



EDEN DANCE
COLLECTIVE

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Eden Dance Collective Welcome Packet - Fall 2026

Eden Dance Collective is a faith-based creative arts ministry based near Phoenix, Arizona, for students to worship God through movement. As Christ's image-bearers, we are intentionally designed to cultivate our gifts so that He might be glorified through us. Dance allows us to commune with God and worship Him with our whole being – body, mind, and spirit. From our first breath in the Garden of Eden, we have been created to create.

Eden Dance Collective exists to cultivate a **delight** and passion for worship in a united community that is mutually encouraging and inviting. Our heart is for every student to develop a deep *knowing* of their identity in Christ through scripture, prayer, and movement, while experiencing true joy in a creative environment. We pursue excellence in our dance training, technique, and performances so that Christ might be glorified through each student.

Dance Families,

It is my privilege and honor to teach your children. I am deeply honored to be a part of your child's artistic and spiritual journey as they grow in their love for dance and for the Lord. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's life and for sharing your time and resources with me! I am also so incredibly thrilled to welcome Mekena Mizysak to our team of teachers. She will be teaching jazz classes this semester! I am so thankful for each one of you and I look forward to all that this year holds with Eden Dance Collective.

With Love,
Taylor Simpson

Our Classes

1. **Ballet Level 1 (with Miss Taylor):** This class is designed for young dancers **ages 4–7** who are beginning their journey in ballet. Through imaginative movement, music, and foundational ballet technique, dancers will build coordination, confidence, and creativity in a joyful and nurturing environment.

Students will learn basic ballet positions, proper posture, and simple steps like pliés, tendus, and chassés. Emphasis is placed on developing musicality, spatial awareness, and classroom etiquette, such as listening, taking turns, and showing kindness to others.

Each class includes a warm up, center work, across-the-floor activities, and simple combinations. Seasonal themes and creative exercises are often woven into our lessons to spark imagination and keep learning fun!

2. **Ballet Level 2 (with Miss Taylor):** This class is designed for dancers **ages 8+** who are ready to deepen their understanding of ballet technique and artistry. This class continues to build on the foundational skills learned in Level 1, with increased focus on precision, strength, and musical expression.

Students will refine their knowledge of basic positions and vocabulary while learning new steps such as échappés, pas de bourrées, balances, and simple turns. Attention will be given to proper alignment, flexibility, and developing clean technique through warm ups, center combinations, and across-the-floor progressions. Class also includes elements of choreography and expressive movement to encourage artistry and confidence.

3. **Ballet Level 3 (with Miss Taylor):** Students may attend this class by invitation only. This class is designed for dancers who have had multiple years of dance experience and have had previous ballet training with Miss Taylor. Students will continue to develop their ballet technique and artistry, while being introduced to more complex concepts such as port de bras (carriage of the arms), body direction and facings, épaulement (use of the shoulders and head), and movement to the back and behind the body.

In this two-hour class, students will develop choreography retention skills, strengthen their musicality, and refine their ability to learn and apply corrections. Dancers will participate in strength and conditioning exercises to support proper alignment, balance, flexibility, and overall technical growth. Students will continue building upon the concepts learned in Ballet Levels 1 and 2 while developing the discipline, focus, and artistry necessary for more advanced ballet training. Students will gain a deeper understanding of ballet vocabulary, technique, and classical style.

4. **Lyrical/Dance Worship Level 1 (with Miss Taylor):** This class is a beautiful introduction to expressive movement for our youngest dancers! Designed for **ages 4–7**, this class blends foundational ballet and beginning contemporary/modern techniques with gentle storytelling and worship through dance. Dancers will explore how to move with feeling, grace, and musicality.

Each class includes a warm up to build strength, flexibility, and coordination; and technique from ballet to modern dance. We also implement creative movement exercises that encourage imagination and expressive freedom Christ-centered reflection and encouragement. This class is perfect for little ones who love to twirl, express themselves through movement, and worship through dance. No prior experience is needed—just a joyful heart and a willingness to learn!

Students will learn foundational steps such as:

- Chassés, pliés, tendus, and sautés
- Body sways, circles, and expressive arm pathways
- Introductory floorwork (e.g., kneeling transitions, seated spirals, gentle rolls)
- Simple modern elements like parallel positions, weight shifts, and suspended movement
- Basic improvisation to encourage creativity and emotional connection

5. **Lyrical/Dance Worship Level 2 (with Miss Taylor):** This is a graceful and expressive class designed for students **ages 8+** who are ready to deepen their technical ability and artistic expression. Blending ballet and contemporary/modern movement, this class focuses on lyrical dance's core elements: fluidity, emotion, and storytelling.

Each class includes a dynamic warm-up to build flexibility, strength, and control; technique drills and across-the-floor progressions; and scripture-based reflections to encourage spiritual and creative growth. This class is ideal for dancers with some experience who are ready to explore expressive, Christ-centered movement in a supportive environment.

