rehearsal hours. Meaning students are allowed ***the maximum hours as listed below for team rehearsals within the season August - May.***

A student that misses more than the allotted hours as listed will be withdrawn from EDPT for the current season. EDPT students are expected to attend all events that are scheduled in the EDPT calendar. Students must be excused by the director on a case-by-case basis in order to miss more performances than listed in the chart.

	<u>Ruby</u>	<u>Sapphire</u>	<u>Amethyst</u>	<u>Diamond</u>
Excused Absences	3.15	4	5	6
Optional attendance for all community events	✓	✓		
Can miss 5 community events			✓	
Can miss 3 community events				✓

- Students that are excessively goofing off/disruptive during rehearsal time may be dismissed and if so, will have their attendance time of 15 minutes deducted.
- **Students that arrive 5 minutes after rehearsal time has started will have that time deducted from their attendance hours.**
- Exceptions to hours counted from September – June (Dancer sick - vomiting or contagious, family deaths, car accidents, etc.) will be looked at on a case-by-case basis.
- ***With advance notice, virtual participation may be offered.***
- Students with an overdue account cannot attend EDPT rehearsal and will have their attendance hours deducted accordingly.
- If you are going to be absent, you **MUST EMAIL or CALL IN. No-show students will have their FULL TIME MISSED DEDUCTED FROM THEIR ATTENDANCE COUNT AND CANNOT BE EXCUSED. Students that NO-SHOW 3 TIMES WITHOUT notification will be withdrawn from the team as they will be considered unreliable.** Please leave a voicemail, text message, or email if there is no answer to your phone call.

Choreography Adjustments

- Students that choose to not practice at home and do not show memorization of choreography will be removed from that section
- Students who miss practices may or may not be choreographed into a section that was taught during the missed practice.
- Any “special part” (solo, duo, small group section) choreographed can be given to another student at any time with the change of artistic vision.

All choreography can be adjusted/modified to remove floorwork for concrete surfaces at events. Students are allowed to seek suggestions from choreographers but should be done PRIOR to the event.

EDPT Requirements

- All EDPT members must be enrolled and attend at least one (1) Edgez Dance class.
- It is recommended, but not required, that EDPT students take a Ballet or Jazz class for technique and skills used for EDPT.
- EDPT students are required to stay for the duration of each rehearsal – unless dismissed.
- ALL EDPT students or members should block out Fridays from 7:00p – 9:30p for rehearsals and Saturdays & Sundays should remain fully open for rehearsals & performances.
- All EDPT members are allowed/should arrive AT LEAST 10 MINUTES before the scheduled time listed in the Google Calendar to stretch and go over routines.
- In the event of natural disasters or a pandemic, EDPT may continue in person or shift to online.

EDPT Rehearsal Attire Requirements

- Students should wear black & form-fitting attire to all rehearsals
 - Ladies: Black leotard or unitard, black shorts (with skin tone tights) or black leggings (Students may have colors on their black attire but it should be in mostly black)
 - Male/Non-Binary: Black fitted t-shirt, Black fitted, shorts, jeggings or joggers.
 - This helps the teacher with lines and cleanliness through technique building and choreography.
 - Students unwilling or unable to change will have 15 minutes deducted from their attendance time.
- Students will conduct rehearsal in Tan Jazz Shoes for ladies or Black Jazz Shoes for gentlemen.
 - Half soles or ballet shoes will be allowed as a substitute if students are missing their shoes.
- Black Jazz Sneakers will be used for outside rehearsals and performances only AND should be brought for parade
- **ALL EDPT/ EDGEZ DANCE ATTIRE RULES APPLY TO EACH DANCER AT EVERY STUDIO EVENT REGARDLESS OF LOCATION (I.E. COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES, COMPETITION, MASTER CLASSES, ETC.)**

All students that do not have all-black attire would be required to change either by purchasing attire from Edgez Dance, a parent bringing new clothes or going home to change (attendance time will be deducted accordingly)

Parent Conduct

- At competition: No parents should be in the dressing room unless assisting with dancers; parents are allowed to congratulate dancers backstage but for space, parents and dancers not dancing should be in the audience. If space is available, dancers may support their friends from the wings.
- Accountability is an important life skill; parents should avoid criticizing or blaming staff/other parents or students in order to avoid blame on themselves or gaining an advantage in the situation.
- Staff will be in charge of/responsible for students prior to their piece/performance and during the piece/performance. Following the piece/performance, parents will be responsible for their student(s) at the event/competition.
- Any situation regarding rehearsal time changes, attire questions, performance preference, etc. MUST BE DISCUSSED WITH Ms. Melissa for approval. Discussions of situations with other staff members will not be sufficient for approval.
- Parents that are difficult to work with throughout the EDPT season can be dismissed if tensions arise where it affects the student/team.
- Difficult to work with parents are ones who:
 - a . Haven't read our newsletters, handbooks, or emails and challenge instructors/staff on policies and statements.
 - b . Gossiping or spreading false information about students/staff/other parents in any location (the studio, the parking lot, online, etc)
 - c . Parents that are unsatisfied with the services that Edgez Dance is providing

