

2026 DanceWorks Lab Post Dance Team Season Competitive Team

“DWL” is a competitive dance team offered after the high school season. There is a placement tryout required that will take place on 2/15/26 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM. Dance experience is required, and everyone will make a team: contemporary or jazz. DWL will have the following coaches in 2026: Nilla Baumgartner, Jahzarah Hall, Danielle Nelson, and Sara Von Wald. The team will compete twice in the spring & perform in our recital on May 9th. Specific dates and details below!

Tryout Registration: **OPENS 1/9/26 at Noon (\$10)** non-refundable fee due at time of registration.

Contemporary Team Practice Schedule: THURSDAYS with coaches Danielle & Nilla

- Technique: 3:30 - 4:30 PM
- Contemporary Dance rehearsal: 4:30 - 6:00 PM
- Dates: 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/9, 4/16, 5/23, 4/30, 5/7
- *No classes on 4/2 - closed for spring break*
- Required Choreography Rehearsals - Mandatory:
 - Friday, February 20th from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 - Saturday, February 21st from 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
 - Pack water, jazz shoes/turners, and a lunch/snacks for breaks

Jazz Team Practice Schedule: FRIDAYS with coaches Jahzarah & Sara

- Technique: 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- Contemporary Dance rehearsal: 5:00 - 6:30 PM
- Dates: 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8
- *No classes on 4/3 - closed for spring break*
- Required Choreography Rehearsals - Mandatory:
 - Saturday, February 21st from 10:30 - 2:30 PM
 - Sunday, February 22nd from 5:30 - 8:30 PM
 - Pack water, jazz shoes/turners, and a lunch/snacks for break

Tuition & Fees

- February Payment: \$400 total **due by their first class on 2/19 or 2/20*
 - *Included in fee: choreography rehearsal time, February practices, Costume, Competition Fees (\$144 to the competitions to compete group routine), recital fee, DWL T-Shirt*
- Monthly Tuition Fee: \$150 - due in March & April by the 8th of the month
- Total Cost = \$700 (everything included)
- After tryouts, our competition director will enroll your dancer into their DWL team, you do not need to do anything other than register for your placement tryout and save a credit card on file

Competitions/Recital: Required

- Competition: ID Dance Competition - Minneapolis Convention Center (April 17th - 19th)
- Recital: Lakeville South High School (Saturday, May 9th)
- Competition: Bravo Dance Competition - Burnsville Ames Center (May 13th - 17th)

Optional Opportunities:

solo/duet/trio

Solo, duet, and trio opportunities are offered to dancers who have both expressed interest in these experiences and have the potential to be successful with them. See cost breakdown below.

Choreography Fees:

- Paid to the instructor directly on the FIRST day of their lesson. Paying a choreography fee means the choreography is owed by your family (not DW).
 - Solo: \$300
 - Duet: \$150 (per dancer)
 - Trio \$100 (per dancer)

Studio Fees:

- Paid via studio director account/front desk (due on 3/8/26 with March tuition)
 - Solo: \$50
 - Duet \$25 (per person)
 - Trio: \$25 (per person)
 - This fee allows your dancer to meet with their solo/duet/trio instructor and have studio space to do so (instructor's responsibility to coordinate space with studio admins). We want all dancers to be confident and ready to perform.

Rehearsal Fee:

- Solo Rehearsal Fee: \$35 for 30 minutes of instruction
- Duet Rehearsal Fee: \$50 for 30 minutes (\$25 per dancer)
- Trio Rehearsal Fee: \$75 for 30 minutes (\$25 per dancer)
- Costume Fee: fees vary and are NOT set. DWL families will source their own costume. Contact the instructor if you need assistance.

Competitions Fees:

- Competitions charge this fee to enter your solo/duet/trio routine at the competition. Dancers will receive judges' verbal feedback and scoring information. Awards given to all soloists included in this fee. Some competitions also include professional media in this fee.
- These fees will be added onto your Studio Director account and due with April tuition (4/8/26)
- Solos - per competition: \$150
- Duet/Trios - per competition: \$80 (per dancer)

Rehearsal Times:

- Solos/duets/trios will be scheduled with your rehearsal instructor (cleaner) weekly or every-other week for 30 minute timeslots. If you would like additional privates to work on your solo or other skills please reach out to the instructor you would like to work with directly.

Payment:

- Choreography and rehearsal payments are given directly to your instructor/choreographer via cash, check, or venmo