

Spark



ALL STAR
COMPETITIVE TEAM

INFORMATION PACKET

2025/2026 SEASON



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the SPARK family! We are SO excited to have you join us for the upcoming 2025/2026 season!

At SPARK, we work with dancers to provide a breakdown of the unfailing fundamentals necessary to succeed. Dancers acquire refined skills as they focus on strength, alignment, injury prevention, power, and flexibility in a carefully calculated layout.

Within our All Star team, dancers will specialize in *both* pom and hip hop, with an emphasis on learning and refining technique, choreography, and performance quality for each style. Throughout the season, the dancers, coaches, and choreographers will work together to create dynamic, entertaining, and engaging routines that showcase their skills and give the team a competitive edge.

We value your interest in our All Star team and look forward to seeing your passion and energy as you work hard to become the best dancer you can be!

GENERAL INFORMATION

In years past, our competitive teams have been divided based on location, school district, style, and more. For the third year in a row, we are combining all of our competitive dancers under one single team - the "SPARK All Stars".

Middle school-aged dancers from any school district are invited to try out for our All-Star team. Dancers do NOT need to reside in any specific boundary or school district to participate.

Tryouts are required for ALL dancers who are interested in joining the competitive team. Any and all ability levels are welcome!! Dancers must attend *both* days of the tryout to be considered for the team.

Dancers who make the team will have the opportunity to compete in *both* Pom and Hip Hop. All participants will compete in both genres unless an individual is unable to meet the required skills, in which case, the SPARK All-Star staff reserves the right to pull the dancer from the routine. In addition to each style, dancers will attend a weekly technique class to help refine their skills and promote continued growth.

Tryouts Dates

Tuesday, April 15th
6:30-8:00 PM



Grandview High School - Dance Room
20500 E Arapahoe Rd, Aurora, CO 80016



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Or scan to register!

TRYOUT INFORMATION

TRYOUTS

We believe that everyone has unique talents and strengths, and we strive to provide an opportunity for those who have a passion for dance! We aim to make the tryout process fun and stress-free. We want dancers to feel comfortable and excited to show us who they are and what they can do.

ALL dancers who are interested in joining the All-Star team must be registered and attend both days of tryouts. (See registration link/QR code below)

TRYOUT FEE

There is a \$20 tryout fee due at the time of registration. This fee is non-refundable and goes towards covering the facility rental and staffing costs for the two days of tryouts.

TRYOUT PROCESS

Tuesday, April 15th

Dancers who have registered will sign-in and receive a number when they arrive. We will start with a group warm-up & stretch. Dancers will then be asked to demonstrate various skills (see recommended skills) followed by learning choreography for 2 short routines; one routine for Pom and one routine for Hip Hop. They will then be given time to practice the routine on their own. The dancers will then be asked to perform the choreography multiple times. Pending timing and the number of dancers, dancers may be called in to perform the routine or skills in smaller groups. Dancers do *not* need to be proficient in both styles in order to make the team but they do need to do their best to learn and demonstrate both routines.

WHAT TO WEAR/BRING

We ask that dancers wear all-black athletic clothes (no sweatshirts, sweatpants, etc.). Hair should be securely pulled back and completely out of your face. Please bring the following items:

- Jazz shoes and/or tennis shoes
- Water
- Pants or sweatpants for Hip Hop choreo (*optional*)

RECOMMENDED SKILLS

The following skills are NOT required. This list is provided as a reference for dancers to utilize as they prepare for tryouts. All skills will be demonstrated and broken down (taught) during the tryout process.

Pom Skills

Turns
 Single Pirouette
 Double Pirouette
 A La Second (tours)
 Jumps
 Toe Touch
 Charge
 Calypso

Other Skills

Right splits
 Left Splits
 Leg Holds (both sides)
 Kicks (both sides)

Hip Hop Skills

Strong motions
 Fast Footwork
 Top & Back Rocks
 Freezes
 Stalls
 Specialty Trick
 Head Springs
 Kip Ups
 Aerials

For BOTH

Strong Facials
 Enthusiasm
 Desire to learn

RESULTS/PLACEMENTS

Team & routine placements will be made at the discretion of the SPARK All-Star team staff. We make every effort to accept all dancers who show passion, energy, and a strong desire to learn, dance, and compete.

