

MOMENTUM PARENT POLICY HANDBOOK

2018 - 2019



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Introduction to Competitive Dancing at MDC

Season V: 2018 - 2019 Company Breakdown

THRIVE

- General Information:
 - For ages 6 to 11, it is a Hip Hop performance based company, performing for the SB community with the opportunity to compete.
- Season Requirements:
 - Required 2 hours of rehearsal each week - **\$130 Monthly Tuition**
 - 1 hour of hip-hop, 1 hour of choreography rehearsal
 - Compete at 1 competition
- Company Events:
 - Dancers are to perform at our annual June Company recital, they are invited to perform at community events, attend MDC company events.

BREAKTHROUGH

- General Information:
 - Introductory level for Competitive Company. Some dancers are training to potentially join company some dancers want a lesser time commitment while still maintaining the standards that make an great MDC dancer! Breakthrough dancers are able to pursue their love of dance in addition to other interests.
 - Breakthrough will be jazz focused this 2018-2019 season and will be divided into *Junior Breakthrough* (ages 7 to 12) and *Teen Breakthrough* (ages 13 to 18)
- Season Requirements:
 - Attend Audition Prep Camp
 - Required 3 hours of rehearsal per week. - **\$195 Monthly Tuition**
 - 1 hour of Jazz technique or leaps & turns, 1 hour of ballet 1 hour of choreography
- Company Events:
 - Breakthrough teams will perform in the Annual Company concerts. One on December 12th and 13th, 2018. The second one on June 23rd and 24th, 2019.
 - They will perform at local community events (see official calendar) and in our Company Production piece for the recitals.

- They may compete in extra dances during competitions if they audition and make a duet/trio/group dance.
- They may attend conventions with Competitive Company

COMPETITIVE COMPANY

- Mini Company(ages 5 to 7 years)
 - Compete in a minimum of one group dance for competition.
 - Required 2 hours of rehearsal per week. - **\$130 Monthly Tuition**
 - 1 hour of hip hop class and 1 hour of choreography.
 - Compete at three dance competitions and optional dance conventions. But will not compete at nationals during the summer.
 - Perform in our annual company concerts (December and June), participate in community events and our Production piece, as well as audition for any extra dances
- Petite Company (ages 7 to 10 years)
 - Attend Audition Prep Camp
 - Compete in a minimum of one group dance for competition.
 - Required 3 hours of rehearsal per week. - **\$195 Monthly Tuition**
 - 1 hour of Jazz technique, 1 hour of Hip Hop Technique, and 1 hour of choreography
 - Compete at three dance competitions and optional dance conventions. As well as compete at nationals during the summer.
 - Perform in our annual company concerts (December and June)
- Junior(Ages 9 to 12) / Teen(ages 13 to 15 / Senior(ages 16 to 18) Company.
 - Attend Audition Prep Camp
 - Attend a Choreography Camp
 - All Compete in a minimum of two group dances for competition.
 - Required 7 hours of rehearsal per week. - **\$392 Monthly Tuition**
 - 2 hours of Ballet
 - 1.5 hours of jazz technique and 1 hour of jazz choreography
 - 1.5 hours of contemporary technique and 1 hour of contemporary choreography
 - Compete in two regional competitions, attend two dance conventions + compete at one convention, and compete at one nationals competition during the Summer.
 - Perform at our annual Company Concerts (December and June), Production piece, audition for all extra dances and participate in community events
- Pro Company(ages 18+)

- Required 2 hours of rehearsal each week. - **\$130 Monthly Tuition**
 - 1 hour of technique and 1 hour choreography
- Perform at our annual Company Concerts (December and June), participate in our Production piece, in community events and compete in all extra dances for competition.

