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RISE TEAM

HANDBOOK

2026-2027

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WELCOME TO

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This is where it all begins.

Rise is designed for dancers who are ready to take the next step in their training while still keeping a balanced and positive experience. It is the perfect place to build confidence, develop strong technique, and learn what it means to be part of a team.



Our Rise dancers are introduced to the structure, commitment, and excitement of performance in a way that supports growth at every level. We focus on strong fundamentals, performance quality, and creating a space where dancers feel proud of their progress.



Just as important, Rise is where friendships are built. Dancers learn how to support one another, celebrate each other's wins, and grow together. These connections become a big part of what makes the experience so special.



At Ignite, we believe in raising confident kids. That means teaching more than just choreography. We are building work ethic, accountability, and a mindset that will carry into every area of life.



Being part of Rise means showing up, supporting your teammates, and trusting the process. Every dancer plays an important role in building a positive and encouraging team environment.

We are so excited to watch your dancer grow this season.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



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BENEFITS OF JOINING

A DANCE TEAM AT IGNITE DANCE CENTER



BUILD CONFIDENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, AND RESILIENCE

Dance helps build self-belief and life skills that last a lifetime.



BE PART OF A POSITIVE, SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

We lift each other up, celebrate wins, and grow together.



TRAIN WITH PURPOSE AND BE PUSHED TO YOUR BEST

Our coaches challenge you to improve and reach your goals.



LEARN TO TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR PROGRESS

Consistency, hard work, and dedication lead to growth.



SET GOALS AND FOLLOW THROUGH

You'll learn the value of commitment and how to achieve what you set out to do.



CREATE REAL FRIENDSHIPS THAT LAST BEYOND THE STUDIO

Team bonds become lifelong memories.



STAY STRONG PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY

Dance builds strength, endurance, and a strong mindset.



DEVELOP LEADERSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS

Teamwork, communication, and leadership skills shine on and off the dance floor.



LEARN TO TAKE CORRECTION AND BE COACHABLE

Feedback helps you grow and become the best version of you.



HAVE FUN WHILE WORKING HARD

We love what we do and it shows in every class, rehearsal, and performance!

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MINDSET MATTERS

FIXED

VS

GROWTH



STRUGGLES WITH FEEDBACK

Sees feedback as criticism.



COMPARES TO OTHERS

Feels threatened by others' success.



AVOIDS CHALLENGES

Sticks to what feels safe and easy.



STAYS COMFORTABLE

Avoids taking risks.



GETS UPSET BY OTHERS' SUCCESS

Feels others' success means less for them.



BELIEVES THEY CAN'T IMPROVE

Thinks talent is something you can't grow.



THINKS THEY ARE TOO GOOD TO TRAIN WITH LOWER LEVELS

Believes their time is too valuable.



USES FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE

Sees feedback as a chance to grow.



SUPPORTS OTHERS

Celebrates and cheers others on.



TAKES ON CHALLENGES

Embraces challenges and learns from them.



STEPS OUTSIDE COMFORT

Pushes through fear and grows.



IS INSPIRED BY OTHERS' SUCCESS

Others' success motivates them.



BELIEVES SKILLS ARE BUILT

Knows growth comes with time and effort.



VALUES TRAINING WITH ALL DANCERS

Knows every dancer has something to teach and learn.



WHERE DANCERS GROW

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WE TRAIN GROWTH MINDSET



OUR

VISION, MISSION & CORE VALUES

VISION STATEMENT



We believe every dancer deserves to feel seen, supported, and inspired to grow.

Whether a dancer is here just for fun or pushing for more, this should be a place where they feel safe, build confidence, and learn what they are capable of. They are encouraged to work toward their personal best.

Ignite Dance Center is more than a dance studio. It is a place where dancers feel like they belong. Where they are supported, pushed, and surrounded by people who want the best for them.

We are not just building strong dancers. We are developing good humans. What they learn here goes with them into everything they do.

We hold our dancers to a high standard because we believe in them. We protect our culture, build a strong community, and expect excellence in everything we do.

MISSION STATEMENT



At Ignite Dance Center, our mission is to provide high quality dance training in a positive and supportive environment where every dancer is challenged to grow.

We train with purpose and hold our dancers accountable to a high standard. We expect effort, focus, and a willingness to learn.

We are committed to developing confident dancers with strong technique, artistry, and discipline. We create a space where dancers of all levels feel supported and valued. Every dancer is part of our community.

Through our training, we prepare dancers not only for the stage, but for life.

CORE VALUES



GOOD VIBES ONLY

We choose positivity, encouragement, and respect.



COMMITMENT TO GROWTH

We show up, put in the work, and keep improving.



ACCOUNTABILITY

We take ownership of our effort, attitude, and actions.



CONFIDENCE

We build dancers who trust themselves and stand strong.