Dancers will compete in both pom and hip hop unless an individual is unable to meet the required skills, in which case, the SPARK All-Star staff reserves the right to pull the dancer from the routine.

****PLACEMENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIA EMAIL BY 8:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH****

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

www.spark-dance.com/all-stars

We continually aim to be transparent with our costs here at SPARK. As you read through the following financial information, we ask that you please carefully consider the financial responsibility that is tied to participation in our competitive program. Once you and your dancer have committed to the team and signed the team contract, you are financially responsible for all contracted months or until SPARK is notified in writing a minimum of 30 days in advance. If your dancer does not finish out the season, you will still be responsible for paying for the season in its entirety (no refunds and not prorated).

MONTHLY SEASON PAYMENTS \$375/month

The total cost for the season has been divided into 11 equal payments of \$375.00 regardless of how many weeks/events fall in each month. Season payments begin in April 2025 and run through February 2026. The first payment is due by April 4th, when you register and commit to the season, and secures your dancer's spot on the team. The remaining payments are auto-deducted on the 10th of each contracted month. All payments will be made through our website via Sports Engine. We do not mail invoices or statements. All account information and charges can be accessed via your Sports Engine profile. All payments are run on an auto-pay system and a valid card is required on file at all times.

**Season payments include over 200 hours of instruction from April-January, facility rental costs for all practices, staffing costs, music, choreography, banquet, and staff fee for USASF*

Uniform & Costume

Each dancer is required to purchase a uniform and costume. In total, these items (for both pom and hip hop) will not exceed \$600. This will include all pieces for the hip hop costume and you top, skirt, poms and a bow.

Team Gear & Apparel

All dancers must purchase the team jacket, backpack, & tennis shoes. In total, these items will not exceed \$300.

Competition Costs

All dancers will be charged to participate in competitions. Each competition operates independently. These may be charged to you through auto-deduction, or they may be completed by the parents on the competition website (not by SPARK admin). The SPARK staff will notify you when we are registering for the competition.

USASF Fee

All dancers on the competitive team are required to complete USASF registration in order to compete. USASF charges a yearly fee of \$45 per dancer. This portion will be completed by parents (not by SPARK admin).

Re-using Items

Dancers who have previously purchased a pom uniform, team jacket, and backpack, and practice poms may re-use these items as long as they are in good shape and still fit appropriately.

PAYMENTS

Tuition payments begin in April 2024 and run through February 2026. The first payment is due by April 4th, when you register and commit to the season, and secures your dancer's spot on the team. The remaining payments are auto-deducted on the 10th of each contracted month. Additional items listed will be auto-deducted on the 21st of each month. All payments will be made through our website via Sports Engine. We do not mail invoices or statements. All account information and charges can be accessed via your Sports Engine profile. All payments are run on an auto-pay system and **a valid card is required on file at all times.**

****Tan jazz shoes are required for all practices and technique classes. This fee is not factored into any season totals.*

SCHEDULE INFORMATION

PRACTICES/TECHNIQUE

Please review the season calendar for specific dates & times for all classes through the end of the season. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to get their dancer to all practices on time throughout the season. Dancers must have consistent attendance. It is required that all dancers wear ALL BLACK (no graphic) for all classes/practices.

[📅 AS Season Calendar | 2025-2026](#)

Regular season practices for all dancers are broken up as follows:

Tuesdays (2hrs) - Pom Practice
Wednesdays (2 hrs) - Technique Class
Thursdays (2hrs) - Hip Hop Practice

- All practices and technique ends in January.
- February will include junior prep night, in which the All Star team will perform.
- The banquet will also take place in February.

