



At Balance Dance Studios



**2023-2024 INFORMATION**

# Meet the Director



**HALEY SIKES**

*director*

Haley Sikes is a dancer, performer, choreographer, and teacher based out of the Austin area. She started dancing at the age of three, training in many different styles, with a focus on hip hop. Haley has been teaching dance for the past five years, has choreographed for many dance crews all over Texas, and has been a dancer for local artists. Haley grows as a teacher by pushing her students to be the best people they can be. She has a fresh approach that sparks creativity among young artists.

# Who We Are

TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

## Our Mission

UGK is a competitive youth hip hop and street-style crew, at Balance Dance Studios! Directed by Haley Sikes, UGK trains dancers to be entertaining performers, while growing teamwork skills. The team performs at various events, competitions, and dance conventions across Texas, and holds many prestigious titles. For dancers ages 6-18, UGK focuses on building the youth community in Austin, and exposing more kids to hip hop and street culture.

## Opportunities

Training from Local, National,  
and International Choreographers

Competitive Growth

Local Performances

Convention Training

Industry Training

Team Bonding Experiences

Customized Training and Choreography

& More!



# Audition Information

MAY 25 | \$25 AUDITION FEE

After having pre-registered, dancers should plan to arrive at the studio, no less than 15 minutes before their audition time, to check in, complete any remaining paperwork (an application should be fully completed ahead of time, along with headshot – please fill out thoughtfully so we can get to know your dancer), and to warm up. Dancers should wear their best hip hop attire to auditions.

Light makeup and hair accessories are acceptable. Dancers will learn a short combo, and will be asked to freestyle, as part of their audition.

**LIL GROOVES** AGES 6-8 | MAY 25 | 4:00-5:00pm

**UNITE** AGES 9-12 | MAY 25 | 5:00-6:00pm

**KONNECT** AGES 13-18 | MAY 25 | 6:00-7:00pm

**UGKPRO** AGES 9-18 | MAY 25 | 7:00-8:00pm

**LIL GROOVES:** For ages 6-8 - May 25th, 3:45pm - Check in/warm up,  
4:00-4:55pm - Learn combo and dance in groups.  
4:55pm - Parent Pick-up.

**UNITE:** For ages 9-12 - May 25th, 4:30pm - Check in/warm up.  
5-5:30pm - Learn combo.

5:30-5:55pm - Review and audition combo in small groups.  
5:55pm - Parent Pick-up (Director available to answer any parent questions)

**KONNECT:** For ages 13-18 - May 25th, 5:30pm - Check in/warm up.  
6-6:30pm - Learn combo.  
6:30-6:55pm - Review and audition combo in small groups.  
6:55pm - Parent Pick-up.

**UGKpro:** For Intermediate/Advanced dancers ages 9-18: May 25th,  
6:30pm - Check in/warm up. 7-7:30pm- Learn combo.  
7:30-7:55pm - Review and audition combo in small groups.  
7:55pm - Parent Pick-up (Director available to answer any parent questions).

Dancers attending UGKpro auditions must also attend a UNITE or KONNECT audition as well, according to their age group. Dancers accepted into UGKpro are not allowed to participate in any other Balance Dance Studios' Company.



# Audition Information

## **Evaluation:**

Balance Dance Studios will bring in outside judges to help evaluate auditioning dancers, and provide objective feedback for team placement. In addition, director feedback is considered, as well as past attendance, work ethic, attitude and performance quality (for returning company members). Judges and directors will share feedback after auditions and collaborate to determine the crew best suited to dancers' abilities, commitment level and expressed goals (per their application).

## **Results:**

Dancers will be notified on Thursday, May 25th, via email, of their audition results/placement. After that, one parent and dancer are REQUIRED to attend a mandatory crew meeting with the director on May 29th.

Summer classes start Monday, June 5th, and end on Saturday, July 29th. The fall session begins on Monday, August 15th.

## **Meeting times are as follows:**

4:00pm: Lil' GROOVES

4:45pm: Lil' GROOVESpro

5:30pm: UNITE

6:15pm: KONNECT

7pm: UNITEpro

7:45pm: KONNECTpro

All meetings will be held in Symmetry, at Balance Dance Studios.

Email [UGK@balancedancestudios.com](mailto:UGK@balancedancestudios.com) with any questions. If your dancer is unable to attend auditions, please reach out to discuss private audition options.

Registration is open online!  
Click HERE to  
register!

# Important Dates

SUMMER 2023-SPRING 2024

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**5.25** AUDITIONS

**5.29** MANDATORY CREW MEETINGS

**6.6-6.8** HIP HOP WORKSHOP (Mandatory for UGKpro)

**7.10-7.13** BALANCE INTENSIVE (optional)

**7.31-8.2** AXIS HIP HOP INTENSIVE

**7.27-30 + 8.3-8.5** CHOREOGRAPHY WEEK

**8.6** RETREAT (*Please keep the whole day available as time is TBD*)

**8.11** 50 YEARS OF HIP HOP EVENT

**OCTOBER** MONSTERS HOUSTON CONVENTION (Mandatory for Pro)

**WINTER TBD** COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE

**DECEMBER** UGKpro PERFORMANCE

**JANUARY** MONSTERS AUSTIN CONVENTION AND SHOWCASE

**MARCH** ACT 1 TALENT COMPETITION

**TBD** 1-2 LOCAL COMPETITIONS & ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY  
PERFORMANCES

**APRIL** KAOS DALLAS CONVENTION AND COMPETITION  
(optional event)

**APRIL** "MERGE" COMPANY SHOW

**MAY** SPRING RECITAL

# Time Commitments

## SUMMER AND FALL EXPECTATIONS

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### **SUMMER COMMITMENTS**

8 hours of hip hop during the 8-week session (1 Class/week)

Summer choreography weekend (7.27-30, 8.3-5 ), team retreat (August 6th), Axis Hip Hop Intensive (7.31-8.2).

