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# Edgez Dance Summer Team Handbook (Summer 2023)

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Our 2023 Summer Team is open to all students starting at 7 years and older that audition and are accepted by Ms. Melissa and staff. As a Summer Team member, your student will be held to a higher standard within their regular classes, performances, and outside of Edgez Dance. ***It's not that your student is better than anyone, but they are part of the team who is supposed to represent the studio at the highest level.*** This means that the student will be looked up to by Edgez Dance students and will be representing Edgez Dance in front of judges at competitions and audience members at all performances. Therefore, we push members a little harder in classes and rehearsals than other students that just come to classes.

**Students that do not meet our standards and/or follow our rules can be removed from our team at any time in the dance season. ALL fees and attire will be due regardless of the student's attendance on the team.**

## EDST Fees

EDGEZ DANCE SUMMER TEAM PRICING
Summer Team Tuition (16 hours)
One-Time \$152.00
Monthly \$32.00 (MARCH ONLY) \$30.00 per month: April, May, June, and July

This fee covers rehearsal time for the studio space, choreography & instruction during rehearsal. The fee is fixed and is added to each student's monthly tuition. **Tuition is charged for 5 months March, April, May, June & July. All tuition must be paid before a student can participate in rehearsals. Tuition will be due on the 2nd of each month along with class tuition.**

If additional rehearsals are scheduled, parents will be notified of the charges.

*This fee doesn't cover costumes, event tickets, or parking.*

*If you are removed from the team, you will be charged for all rehearsals that your student(s) have participated in.*

# Teams

1 Team for Summer: Ideal ages 7 and up

## EDST Requirements

- All members must be enrolled and attend at least one (1) Edgez Dance class during June/July 2023.
- It is recommended, but not required, that students take a Ballet or Jazz class for technique and skills used in team dances.
- Students are required to stay for the duration of each rehearsal – unless dismissed.
- Members should block out all dates listed in the calendar and remain fully open for performances on Saturday or Sunday.
- Even though a performance or rehearsal may not be scheduled, the schedule can be changed with a 14-day notice.
- All members are to arrive AT LEAST 10 minutes before scheduled rehearsal time to handwash, stretch, and go over routines.
- In the event of natural disasters or a pandemic, the team will continue by revising and rehearsals could be conducted online.

# EDST 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.)

# EDST Conduct

- All members are expected to practice outside class time.
- It is apparent to an instructor when a student is not practicing at home, and the student 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 a fellow dancer to help.
- It is your job as a member to help other members, if you are asked to, to the best of your ability.
- As a 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 light-headed, etc., you should notify Ms. Melissa or a co-director.
- Any member or dance parents found participating in gossip or bullying about students or staff will be talked to ONCE about the situation. Any further situation that arises, that member or family may be removed from the team and/or the studio.
- As a team member, our staff and your fellow team members expect you to complete your commitment to the team from March 2023 through July 2023.
- All students should bring ALL attire & accessories to ALL events!!
- WATER, WATER, WATER. Water is the proper hydration, and you should have a water bottle with you at rehearsal and performances. Please bring multiple water bottles to avoid running out of water!

## Venue/Competition Etiquette

- When out at venues/competitions, Edgez Dance expects all students and parents to be on their best behavior. As a student and 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 and be thankful for them, be courteous to others, compliment others in their performance, etc.
- Parents/students are expected to be supportive of all students, including those that aren't theirs, even non-Edgez Dance members, should not engage in gossip with anyone, remain humble, accept compliments, be thankful for them, etc.

## Performances

The number of performances of 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.

Performers' 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.

***Event meet-ups and times will be given in an email at least 7 days before.*** Some events are new for staff and meet-up locations may not be known. Emails will contain all the vital information known to staff. Sometimes we are invited to last-minute events, and we can choose to schedule a new performance with a 14-day notice.

## 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, with regard 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 a fan, multiple water bottles, hats, or any other way to keep them cool and hydrated.

## 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.

# Calendar

Edgez Dance Summer Team Rehearsal Schedule on Google Calendar:

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=classroom109846604756838344277%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew\\_York](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=classroom109846604756838344277%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York)

## Attendance, Absences, and Discipline

Summer Team members are allowed to miss 15% of total EDST rehearsal hours. Meaning, students are allowed **2.5 excused hours for all team rehearsals between March to July.**

A student that misses more than the excused rehearsal will be withdrawn from EDST for the current season. EDST students are expected to attend all events that are scheduled. Students can be excused by the director on a case-by-case basis to miss up to 2 performances.

- Students that are excessively goofing off/disruptive during rehearsal time may be dismissed and if so, will have their hours deducted.
- Students that arrive **5 minutes or more after rehearsal time** has started will receive that time deducted from their hour's count.
- Exceptions to hours count (Dancer sick/vomiting or contagious, family deaths, car accidents, etc.) will be looked at on a case-by-case basis. The student may be offered to participate virtually.
- Students with an overdue account cannot attend EDST rehearsal and will have their hours deducted accordingly.
- If you are going to be absent, you should *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.
- Students who are sick and/or can't come into rehearsal physically may be allowed to be virtual learners for that day.

## Choreography

- 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.
- Choreography will include formations while social distancing when possible.

## Dance Bag

What to have in your dance 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: Tan → Gentlemen: Black)

## Attire

EDST members will have a set attire for the Summer Performances. Payment is due March 11th.

### Ladies - Required

- HIGH RISE FULL-LENGTH LEGGINGS (MT12465)
  - (Sizes: XSC - XLC) \$23.00
  - (Sizes: XSA - LA) \$25.00
  - (Sizes: XLA - XXL) \$25.00



- SPARKLE FLYAWAY TANK TOP (Kelly)
  - (Sizes: XSC - XLC) \$37.00
  - (Sizes: XSA - LA) \$41.00
  - (Sizes: XLA - XXL) \$47.00



- Fringe Shorts (MT3228)
  - (Sizes: XSC - XLC) \$29.00
  - (Sizes: SA - XLA) \$34.00



- Neon Visor (HAT70)
  - \$9.00





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- CAMISOLE HIGH BACK LEOTARD (MT12129)
    - (Sizes: XSC - XLC) \$18.00
    - (Sizes: XSA - XXLA) \$18.00



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- Skin Toned Tights
    - Child \$6.50
    - Adult \$7.50



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- \$7 (Rhinestone Earrings)
  - \$8 (Clip-on Rhinestone Earrings)



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- FREEFLOW DANCE SOCKS \$4



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- Skin-Toned Tan Jazz Shoes
    - \$26.00 Child
    - \$28.50 Adult
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- SPARKLE POP DANCE SNEAKER (W350)
    - Child \$28 (Sizes: 8 - 3)
    - Adult \$31 (Sizes: 4 - 13)



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## 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: *Fruit, Veggies, Protein bars, Popcorn, Trail Mix, Nuts, Cheese Sticks, Pretzels, Raisins, Crackers, etc.*

Students that eat sugary chips, candy, fast food and other greasy food may feel bloated and have less energy to make it through practice or a performance successfully.

## Covid-19, 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, no return policy for EDST attire and all services already rendered. Likewise, parents/guardians are not eligible for a refund on any tuition for instruction that was provided, whether that be in-person or virtual.

## Masks

During the current state of health, Edgez Dance will be masking up for rehearsals or performances. We will ask that students bring a mask for all rehearsals and performances. Students are required to purchase the Bloch mask for performances but can choose to wear their personal mask during rehearsals. Due to the multiple students in EDST, we will mask up when we are doing spot changes and/or full team rehearsals inside.

## Handbook Changes

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