COMPETITIONS

Dancers will compete in their pom and hip hop routine at a minimum of 3 competitions in the Denver Metro area, starting in November and ending in January. The team's readiness will determine which competitions we attend.

Dancers will compete in both pom and hip hop unless an individual cannot meet the required skills, in which case, the SPARK All-Star staff reserves the right to pull the dancer from the routine.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 15th | 6:30-9:00 PM

Tryouts for the 2025/2026 Season
Grandview High School - Dance Room

April 29th

Sizing, Ice Cream, Team Meeting
Tuesday 6:30-8:30

May 6th - June 26th

Pom & Hip Hop Choreography
Tuesdays - 6:30-8:30 @ Cimarron MS
Wednesday - 6:30-8:30 @ Grandview HS
Thursday - 7:00-9:00 @ Zone Athletics

July

****NO PRACTICE****

August 5th, 2025 - January, 2026

Regular Classes Begin

Tuesdays - 6:30-8:30 @ Cimarron MS
Wednesday - 6:30-8:30 @ Grandview HS
Thursday - 7:00-9:00 @ Zone Athletics

February

Junior Night

February

Banquet

QUESTIONS?

Check out the FAQ on the next page OR contact Morgan Sones at sparkallstars@gmail.com.

Question

Are tryouts required? What if my dancer was previously on a competitive SPARK team?

Answer

Yes, tryouts are required for ALL dancers who wish to join the SPARK All Star team for the 2025/2026 season. Dancers who were previously on a competitive SPARK team are required to try out as well.

Question

What if my dancer is unable to be at tryouts?

Answer

Let us know! We will do our best to make sure all interested dancers have a fair chance of placement on our competitive team.

Question

Do all dancers who try out make the team?

We make every effort to accept all dancers who show passion, energy, and a strong desire to dance and compete. Placements will ultimately be at the discretion of the SPARK All Star team staff.

Answer**Question**

What style of dance will the SPARK All Stars compete in?

Answer

For the 2025/2026 season, dancers will have the opportunity to compete in *both* pom and hip hop. Final placements for competitions are at the coaches discretion.

Question

What if my dancer doesn't want to do one routine or the other? Do we have a choice for which routine they are placed in?

Answer

All dancers will participate in both styles and will receive both a uniform and costume. Skills from both styles are transferable and will aid in the dancer's growth.

Question

Why do dancers need to attend a technique class each week?

Answer

The weekly technique class gives dancers the opportunity to focus on improvement of technical skills. These skills include but are not limited to: general dance technique (pointing feet, body alignment, placement, etc.), recommended skills listed above, energy, sharpness, levels, projection, confidence, and more! These are skills that can be applied to all styles of dance and will help dancers as they continue to high school dance teams and beyond!



PARENT & ATHLETE CONTRACT

DUE AT TRYOUTS

By signing below, I acknowledge my understanding of the terms outlined in this agreement. I understand that this is a binding contract between the parties, and the terms and agreements are enforceable in the proper courts. All monetary obligations are collectible when due. I fully comprehend that if any of the stated terms are violated, it could lead to my athlete/dancer's immediate removal from the SPARK All Star team. Payments will commence in April 2025 and continue through February, 2026. The first payment, due by April 4th, secures your dancer's position on the team. Subsequent payments are required by the 10th of each month. Please note that all payments will be processed through our website via Sports Engine; we do not mail invoices or statements. You can access all account information and charges through your Sports Engine profile. Payments operate on an auto-pay system, and a valid card on file is mandatory at all times. The total cost for the season is approximately \$5,208, which includes 11 monthly season payments of \$375, irrespective of how many weeks or events occur during that period as well as additional costs based on items needed per dancer. You are financially responsible for all allotted payments without refund, even if your dancer quits or is removed from the program.

By signing below, I/we agree to all of the above statements.

Athlete Name: _____

Grade: _____

Athlete Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____