### **FALL COMMITMENTS**

Schedule \*subject to change/draft:

Lil' GROOVES - Thursdays, Rehearsals 4-5pm.

UNITE - Thursdays, Rehearsals 5-6pm.

KONNECT - Thursdays, Rehearsals 6-7pm.

Lil' GROOVESpro - Tuesdays, Rehearsals 5-6pm.

UNITEpro - Tuesdays, Rehearsals 6-7pm.

KONNECTpro - Tuesdays, Rehearsals 7-8pm.

ALL UGKpro - Thursdays, Rehearsals 6-8pm (includes rehearsal + conditioning)

**All dancers are required to take one additional Hip Hop class each week.**

Attendance Policy: Students are not allowed to have more than 3 absences per class per semester. All absences must be approved by the director prior to classes missed. All conventions and competitions are mandatory. No exceptions. Reblocking fees of \$150/piece will apply.



# Overall Costs

## FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

### LIL'GROOVES, UNITE & KONNECT

REQUIRED COMPETITIONS:2 | REQUIRED CONVENTIONS:1

PLEASE NOTE: Installment totals may change slightly from estimates once choreographers have been solidified and 2023-24 competition/convention rates are published. Fees may not be 100% accurate before Installments are added to accounts. In cases where actual costs deviate from the installment estimates, the difference will be credited or charged to accounts prior to processing the last installment on May 15th 2024.

12-Month Installments (LiL' GROOVES, UNITE & KONNECT)	
Annual Company Fee	\$600
Company Retreat Fee	\$50
Social/Banquet Fee	\$60
Spring Show Fee	\$50
Competition Choreo Fee(s)	\$175
Competition Costume Fee(s)	\$75
Competition & Convention Fees	\$543
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$1,553</b>
<b>12-Month Installment</b>	<b>\$129.40</b>

Company Installments: 12 monthly installments auto drafted on the 15th of the month June 2023-May 2024.

Optional Solo (LiL' GROOVES, UNITE & KONNECT)	
Solo Total	\$395
<b>Solo Installments</b>	<b>\$32.92</b>

Summer Requirements	
Summer Tuition (8 week session/1 class/week)	\$178
Summer Intensive (installment optional)	\$260
<b>Total Summer Financial Commitment</b>	<b>\$438</b>
<b>Optional Intensive Installments (intensive only)</b>	<b>\$21.67</b>

Summer Tuition: 1/2 due upon registration and 1/2 due on June 1st.

Fall/Spring Requirements	
Fall Registration Fee (annual fee)	\$55
Fall Tuition Aug Prorated and Sept - May full months (only required classes)	\$171

Fall/Spring Tuition: Registration fee due upon registration. Prorated August tuition due on August 14th and on the 1st of the month September-May.



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### LIL'GROOVES PRO, UNITE PRO & KONNECT PRO

REQUIRED COMPETITIONS:2 | REQUIRED CONVENTIONS:2

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12-Month Installments (LiL' GROOVES PRO UNITE PRO & KONNECT PRO)		
FEE	LIL GROOVES PRO (2 PIECES)	UNITE PRO / KONNECT PRO (3 PIECES)
Annual Company Fee	\$600	\$600
Company Retreat Fee	\$50	\$50
Social/Banquet Fee	\$60	\$60
Spring Show Fee	\$50	\$50
Competition Choreo Fee(s)	\$350	\$525
Competition Costume Fee(s)	\$150	\$225
Competition & Convention Fees	\$1,243	\$1,503
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$2,503</b>	<b>\$3,013</b>
<b>12-Month Installment</b>	<b>\$209</b>	<b>\$251</b>

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Optional Solo (LiL' GROOVES PRO, UNITE PRO & KONNECT PRO)	
<b>Solo Total</b>	<b>\$540</b>
<b>Solo Installments</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>

Summer Requirements	
Summer Tuition (8 week session/1 class/week)	\$178
Summer Intensive (installment optional)	\$260
Summer workshop	\$175
<b>Total Summer Financial Commitment</b>	<b>\$613</b>
<b>Optional Intensive Installment</b>	<b>\$21.67</b>

Summer Tuition: 1/2 due upon registration and 1/2 due on June 1st.

Fall/Spring Requirements	
Fall Registration Fee (annual fee)	\$55
Fall Tuition Aug Prorated and Sept - May full months (only required classes based on no additional pieces/classes)	\$318

Fall/Spring Tuition: Registration fee due upon registration. Prorated August tuition due on August 14th and on the 1st of the month September-May.



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### **FEES/EXPENSES NOT COVERED IN INSTALLMENTS**

RECITAL FEE | \$50/\$70 FAMILY  
(INCLUDES DIGITAL VIDEO DOWNLOAD, TICKETS PURCHASED SEPARATELY)

RECITAL COSTUME FEE (IF ENROLLED IN RECITAL CLASS) | \$75

COMPANY JACKET (NEW MEMBERS/NEW SIZES FOR CURRENT) | \$100

COMPANY BACKPACK | \$50

COMPANY SWAG | \$TBD

SOLO/DUET CHOREOGRAPHY FEES

SOLO/DUET COSTUME FEES

OPTIONAL ENTRIES AT COMPETITION/CONVENTION

OPTIONAL COMPETITIONS/CONVENTIONS

DANCER HOTEL/LODGING (WHERE APPLICABLE)

COMPETITION OR CONVENTION PHOTO/VIDEO MEDIA PACKAGES



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