Parent consequences (Example: cursing at instructors, talking over instructors, arguing with instructors, being disrespectful to instructors)

1. Acknowledgment of the situation followed up with an email
2. Final notice: Dismissal from the studio for the day, followed up with an email.
3. Removal from the team or removal from the studio as a whole

Student Conduct

- All EDPT members are expected to practice outside of class time.
- Students should use the bathroom before the start of rehearsals/performances.
- Any situation regarding rehearsal time changes, attire questions, performance preference, etc. MUST BE DISCUSSED WITH Ms. Melissa for approval. Discussions of situations with other staff members will not be sufficient for approval.
- Accountability is an important life skill, students should avoid criticizing or blaming staff/other parents or students in order to avoid blame on themselves or gaining an advantage in the situation.
- It is apparent to an instructor that a student is not practicing at home and they will be removed from choreography, if it puts the student or team in danger.
- When absent, it will be the student's responsibility to learn any material missed and ask fellow dancers to help.
- It is your job as an EDPT member to help other EDPT member to the best of your ability if you are asked.
- As an EDPT member, if you get injured before rehearsal, at rehearsal, or at a performance you MUST notify Ms. Melissa as soon as possible. Injured dancers will not be allowed to perform to avoid further injury. If you dance on an injury without notifying Ms. Melissa, you can make your injury worse.
- We can not help you if we do not know the problem. If you are struggling with choreography, have an injury, feel lightheaded, etc, you should notify Ms. Melissa or a co-director of EDPT.
- Any EDPT member or dance parents found participating in gossip or bullying about students or staff will be talked to ONCE about the situation. If any further situations arise, that EDPT member or family may be removed from the EDPT and/or the studio.
- As an EDPT member, EDPT Staff and your fellow team members expect you to complete your commitment to the team from August through June of the dance season.
- Any competition solo, duet, trio, or group performance may or may not be selected by the EDPT staff to perform at EDPT events & may or may not be performed at the recital.
- All EDPT students should bring ALL EDPT attire & accessories to ALL events!! Students missing attire may not be allowed to participate.
- WATER, WATER, WATER. Water is the proper hydration and as an EDPT member, you should have a water bottle with you at rehearsal and performances. Please bring multiple water bottles or big bottles to avoid running out of water!

Student Consequences

For students that have a poor attitude such as faces, body language, eye rolls, strong exhales, verbally complaining, etc. the consequences will be as follows:

1. The student will be talked to and asked to change their behavior.
2. The student will be dismissed from the rehearsal for 5 minutes to recollect their thoughts and rejoin rehearsal with a fresh mindset.
3. The student will be dismissed fully from the remainder of rehearsal and will have their attendance hours deducted that they miss.

As human beings, we all have off days, but overall students should want to be there for EDPT.

During rehearsal consequences can include (Example: talking over instructors, arguing with instructors, being disrespectful to instructors) (Situation does apply to their other classes/with other instructors)

1. Apology in front of class
2. Written apology
3. Community performance pulls
4. Cutting them out of selected parts in competitions/recital routines
5. Withdrawn from EDPT

Venue/Competition Etiquette

- When out at venues/competitions, Edgez Dance expects all students and parents to be on their best behavior. As a student or as a parent, you will be representing Edgez Dance in front of competition judges, venue patrons, dance community members, and potential dance parents of Edgez Dance
- Students are expected to remain humble, accept compliments/be thankful, be courteous to others, compliment others on their performance, etc.
- Parents/students are expected to be supportive of all students, including those that aren't theirs, even non-EDPT members and as such, should not engage in gossip with anyone, remain humble and be the bigger individual in the situation.

Performances

The number of performances during the season depends on how many of our applications are accepted by the venues or events. Due to the current presence of COVID-19, performance venues may cancel or change dates/times with or without notice.

Performer's event tickets are sometimes provided for free by the venue. If they are not, then parents will be expected to purchase a ticket for their students. Parents and other spectators will have to pay for any event tickets and parking to enter the venue unless it is a free event.