Attendance Policy

General

- All absences must be made up within 30 days
- Making up absences can be done in two ways:
 - The dancer can take a recreational class at the State Street studio that he/she is not currently enrolled in. Please see dance schedule on our website.
 - The dancer can schedule a private lesson.
- If parent/guardians know ahead of time their dancers will be missing a class, please call/email Momentum notifying our office of the absence. Please do not text the Director.
- If a dancer is injured (or non-contagiously sick) they are expected to come to rehearsal, sit-out and pay attention to what is being taught in the class.
- Emergency and most "out of town" absences are the only excused absences at Momentum that do not require class to be made up.. If you are planning on going out of town, sufficient notice must be provided to the director by the parent or guardian.
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Competition

- Attendance to competitions is vital to the being a company member. If a dancer misses competition for any reason (injury or a family death aside) said dancer will be cut from the dance for the remainder of the year.
- Absences during the week of competition are unacceptable. If a dancer misses a rehearsal and does not make it up before the next competition, or if he/she misses rehearsal the week of competition the dancer will be at risk of:
 - Having their solo pulled
 - If a dancer does not have a solo pulled, other privileges may be taken away at the Director's discretion

Choreography Camp

- If a dancer is not present during choreography camp, he/she but still pay the camp fee and must learn the missed choreography in private lessons at a rate of \$65 per hour.

Company Auditions

The "Culture" of Auditioning:

- The auditions are intended for the judges, choreographers, and director to see dancers shine! We encourage dancers to relax and have fun at the time of auditions. To feel at home with MDC's director and judging panel!

What to Wear:

- Please dress neat and clean so judges can see your lines. Hair must be worn off the face, so as to not distract the dancer during auditions. A change of clothes may be brought for the Hip Hop section.
- Shoe requirements:
 - Jazz section requires jazz shoes or paws (no socks please!)
 - Hip Hop section requires sneakers
 - Tap section requires tap shoes

Judges/Panel:

- Will include director and faculty, as well as additional guest judges
- All judges are trained in various/ multiple styles of dancing

Audition Registration:

- An MDC Audition Registration Form **MUST** be completely filled out and submitted by Monday, August 13th.
- A \$30 registration fee is due with your registration form by August 13th.

Audition Fees:

- If you are auditioning for Mini/Petite/Thrive: your audition fee will be \$25
- If you are auditioning for Breakthrough/Junior/Teen/Senior: your audition fee will be \$55.
- For each additional family member audition, you will get a \$15 dollar off discounted price per additional child in the family.

Audition Meetings:

- If you did not attend our May 1st meeting, you must attend a pre-audition meeting on the night of **August 13th** (first day of prep-audition camp) at **4:30 PM**.

Audition Schedule:

- Auditions for Momentum's Season V (2018-2019) Season will be held on August 25, 2018 at our State Street Studio.
- Timing Breakdown:

- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM = Minis and Petite Competitive Company and Thrive Auditions
- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM = Junior & Teen Breakthrough Auditions
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM = Junior, Teen and Senior Competitive Company Auditions

Post-Audition Day:

- Audition Results will be posted at the Olive Studio on August 26th at 12:00 PM.
- Mandatory Post-Audition meeting on Friday, August 31st at 7:00 PM for all parents and members who made their dance team to discuss expectations for the year.

Extra Dances : Breakthrough & Competitive Company

General Information:

- Extra dances include solo, duets, trios, and group dances, apart from required company dances.
- Breakthrough members are welcome to audition for duet/trio/group dances
- Every year you must audition for extra dances. Having an extra dances in a previous year does not guarantee you one this year.
- Dances can combine dancers from any company or age group

Auditions:

- Auditions for extra dances for the 2018-2019 season will be held on **Saturday - September 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.**
- Results will be posted at our Olive Street Studio on Sunday - September 23rd, 2018.

Extra Dances - Season Requirements:

- Additional group dances will require one hour of rehearsal per week as well as enrollment in a technique class specific to the style of the extra dance.

Solo Dance - Season Requirements:

- Solo dances are a privilege, as a soloist you are representing Momentum Dance Company. Soloist are meant to be the most elite, dedicated, and hardest working of all in our Momentum Dance Company.
- If a soloist is interested in an outside choreographer doing his/her solo, the director must approve the choreographer beforehand.
- **NEW SEASON 5 : Each soloist MUST schedule and maintain a monthly one hour private lesson with a technical instructor.**

- Soloist rehearsals are MANDATORY. They must attend at least two open solo rehearsal per month.
 - Open Rehearsal for solo dances (tentative scheduled times)
 - **Monday 7:45-8:45**
 - **Thursday, 5:30-6:30**
- If you cannot make your required two rehearsals per month, you must schedule additional private lessons with a MDC faculty instructor within 30 days of the missed rehearsal.
- Soloists will be responsible for logging their rehearsal hours, getting a signature from their instructor each time they attend a rehearsal.