LEADERSHIP

We lead by example on and off the dance floor.



COMMUNITY

We support, uplift, and grow together.



SCHEDULE:



Each Rise dancer's schedule will be discussed and built together during the Growth Plan Meeting. We want families to feel confident about the schedule and training plan going into the season.



Rise dancers are required to take one recital class in addition to their team classes. The number of weekly team classes will depend on how many teams your dancer participates in. We encourage Rise dancers to explore multiple team styles when possible to help build versatility, confidence, and overall growth throughout the season.



After the meeting, your dancer's official SZN 9 schedule will be emailed to you.

TEAM COST:

\$300 FOR ONE STYLE
(2 CLASSES PER WEEK)

\$325 FOR TWO STYLES
(3 CLASSES PER WEEK)

\$350 FOR ALL THREE STYLES
(4 CLASSES PER WEEK)



This is an all-inclusive monthly rate that covers event entry fees, all costume fees, recital fee, holiday performance fee, and one team wear outfit. **No surprise fees.**



Families will only need to purchase shoes, tights, earrings, and makeup.

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RISE SEASON CALENDAR



TEAM EVENTS:

- August 7th: Team Kick Off Party, 6:00-8:00PM
- January TBD: Team Dress Rehearsal
- March TBD: St. Patrick's Day Parade, 9:00-Noon
- May 1st: Next Season Team Auditions



CHRISTMAS SHOW:

- December 12th: At The West Studio



COMPETITIONS:

- January, February, or March: TBA
- April 2-4: Encore Dance Competition



RECITAL:

- JUNE 15th & 16th: Blocking Rehearsals @ West Studio
- JUNE 17th: Dress Rehearsal @ UNLV
- JUNE 19th: Show Day @ UNLV



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RISE TEAM DRESS CODE



HIP HOP TEAMS



Dancers may wear clean athletic wear that allows movement and matches the style of the class.

**SNEAKERS MUST BE WORN.
NO JEANS OR CROCS.**



CONTEMPORARY TEAMS



Fitted dancewear is required so teachers can properly see alignment and technique. Dancers may wear leotards, fitted tops, shorts, leggings, or dance pants.

HALF SOLES ARE REQUIRED.



JAZZ TEAMS



Fitted dancewear is required. Dancers may wear leotards, fitted tops, shorts, leggings, or jazz pants.

JAZZ SHOES ARE REQUIRED.



OUR STUDIO COLORS

All team class dancewear should reflect our studio colors. Dancers may wear any combination of the colors below.



BLACK



CREAM



BURNT RED



ATHLETIC GOLD



WHITE



PINK



HAIR

- Hair must always be pulled away from the face.
- No hair down, bangs in the eyes, or hats in class.
- For ballet classes: hair must be in a secure bun.
- Buns should be neat and at the back (any height is fine).



Recital class dress code will depend on the style your dancer is enrolled in.

Once the official SZN 9 studio dress code is released, families can visit the website for full dress code details.



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MAKEUP & EARRINGS



All Rise dancers are **required** to purchase a **Glam Kit** from the studio for performances and competitions. This helps create a polished and uniform look on stage and in team photos.

EACH GLAM KIT WILL INCLUDE:



EARRINGS



BLUSH



LIPSTICK



EYESHADOW



Dancers should also arrive performance ready with **mascara** of their choice applied.

ESTIMATED
TO BE AROUND

\$70

The Glam Kit is estimated to cost approximately **\$70** and is the **only** additional team fee not included in the Rise program tuition.



PAYMENT DUE
OCTOBER 1ST



Additional performance hair and makeup details may be shared throughout the season depending on costumes, routines, or events.





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CODE OF CONDUCT



At Ignite Dance Center, 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.



RESPECT & TRUST

- Trust the process and respect the decisions made by Ignite directors and instructors.
- Dancers and parents are expected to communicate respectfully with staff, teammates, and other families at all times.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT

- Ignite is a positive environment. Gossip, negativity, rude behavior, and disrespectful conversations in person, online, or in group chats will not be tolerated.
- We encourage dancers to support and uplift one another both inside and outside the studio.



ACCOUNTABILITY

- Dancers and parents are responsible for reading and following all Ignite policies, emails, schedules, and handbook information.
- Repeated policy violations may result in removal from routines, performances, or the program.



ATTENDANCE & COMMITMENT

- Consistent attendance, punctuality, and preparedness are important for team success.
- Families are expected to honor their time and financial commitments for the full season, including recital performances.



CLASS EXPECTATIONS

- Dancers should arrive to class dressed appropriately, ready to learn, and with a positive attitude.
- Phones and smart watches must remain put away during class unless otherwise approved by a teacher.



COMMUNICATION

- Please stay informed by reading all studio emails, updates, and announcements.
- Questions or concerns should be directed to studio leadership through appropriate communication channels.