Even though a performance/rehearsal may not be scheduled, it can be added/required as a new performance with a 14-day notice.

Event meet-ups and times will be given in an email at least 7 days before. Some events are new for EDPT staff and meet-up locations may not be known. Emails will contain all the vital information known to EDPT Staff. EDPT is sometimes invited to last-minute events.

If parents/students give less than 14 days of non-attendance at an event, they will not be able to perform at the next event (will still be required to be at the event).

If the parents/students choose to decline the opportunity to perform a specific number/piece at a community event then they will not be allowed to perform that number/piece at the next community event.

Optional Performances

If an event is listed in the calendar as optional students do not have to attend. Arrival time will still be required and students that show up 15 minutes past will not perform. As a courtesy, you can let Edgez Dance know if you are not attending but it is not required to notify Edgez Dance. There is NO penalty for missing optional performance

Arrival for Performances

Students will be given a call time to arrive at the said location for a performance. Students who miss warm-up time **WILL NOT** perform for safety reasons. It will not be held against their attendance, if they show up, in regards to missing a performance. We understand that life happens but we ask parents to plan time accordingly. Even if you live 15 minutes from a venue you should allow yourself time to park and walk to the location. Contact Ms. Melissa with concerns about arrival time if you are running late.

- While waiting to perform, we generally gather all the students in one location. We ask that parents do not pull students aside to a different location.
- Please note, most if not all our performances are outdoors so feel free to bring your student/yourself a fan, fold-out chairs, multiple water bottles, hats, or other ways to keep them and yourself cool and hydrated.

Eating before a performance

Students should have a healthy and filling meal prior to arrival for a performance/competition. Students may/may not have time to eat prior to being on stage. For students' well-being, EDPT instructors will not send a student who is lightheaded on stage to avoid the risk of fainting.

Car Rides

Students may ride with other dance parents or Edgez Dance Staff to/from events, rehearsals, or performances but should sign the rider waiver, therefore, releasing any liability of the driver.

Lobby

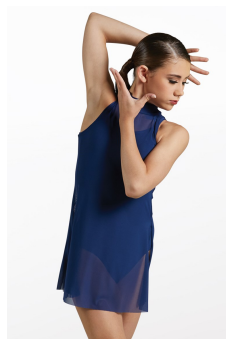
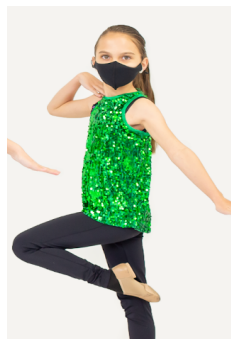
During rehearsals, our lobby is limited to 1 parent or guardian per dancer. Parents are allowed but not required to stay during EDPT practices. Any parents willing and/or able to help with props, costumes, or décor may stay and help.

Attire

EDPT members will have a set attire for the 2022 - 2023 season. Parents can choose to pay for attire upfront or split it into two payments as listed in the calendar.

Ladies - Required

<u>Ruby</u>	<u>Sapphire</u>	<u>Amethyst</u>	<u>Diamond</u>
CAMISOLE HIGH BACK LEOTARD (MT12129)			
(Sizes: XSC - XLC) \$18.00 → (Sizes: XSA - XXLA) \$18.00			
\$7 (Rhinestone Earrings) or \$8 (Clip-on Rhinestone Earrings)			
\$4.00 Freeflow Dance Socks			
SPARKLE FLYAWAY TANK TOP (Purple)			
(Sizes: XSC - XLC) \$37.00 → (Sizes: XSA - LA) \$41.00 → (Sizes: XLA - XXLA) \$47.00			
HIGH RISE FULL LENGTH LEGGINGS (MT12465)			
(Sizes: XSC - XLC) \$23.00 → (Sizes: XSA - LA) \$25.00 → (Sizes: XLA - XXLA) \$25.00			
None			MESH TUNIC OVERDRESS (D10664) SHORTS (SQ8252) (BLUE) (Sizes: XSC - XLC) \$27.00 → (Sizes: XSA - XXLA) \$32..00



Gentleman/Non-Binary - Required

<u>Ruby</u>	<u>Sapphire</u>	<u>Amethyst</u>	<u>Diamond</u>
None			BOYS MESH BACK SHIRT (MJ10960) (Navy) (Sizes: XSC - XLC) \$20.00 → (Sizes: XSA - LA) \$22.00 → (Sizes: XLA - XXLA) \$24.00
METALLIC CREW NECK SHIRT (Emerald) \$21 (METALLIC CREW NECK SHIRT - Child) or \$23 (METALLIC CREWNECK SHIRT - Adult)			
\$32 (TWILL JOGGER PANTS - Child) or \$37 (TWILL JOGGER PANTS - Adult)			
\$4.00 Freeflow Dance Socks			