Company Dance Details/Expectations

Production Dance

- Production is NOT a competitive piece, it is performed at the Company Concerts (December and June). It will be the closing performance at the shows.
- All Company, Breakthrough members are invited to participate.

Dance Props

- If you require a prop for one of your extra competitive dances, you are responsible for transporting the prop to and from ALL competitions.

Costumes

- All dancers are responsible for transporting all costumes and maintaining all pieces. If a dancer should lose a costume item, he/she will be responsible to pay for a replacement as well as the shipping/handling for the costume.
- Dancers will be responsible for rhinestoning select costumes this year.

Hair and Makeup

- A suggested color palette is available at MAC cosmetics for Momentum Dance Company. Our Contact is Shannon Jordan, available to help you locate these items at the State Street location. She is available at (805) 966-7901
 - Primer = "Painterly" paint pot
 - Blush = "Passionate" shadow blush
 - Eyes = "Courdoroy", "Brown Down" and "White Frost"
 - Lips: "More to Love", "MAC Red", "All Fired-Up"
- There is a night dedicated to teaching parents how to do competition makeup, hair, and rhinestoning. Mom's Night will be held **Saturday, November 10th**.
 - There is also a YouTube tutorial for the hair and makeup for MDC. Please follow this to answer any other questions.

Financial Information

Invoicing

- Invoices are monthly and will be sent out 10-12 days before they're due each month.

Payments

- Invoice payments are due on the 1st of every month.
- You can pay your invoice by credit card (on file or in person), cash, check, or Venmo (@Momentum).
- If you enroll in Autopay, there is a 4% fee added for each transaction (Square's charge for usage).
- Check payments can be made out to Momentum Dance Company. They can be hand-delivered to the studio or mailed to 818 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.
 - Please include your dancers first and last names on the memo of the check. This is so we may credit the proper account.

Overdue Invoices

- Invoices that are not paid by the 5th of the month will have a \$25 late fee added.
- If the invoice is not paid by the 15th of the month, Momentum will run the credit card we have on file (for all company members in case of this instance) for that month's invoices ONLY.
- Any student with an overdue balance of more than 60 days will not be allowed into class until payment in full is received or payment arrangements have been made.

Refunds and Credits

- Registration fees for competitions are non-refundable.
- Credit will NOT be given for missed classes due to illness or personal commitments. Dancers are highly encouraged to make up missed classes.
- Momentum Dance Company reserves the right to cancel and offered class with insufficient registration and a full refund will be given.

Company Deposit

- A \$500 Deposit will be due at the beginning of each season and applied to the June invoices at the end of the season.

Tuition Rates

- Our tuition rate is based on the entirety of the season (9-9.5 months), not on the number of classes each month.

- The season runs from August 27, 2018 - June 22nd, 2019.
- *Hourly Breakdown*
 - Please see Tuition handout for all companies

Competitions Fees (additional to tuition, varies per month)

- *Choreography* (approximately)
 - Due at the first rehearsal and it is an approximate value given as the total amount depends on the choreographer for the dance.
 - Solo Choreography Fee = \$350+
 - Duet/Trio Choreography Fee = \$150+ per person
 - Group Dance Choreography = \$100+ per person
- *Additional Dance & Solo Rehearsals* (approximately)
 - Must attend two per month once choreography for this piece is set. Being in more than one of each of these types of extra dances does not increase the payment per month.
 - Solo/Duet/Trio rehearsal fee = \$35 per month per person
- *Hotel and Transportation*
 - Varies depending on amount of people participating, location, hotel rates, etc.
- *Costumes*
 - A \$100 costume deposit is due for all company members on September 1st
 - All additional costumes are \$65 (recreational classes)
 - All costumes belong to you once they're purchased!
- *Conventions Fees* (approximately)
 - Between \$220-\$240 per dancer for the weekend of classes.
- *Competition Fees* (approximately)
 - Solos = \$120+ per dancer
 - Duets/Trios = \$60+ per dancer
 - Groups = \$55+ per dancer

Possible Additional Fees to Invoice

- *Private Lessons*
 - Private lessons requested for improvement = \$65 per hour
 - Private lessons requested for low attendance = \$85 per hour
- *MDC Apparel*
 - Available at the studios and by request.
 - We sell shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, sports bras, tank tops, etc.