SPORTSMANSHIP

- Dancers and families are expected to represent Ignite Dance Center with kindness, professionalism, and strong sportsmanship at all events, competitions, and performances.



GROWTH MINDSET

- Growth takes time, consistency, and coachability. Dancers are encouraged to accept corrections positively, work hard, support teammates, and continue improving throughout the season.





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LOBBY RULES



Respect all dancers and families



Do not discuss other dancers



Do not critique, compare, or question placements in the lobby



No gossip



No negative talk



Do not share complaints with other parents



Contact studio leadership directly



Your dancer is listening



Act accordingly

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES MAY IMPACT
YOUR FAMILY'S STANDING AT THE STUDIO.**



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DANCE ROOM RULES



EXPECTATIONS

- Be on time and ready to work
- Be in proper dress code
- Respect your teachers and teammates



CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

- No talking while others are dancing
- No marking or sitting unless instructed
- Apply corrections the first time
- No correcting your peers



TEAM CULTURE

- No comparisons
- No talking about being better than other dancers
- Support your teammates
- No negativity
- No eye rolls
- No side comments



FOCUS

- Train with intention
- No phones
- No watches
- No distractions



GROWTH

- Take responsibility for your growth
- Growth requires focus
- Growth requires discipline

THANK YOUR TEACHERS AT THE END OF CLASS

WORK HARD

STAY HUMBLE

BE COACHABLE

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE STANDARDS
WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM CLASS
AND MAY LEAD TO DISMISSAL FROM THE STUDIO.**

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY OF OUTCOME

At Ignite Dance Center, progress doesn't happen by accident. It happens when everyone does their part.



DIRECTOR:

- Communicates clearly
- Defined expectations
- Set plan for training



STUDENT:

- Shows up prepared and attends classes
- Has growth mindset and strong work ethic
- Positive attitude in class



PARENT:

- Trusts in our program
- Stays up to date on emails/info
- Has supportive and encouraging energy



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COSTUMES & TEAM WEAR

TEAM WEAR

The team wear is to be worn to and from all competitions/performances and at all competition awards ceremonies.

Team uniform includes a team jacket, team tank top/t-shirt, and sweatpants.



WHEN ARE COSTUMES WORN?

Costumes are worn during in class dress rehearsals, competitions, and our annual dance recitals at UNLV.



DOES MY DANCER USE THE SAME COSTUME FOR COMPETITIONS AND RECITAL?

Yes! The costumes your dancer wears to competitions are the same costumes they will wear for our annual dance recitals at UNLV.



ARE THERE EXTRA ACCESSORIES?

No. Accessories are included with the costume and are not sold separately. Please take care of your accessories as they cannot be replaced at any time during the season.



WHEN DO I RECEIVE MY DANCER'S COSTUMES?

You will receive your costumes by December or January.



WHAT IF ALTERATIONS ARE NEEDED?

You are responsible for making any necessary alterations to your dancer's costume. Costumes are not custom-made. They are available only in a select range of sizes.





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COMPETITION FAQ



WHEN WILL WE RECEIVE THE COMPETITION SCHEDULE?

Competition schedules are typically released about one week before the event. As soon as we receive it, we will send it out to all families. We won't know which date of the weekend your dancer competes until we receive that schedule one week out. Dancers should keep their whole weekend free.



WHAT DOES MY DANCER WEAR TO COMPETITION?

Dancers should arrive in their first costume with their Ignite team wear over the top. Hair and makeup should be complete unless otherwise instructed.



WHERE DO I DROP OFF MY DANCER?

Dancers should arrive 2 hours before their scheduled performance time. Please drop your dancer off in the dressing room with IDC staff. Due to the number of dancers in the space, parents should exit after drop off.



WHAT DO I DO AFTER DROP OFF?

After dropping off your dancer, please head to the auditorium to watch. This helps us keep the dressing room organized and focused for the dancers.



DO I HAVE TO STAY FOR AWARDS?

Yes. All dancers are expected to stay for awards to support their team.



WHAT DOES MY DANCER WEAR FOR AWARDS?

Ignite team wear uniform. Jazz shoes or sneakers depending on the routine. Hair and makeup should remain performance ready. No slippers, crocs, blankets, pajamas, or casual wear on stage.



WHO WILL BE AT THE COMPETITION?

Competitions bring together studios from all over. It is a high energy, fast paced environment with a lot of dancers and families.



DO I NEED TO BUY A TICKET?

Competitions are free to attend. Seating is first come, first served. We ask that all families are respectful when entering and exiting during performances.