Dancers will grow in their skills through:

- Traveling steps: chassés, piqué walks, glissades, and leaps
- Turns: chaînés, soutenus, and introductory lyrical pirouettes
- Lyrical and modern movement vocabulary:
 - Use of parallel positions
 - Suspension, fall and recovery
 - Floorwork sequences (e.g., spirals, lunges, grounded transitions)

6. **Jazz Level 1 (with Miss Mekena)** is an energetic and engaging class for **ages 4-7** designed to introduce young dancers to the fundamentals of jazz dance. Students will learn basic jazz technique, including jazz walks, kicks, jumps, turns, and age-appropriate stretching and strengthening exercises. Through fun combinations, games, and creative movement activities, dancers will develop coordination, rhythm, musicality, and confidence.

This class encourages self-expression while helping students build classroom etiquette, listening skills, and a strong technical foundation. Dancers will learn short combinations and choreography throughout the year as they grow in both skill and performance quality.

7. **Jazz Level 2 (with Miss Mekena)** is designed for dancers **ages 8+** who are ready to expand upon the fundamentals of jazz dance through more challenging technique and choreography. Students will continue developing skills such as kicks, leaps, turns, flexibility, and body control while increasing their understanding of musicality, performance quality, and style.

Dancers will participate in strength and conditioning exercises to support proper technique and injury prevention. Through longer combinations and choreography, students will build coordination, confidence, choreography retention, and stage presence. This class encourages both technical growth and artistic expression while preparing dancers for more advanced jazz training.

8. **Private Lessons & Semi-Private Lessons (with Miss Taylor or Miss Mekena)**

- One-on-one coaching for deeper technique/artistry. Can be done in-home, in-studio, or at a church facility. Contact Taylor to schedule and customize.
 - Private lessons are perfect for dancers who are wanting to develop their individual skills and artistry at a deeper level. Lessons are tailored to the dancer's needs, and we can work on very specific things to help them grow in technique, strength, flexibility, artistry and so on.
 - Dancers who decide to enroll in private lessons are given the opportunity to perform a solo/duet/trio at our end of semester recital. (*This is **not** a requirement*)
 - Semi-Private Lessons are great for students who thrive with peers, but are still looking for a class tailored to their needs. They are great to do with a friend or two!
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Dress Code & What to Bring

- Ballet (girls): leotard, tights, canvas ballet shoes, ballet skirt (optional), hair in ballet bun or up/out of face.
 - Lyrical/dance worship (girls): Leggings, comfortable shirt, socks (optional), hair up/out of face.
 - Jazz: Leggings, comfortable shirt or leotard, nude jazz shoes or turners, hair up/out of face.
 - Boys: t-shirt, athletic shorts/pants, cotton socks or black dance shoes.
 - Be sure to bring a water bottle!
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Important Dates

Mark your calendars with these key dates for the upcoming season:

Fall 2026 Semester Begins: August 17th, 2026

No Class: Labor Day September 7th, 2026

Fall Break: October 8th & 26th, 27th, 28th 2026

Tentative Recital Date: Saturday, December 12th 2026 (Dress rehearsal December 11th)

Fall Semester Ends: December 18th, 2026

We'll keep families updated on recital confirmation and any last-minute schedule changes.

Contact & Connect

- Email: edendancecollective@gmail.com (primary method for announcements, schedule updates, class info, questions, and reminders)
 - Phone: (951) 553-8823 (Directly text or call Taylor Simpson)
 - Website: edendancecollective.com
 - Social Media: Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for updates and highlights!
 - Check-ins: I'm happy to chat before or after class for quick questions or concerns—just reach out!
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Tuition and Pricing

Eden Dance Collective aims to keep dance accessible while providing high-quality instruction in a Christ-centered environment. Eden Dance Collective is ESA Approved. If you use ESA funds, please contact us through our website or email us to receive an invoice to be submitted to ClassWallet.

- 1 Free Drop-In Class – For new students to try a class before enrolling
- \$22 per Drop-In Class – For occasional attendance
- \$20 per Class – For students registered *monthly* or for the full *semester*
- \$25 Recital Fee – One-time fee to participate in our end-of-season recital
- Costume Fee – Varies by class; details will be shared early in the semester

Semester, monthly, or drop-in tuition must be paid/submitted no later than 5 days after registration.