Momentum Dance Company Authorization for Credit Card Use

PRINT AND COMPLETE THIS AUTHORIZATION AND RETURN.
All information will remain confidential

Name on Card: _____

Student Name: _____

Billing Address
(with Zip Code): _____

Credit Card Type: _____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Discover _____ Amex

Credit Card Number: _____

CVV Code: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Amount to Charge (Varies-Not to Exceed): \$ _____ (USD)

I authorize **Momentum Dance Company** to charge no more than the amount listed above to the credit card provided herein. I agree to pay for this purchase in accordance with the issuing bank cardholder agreement. Please note that all credit cards kept on file and charged will receive an additional 4% charge for each transaction.

Cardholder – Please Sign and Date

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Return the completed and signed form to the following:

Laura Woyach, DBA
CFO
Momentum Dance Company

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018-2019

**All Dates are based on the SB Unified School District official calendar.*

Community performance dates and Competition Dates (as schedules are not yet published) are tentative and subject to change.

- August 13: **4:30 MANDATORY Parent Information Meeting (Audition Registration Form is DUE)**
- August 13-17: Audition Prep Camp for ALL dancers wanting to audition for Breakthrough & Company
- August 25: **Company Auditions**
- August 31st - September 3rd Junior Company Choreography Camp 9-4pm
- August 29 - MANDATORY Company Meeting for All Company Parents and Dancers 6:30 - 8:30
- August 27: Fall Classes/Rehearsals begin
- September 3: Labor Day, NO CLASS
- September 7-9: Teen Company Choreography Camp
- September 14-16: Senior Company Choreo Camp
- September 22: Solo and Extra Dance Auditions—10 AM
- October (whole month): Bring a friend to Rec Class and receive a free month of one class in January!
- October 6: MDC Day at the Beach—12 PM
- October 19-21: Boo at the Zoo** (tentative)
- October 27: Company Sleepover at State Street Studio - 6:30 PM
- October 24-30: Halloween Costume Week
- October 31: Halloween No CLASS
- November 10: Mom's Night 6:30-8 PM
- November 12: Veterans' Day Observed NO CLASS
- November 19-23rd Thanksgiving Break, NO CLASS
- December 7: Santa Barbara Holiday Parade
- December 7-9: Radix (Convention in Anaheim) Mandatory Company
- December 12: Winter Company Concert Tech Rehearsal
- December 13: Winter Company Concert
- December 15- January 6th Winter Break
- January 7: Spring Classes/Rehearsals begin
- January 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, NO CLASS
- February 2: Company Rhinestone Day MANDATORY for all Companies
- February 8: GVJH Showcase *tentative
- February 8-10: 24Seven Dance Convention OPTIONAL
- February 15-17: Showstopper (Competition in Anaheim) Mandatory Company
- February 18: Presidents' Day, NO CLASS
- March 9: PICTURE DAY ROMARK
- March 22-24: KAR Dance Competition Redondo Beach, CA Company, Breakthrough & Thrive
- March 25-29: Spring Break, NO CLASS
- April 20: MUS Carnival
- April 26-28th: Velocity, Convention & Competition in Anaheim MANDATORY COMPANY**
- May 7: Parent Info Meeting 2019
- May 16-19: SHOWBIZ Dance Competition Riverside, CA OPTIONAL
- May 27: Memorial Day, NO CLASS
- June 21: Last day of Classes
- June 23: Spring Concert Tech Rehearsal
- June 23 & 24: Spring Concert
- June 29 - July 5: KAR NATIONALS Las Vegas * Tentative

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By signing below, I _____, and my
daughter/son _____, acknowledge that we have read, agreed to,
and initialed all pages of the MDC Parent Handbook. By doing so, we understand the financial
and time commitments MDC Company and Breakthrough require as well as the implications
that follow missing rehearsals and/or leaving the Company and Breakthrough teams.

Parent Signature _____

Date: _____

Dancer Signature _____

Date: _____