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COMPETITION TEAM

DO'S & DON'TS

✓ DO

- ✓ **Have a growth mindset**
Win or lose, we are here to learn, grow, and perform our best
- ✓ **Triple check costumes, shoes, tights, and accessories**
- ✓ **Pack extras**
Hair supplies • Safety pins • Makeup • Tights
- ✓ **Arrive on time**
Follow your call time schedule
- ✓ **Plan ahead**
Parking • Travel time • Venue details
- ✓ **Be respectful**
To directors, teammates, staff, volunteers, and other studios
- ✓ **Fuel your body**
Healthy meals • Snacks • Water
- ✓ **Show excellent sportsmanship**
- ✓ **Be prepared for crowds and busy backstage areas**
- ✓ **Cheer loudly for ALL Ignite dancers**
- ✓ **Stay to watch other Ignite performances**
Support your teammates and strengthen our studio community
- ✓ **Have fun!**

✗ DON'T

- ✗ **Do not record or photograph performances**
- ✗ **Do not leave the venue after dropping off your dancer**
- ✗ **Do not speak negatively about judges, competitors, or teammates.**
- ✗ **Do not speak negatively in the audience**
Always assume the dancer's family is seated nearby.
- ✗ **Do not wait until the last minute to pack**
- ✗ **Do not focus on negative results or comparisons**
Wait until between performances to be seated.
- ✗ **Do not enter or exit the auditorium during a performance**
Wait until between dances.
- ✗ **Do not block aisles or emergency exits**
- ✗ **Do not touch costumes, props, or belongings that are not yours.**
- ✗ **Do not leave personal items unattended**



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DRESS REHEARSAL



Dress rehearsal will take place

IN JANUARY

for all competition routines.

We are currently securing a venue that will allow parents to attend and watch. More details will be shared soon!



WHAT TO EXPECT



FULL COSTUME, HAIR & MAKE-UP

Dancers will arrive with full costume, hair, and make-up so they can get a complete feel for competition day.



STAY & WATCH

After performing, dancers will stay and watch all of our studio's routines.



MOCK AWARDS CEREMONY

We will host a mock awards ceremony to teach dancers how competitions work.



DIRECTORS OBSERVE

Directors will observe and take notes on costumes, hair, and make-up.



FEEDBACK SENT TO FAMILIES

Feedback will be sent to parents afterward to help finalize details for a successful season.



PARENTS ARE WELCOME!

We are working to secure a venue that will allow parents to stay and watch. This rehearsal is an important part of our season and having your support in the audience makes it even more special for our dancers.



This full run-through gives dancers confidence, teaches proper competition etiquette, and helps us make any final adjustments before we hit the **stage for real!**



VENUE DETAILS COMING SOON!

We are finalizing a location that can accommodate dancers and families. More information, including date, schedule, and arrival times, will be shared soon!

PREPARE. PRACTICE. PERFORM. RISE TOGETHER.



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RECITAL INFORMATION

ALL RISE
DANCES WILL
PERFORM IN THE RECITAL!



IMPORTANT DATES

BLOCKING REHEARSALS



JUNE
2027

Dancers will learn stage spacing, formations, and transitions.

RECITAL DRESS REHEARSAL



JUNE
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Full run-through in costume, hair, and make-up. This is a required rehearsal.

RECITAL



JUNE
2027

Show Day!
Time to shine!



ALL DATES ARE FOR 2027



Please plan your summer now to ensure your dancer is available for these important dates.



STAY INFORMED

It is very important that all families read all emails carefully and stay up to date with any changes or updates throughout the season.



VISIT OUR RECITAL PAGE

For all recital information, updates, schedules, FAQs, and more, visit:

www.ignitedancecenter.com/recital

REMEMBER:



ATTEND ALL REHEARSALS

Rehearsals are crucial for a successful show.



BE PREPARED

Have all costume pieces, shoes, and accessories ready and labeled.



BE ON TIME

Arrive early and ready to go for all rehearsals and the show.



BE SUPPORTIVE

Let's work together to make this an unforgettable show!

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HOW TO STAY UP TO DATE

STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED. STAY **IGNITED.**



DIRECTOR'S EMAILS

- READ AND LOOK AT THEM!
- MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS.



MAKE THE NEW TEAM HUB

A SAVED PAGE ON YOUR PHONE!

www.ignitedancecenter.com/team-hub



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- FACEBOOK - @ignitedancelv
- TIKTOK - @ignitedancecenter



NEW – DANCE TEAM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Director will email you a monthly TEAM Newsletter. These newsletters are great resources to recap what is on the horizon for your team. Also, please read the monthly Studio Newsletter as well as any additional Studio wide emails that are sent to you.



MONTHLY CALENDAR & RECAP VIDEOS

We also post a monthly calendar on social media and monthly recap videos. These will help you stay up to date with everything happening!



DOWNLOAD THE IDC APP

Download the IDC App from the App Stores. You can search for Ignite Dance Center.