****ESA INVOICES** can be submitted through ClassWallet directly to Eden Dance Collective. Simply go into your ClassWallet account, find "Pay for Services," then click the "Pay" button. When it asks, "Who would you like to pay?" you will type in "Eden Dance Collective" and then hit the "Pay" button and upload the invoice! **Please reach out to us via email for an ESA invoice.**

****For non-ESA families**, payment can be submitted directly through our website, or we can easily send you a regular invoice! **We highly recommend contacting us through our email to register.**

If you choose to book directly, you will be taken to our *Setmore* site. This will allow you to book drop-in classes, register for the month, or the semester. Ignore the time stamps for semester and monthly registration, that doesn't apply to class times. **Again, registration via email will be easiest.**

Attendance Policy

At Eden Dance Collective, we believe that consistent class attendance is essential for each dancer's growth—in technique, artistry, and spiritual formation. Regular participation also ensures students are prepared and confident for group choreography and recital performances.

Reporting Absences

****To receive credit for a missed class (drop-in or monthly payments only), parents must notify Taylor or Mekena in advance by email or text. This helps us plan effectively and honor your commitment.**

Recital Eligibility

Recital performances are a special opportunity for dancers to share what they've learned in class through worship. In order to participate:

- Students must attend **most scheduled classes** during the semester. Excessive absences may impact a dancer's readiness to perform.
- **Eden Dance Collective is NOT an open-enrollment program. New dancers are accepted up until Fall Break.**
- We reserve the right to decide if a student is **not adequately prepared** for recital participation based on attendance and rehearsal progress.

We are committed to encouraging every dancer to succeed, and we'll work with families when special circumstances arise. Thank you for honoring this policy and helping your dancer flourish with consistency and joy!

Payment & Credit Policy

- **Semester Payments:** Families who pay for the full semester up front will not receive reimbursement or credit for missed classes.
- **Monthly & Drop-In Payments:** If your dancer misses a class, the cost of that class will be credited on your next invoice, *provided that we are notified before class begins.*
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Weekly Schedule

Our weekly class offerings for the season are listed below. Please note the location and level for each class:

Mondays

3:00-4:00pm Ballet 1 at Heritage Church in Scottsdale with Miss Taylor

4:00-5:00pm Ballet 2 at Heritage Church in Scottsdale with Miss Taylor

Tuesdays

12:30-2:30pm Ballet 3 at Dance Fusion in Scottsdale with Miss Taylor

2:00-3:00pm Jazz 1 at Phoenix Dance Studio in North Phoenix with Miss Mekena

3:00-4:00pm Jazz 2 at Phoenix Dance Studio in North Phoenix with Miss Mekena

Wednesdays

10:00-11:00am Lyrical 1 at Vida Church in Mesa with Miss Taylor

2:00-3:00pm Ballet 1 at Open Arms Church in South Scottsdale with Miss Taylor

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Thursdays

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Private Lessons

In-home (1 hr): \$50 | Church space (1 hr): \$60 | In-studio (1 hr): \$80

Semi-Private Lessons

\$40 per student, per hour.

If you're unsure which class is right for your dancer, we're happy to help you find the best fit based on age, experience, and goals!

Class Locations/Addresses

East Valley – Vida Church

319 N. 64th St., Mesa, AZ 85205

Class is held in the kids' room, located to the right of the playground.

Scottsdale – Heritage Church

4848 E. Cactus Rd., #700, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Class is held on the north side of the church building.

South Scottsdale – Open Arms Church

4640 N Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Class is held in the Clubhouse.

North Phoenix – Phoenix Dance Studio

24850 N 19th Ave #103, Phoenix, AZ 85085

Class is held in Studio 2.

Scottsdale – Dance Fusion

319 N. 64th St., Mesa, AZ 85205

Class is held in the main studio.

Expectations for Students

- Come to class with a positive attitude
- Encourage your classmates—we lift others up!
- Work hard and try your best, even when something feels challenging
- Most importantly: have fun and enjoy worshiping through movement!

Expectations for Parents

- Parents are welcome to sit in and watch quietly during class. The exception to this - classes held at Dance Fusion and Phoenix Dance Studio, parents and families may wait in the lobby.
- If you have another child that you are bringing to watch with you, please be sure this does not cause additional distractions.
- We kindly ask that you refrain from correcting or instructing your dancer during class—let the teacher lead. If there is an extreme behavior issue, you may step in to support.
- Parents may assist with bathroom or water breaks as needed

We thank you for partnering with us to create a positive, worshipful atmosphere in every class!

Next Steps

We're excited you're joining the Eden family! To finalize your registration:

1. Email us, or complete the online registration or interest/private lesson form.
2. Send your ESA invoice request, if applicable.
3. Choose your classes via email and submit payment or invoice.
4. Get excited to grow in dance, faith, and community!
5. Please take a look below at our schedule for the semester.

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IMPORTANT DATES

August 17th - First Day of Classes

September 7th - Labor Day Holiday

October 8th & 26th 27th 28th - Fall Break

November 23rd - 27th - Thanksgiving Break

December 11th - Tentative Dress Rehearsal

December 12th - Tentative Recital Date

December 18th - Last Day of Classes