All Teams - Required

- \$7.50 METALLIC MITTS
- \$8.50 SOLID COLOR TOP HAT



- Ladies: \$28 (Sizes: 8 - 3) & \$31 (Sizes: 4 - 13) SPARKLE POP DANCE SNEAKER (W350)
- Gentlemen: \$58.00 (Sizes: 5 - 13) PASTRY STUDIO TRAINER (PA17205)



- \$8.00 (BLOCH B-SAFE BREATHABLE FACE MASK) For required performance



TEAM JACKET REQUIRED (Diamond, Amethyst & Sapphire): \$68.00 (includes tax) →
Customized with name in front or Dance Mom, Dance Dad, etc.



EDPT Exclusive Attire



TEAM JERSEYS (OPTIONAL): \$45.00 (includes tax)

Customized with name in front or Dance Mom, Dance Dad, etc.

(Mockup not completed)

Leggings - \$42.00 (includes tax) & Racerback Tanks - \$31.00 (includes tax) (CAN BE WORN FOR REHERASALS/MASTERCLASSES)

Competition Attire



Customized Muscle Tanks - \$32.00 (includes tax)

Bandana \$2.00 (includes tax)

*Use of EDPT Leggings/Joggers & Sneakers from required EDPT attire

EDPT Perks

- \$10 off Recital Performance Package
- 1 pair of tights included with outfit purchase
- EDPT Go-Kit (red lipstick, brown eyeshadow, 2 hair ties, hairspray, bobby pins, safety pins, hand sanitizer) - 1 per season free of charge (Please replace the items used so you always have these items)
- Makeup bag with name every 3 seasons allowed to redeem a free new bag. Replacement bag prior is \$5.00
- EDPT Tote Bag with name - One per dancer free of charge (every 3 seasons allowed to redeem a new bag): Replacement bag is \$15.00

- 10% off other merchandise throughout the year (September – May) (Must ask for discount)

EDPT Bag

What to have in your EDPT bag for **EVERY** rehearsal/performance:

- Multiple water bottles
- No-spill, easy, energy-providing, healthy snack
- A Mask (For performance: Black - Bloch B-Safe Mask)
- Jazz shoes (Ladies: Skin-toned → Gentlemen: Black)
- Dance Sneakers (Black/White)
- EDPT Go-Kit

Food/Drinks

Students should bring **multiple** water bottles depending on the length of rehearsal or a performance. Students will also be given a snack break if rehearsal is longer than 2 hours. Students should bring a no-spill, easy, energy-providing, healthy snack such as: *Fruits, Veggies, Protein bars, Popcorn, Trail Mix, Nuts, Cheese Sticks, Pretzels, Raisins, Crackers, etc.*

Instructors **will not** allow students to eat sugary/spicy chips, cake, candy, fast food, and other greasy foods that may lead to the student feeling bloated and/or having less energy to make it through practice or a performance successfully. The student will be asked to put the food away to save for after rehearsal/performance.

Students are allowed to eat in costume but only during designated snack breaks or free times between downtime at rehearsal/performance.

COVID, Refunds, & Cancellations

During the current state of health Edgez Dance CAN NOT guarantee any performances. There is still uncertainty about events and those that are holding events may change their events to be smaller, mask required, virtual, or canceled altogether. Edgez Dance will try to keep open communication on all events and competitions. If events are canceled the vendor itself will decide on what refunds, if any, will happen. Edgez Dance has a no refund, and no return policy for EDPT attire. Likewise, parents/guardians are not eligible for a refund on any tuition for instruction that was provided whether that be in-person or virtual.

Edgez Dance will resume creative choreography incorporating partner work and lifts. If you have any comments or concerns about your student's participation in partner work/lifts please talk with Ms. Melissa.

Masks

Edgez Dance will be requiring masks for EDPT during rehearsals and performances should it be requested by the event, county, state, or government. We will ask that students bring a mask for all EDPT rehearsals and performances. Students are required to purchase the Bloch mask for performances.

Some performance venues may not require masks. In order to ensure all our dancers are comfortable, there will be anonymous votes. If *any* dancer wishes to wear a mask, all the dancers will wear masks to present a consistent appearance.

Handbook Changes

The policies, procedures, dates, times, and fees listed in this handbook are subject to change at any time without notice.