



2026–2027 TEAM HANDBOOK

SPARKS

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SUPERSTARS

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INSPIRATIONS

START HERE.

GROW HERE.

BELONG HERE.



WELCOME TO CLUB CONVERGE

Welcome to the Club! Our Club Converge teams offer the exciting experiences of performing and being on a team while keeping the commitment appropriate for younger dancers, newer dancers, and dancers who benefit from a more flexible team experience. The goal of Club Converge is to introduce dancers to the world of performing and being part of a team in a fun, supportive, age-appropriate environment.

Club Converge includes three unique teams: Sparks (ages 4-6), Superstars (ages 6-9), and Inspirations (adaptive). Each team enjoys all the benefits of being on a dance team with a lower commitment appropriate for their ages and needs.

TEAM CULTURE & COMMUNITY

At Converge, having a positive and supportive team culture is just as important as developing strong dancers. We have created an environment where dancers encourage one another, celebrate each other's successes, and build genuine friendships.

We also are so proud of our dance parent community where families support each others children and celebrate together all season long!

Our team culture is based around that every dancer feels welcomed, valued, supported, and inspired to grow with confidence.

CLUB CONVERGE LEADERSHIP

Kellie Lightfoot	Executive Director
Victoria Amato	Club Converge Director
Jordan Jackson	Studio Director
Rachel Leheney	Club Converge Instructor
Nicole Feher	Club Converge Instructor

OUR CLUB CONVERGE TEAMS

SPARKS (Ages 4-6)

Sparks is our youngest Club Converge team and is designed to introduce dancers to the FUN of performing with a team. Most kids on the Sparks team are 4-6 years old. At this age, our priorities are fun performance opportunities where dancers feel like the stars they are! We focus on building confidence, independence, musicality, beginner dance and performance skills, teamwork, and a love of performing.

Sparks Requirements

Preschool Dance OR any Kinder-level dance class (1 dance class per week)

One Sparks rehearsal per week

Sparks will learn one dance routine that they will perform throughout the season.

SUPERSTARS (Ages 6-9)

Superstars is designed for dancers who are ready for a little more training, responsibility, and performance experience while still maintaining a manageable commitment. The program bridges the gap between recreational dance and our Company Team.

Superstars is a wonderful stepping stone for dancers who may eventually be interested in joining the Converge Company Team, or dancers who want to perform more times than the annual dance showcase.

Superstars Requirements:

One Ballet class per week

One Jazz class per week

One Superstars team rehearsal per week.

Superstars will learn 1-2 routines for their performances throughout the season.

INSPIRATIONS (Ages 6+)

Inspirations is our adaptive performance team and an important part of the Club Converge family.

To us, inclusion means more than just allowing every dancer into the room. We want every dancer to have opportunities that are meaningful, appropriately challenging, and designed to help them succeed. Our program is expertly designed by physical and occupational therapists to ensure safety as well as provide the most benefits for each individual on the team. We love to work with families to establish any personal goals you may be working on so we can incorporate supporting activities into our classes. Don't worry, our dancers have too much fun to ever know it's actually work!

Inspirations gives dancers with varying abilities the opportunity to be on a dance team where they learn to perform, build confidence, develop friendships, and experience all the fun of being part of a team.

Inspirations Training

Class and rehearsal expectations may vary depending on the dancer and the needs of the team. The Converge staff will help families determine the most appropriate class and team experience for each dancer. Most dancers take one Inspirations dance class and then also attend one rehearsal per week.

CLUB CONVERGE PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

Our goal is to give dancers exciting experiences without creating an overwhelming schedule for young children and their families.

IMPORTANT SEASON DATES (2026-2027)

- Club Converge Kick Off Party (September 26th, 1:00pm)
- Club Converge Photo Shoot (October 2, 4:30-6:30pm)
- Avon Lake Homecoming Parade (October 3, 9:00am)
- Team Parties
 - Halloween Party (October 30, 5:00-9:00pm)
 - Friendsgiving (November 21, 6:00-9:00pm)
 - Christmas Party (December 19 5:00-8:00pm)
 - Club Converge Pep Rally (February 27, Time TBD)
 - End of Year Banquet
- 2 Dance Competitions
 - Addicted 2 Dance (Akron): March 5-7
 - I.D. Dance Competition (Cleveland): April 23-25
- Cavs Game Performance (TBD- submitted game date requests)
- Special Recognition at the annual Showcase (June 19)
- Other community performance events as available (TBD)

We are always looking for fun community performance opportunities. We welcome any suggestions and invitations to events and locations you love!

Competition:

Club Converge teams participate in competition for the experience, not simply for the award. Competition gives our dancers the opportunity to:

- Perform on a professional stage
- Build confidence
- Experience teamwork
- Watch and celebrate other dancers
- Receive feedback
- Learn good sportsmanship
- Create special memories with their team

Club Converge is not focused on rankings or trophies. We want dancers to walk offstage feeling proud because they were brave, prepared, and had fun with supportive teammates.

Competition schedules are created by the competition company and may not be released until shortly before the event. Families should keep the scheduled competition dates available until the final schedule is received.

ATTENDANCE

Consistent attendance is important for members of our Club Converge teams. However, we value the importance of school, family, and other activities, and we also understand that many of our Club Converge dancers are very young. We also understand that illness and unexpected situations happen. No dancer will be penalized for missing classes or practices. Just let us know if you will be absent. Dancers do not have to be able to participate in every single performance opportunity, but should be able to participate in the majority of events. If you do have expected events for which you know you will be absent, please let us know as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.

REHEARSALS

Team rehearsals are used to learn, review, and practice for performances. As performance dates approach, occasional additional rehearsals may be necessary. We will make every effort to communicate these rehearsals with as much notice as possible.

COSTUMES

Costumes for each routine will be selected by Converge. Each costume is estimated to cost ~\$100.00 and will be due in November.

COMMUNICATION

Important team information will be communicated through Converge's designated communication systems. If you have a question or concern, please contact us directly via email:

Info@ConvergePAC.com or phone call: 440-575-0075

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

AT THE END OF THE CLUB CONVERGE SEASON, WE HOPE YOUR DANCER IS...

More confident. More independent. A stronger dancer. A good teammate.

More comfortable performing. More willing to try something difficult.

More proud. More connected to other dancers and made great friendships.

And even more excited to dance than when the season began.

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