

Dance Arts Studio
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Dear Parents/Students:

We are excited that you have enrolled your child at Dance Arts. We are looking forward to the new season! We strive to give each student the very best training in dance.

The following information and guidelines will acquaint you with our policies and insure a positive learning environment.

Studio/Dance Protocol:

1. Leotards and tights must be worn for class. Baggy t-shirts and shorts are not acceptable. Preschool and K5 classes are required to purchase slip-on ballet and jazz shoes. These shoes do not have ties.
2. Hair needs to be out of the face. For preschoolers: please no decorative barrettes, bows, etc. They inhibit tumbling and are hard to keep up with.
3. No gum, food, candy or soda allowed in the dance rooms. Smoking is prohibited on the premises.
4. Dancers are expected to be attentive and respectful while in class. Disruptive behavior is not allowed. Any child who kicks, punches, bites, spits upon, or hits another child will be ejected from class. These types of behavior will not be tolerated. Any child making mild disturbances, such as excessive talking, not participating, or failing to listen, will be asked to observe (at the teachers discretion). Continued disruptions will result in being ejected from class. Please see classroom/studio rules.
5. All items other than shoes and dance bags should be left in the dressing rooms. We are not responsible for lost items. Please make sure you have names in all dance shoes and bags. Please do not wear dance shoes outside.
6. Parents/visitors are not permitted in the classroom while classes are in progress, unless approved by staff. Parents will be invited to observe classes several times throughout the year. Due to distractions caused during class time, windows in the office may not be used for viewing classes.
7. Attendance is necessary to achieve technical and performance skills.
8. Students may not be dropped off more than 10 minutes before scheduled class time.
9. Parents are asked to come inside the studio to pick up your child, as we do not allow students to wait outside. This is for your child's safety.
10. Please check the bulletin board in the lobby for special events, announcements, and other pertinent information weekly. It is the responsibility of the parents to stay informed by checking the bulletin board frequently and reading any handouts that come home.

Payment policy:

1. A non-refundable registration fee of \$20 is due with each registration form.
2. Payments are due by the 10th of each month. A \$5 late fee applies to any payments not received on time.
3. Full tuition is required each month August thru May, regardless of the number of classes missed or absences. Fees are assessed for the entire term, and are broken into monthly payments. Tuition is an annual fee. For your convenience, tuition is calculated to be paid in monthly installments. There is a returned check fee of \$40, and we reserve the right to accept future payments in cash only. When paying by check, please include the dancer's name on the check. Accounts must be paid in full for students to participate in class/functions. A student will be dropped if an account goes 30 days in arrears. June tuition is assessed based on Recital performance date.
5. There is no tuition credit given for missed classes. It is the responsibility of the student to make-up any missed classes in a similar class.
6. It is not only courteous, but important, to inform us if a child is discontinuing classes. Upon notice of discontinuation you are entitled a refund for payments previously rendered for that month. Refund amount is determined by date of notification, not the last class attended.
7. Classes cancelled by staff, for any reason, will be re-scheduled.

Performances:

Dance Arts students will have the opportunity for two performances throughout the year. Participation is always optional.

December Revue: The students will present an informal show during the Christmas season. No costumes required. Tickets are sold at the door for admission.

Spring Recital: Students will present an end of the year performance. Each participating child will be required to purchase costumes for the show and pay a recital fee. A costume deposit of \$30 per costume is due in October, with the balance due in January. Costume deposits are non-refundable, and a costume will not be ordered for your child without a deposit. **Costume totals:** @\$50 for Tiny Tots; @ \$95 for preschool classes; Combo classes ages K-5 - 4th grade: @ \$50 per costume. 5th grade & up: @\$55-\$60 per costume. Costume balances are due in late January. A recital fee of \$45 is due in April. Recital fee covers production expenses, labor, decorations, and includes 4 family tickets and 1 program. Additional tickets and programs are sold at door.

Objectives:

1. To develop strength, flexibility, and coordination.
2. To develop a vocabulary of movement.
3. To create body awareness, and knowledge of anatomical function.
4. To stimulate imagination and creativity.
5. To provide enjoyment in movement and group interaction.
6. To emphasize self-discipline, self control, motivation, and dedication.
7. To create an appreciation for an art form.

Dress requirements:

Tiny Tots/Ages 3-4:

Leotard (any color)

Tights

Slip on Pink ballet shoes *loose slippers are not considered ballet slippers

Tap shoes: for 3-4 yr. old combination classes

Ages 5& up:

Leotard (any color)

Tights (ballet) or fitted booty shorts/pants for jazz/tap; no baggy shorts or sweats

Pink split sole ballet shoes

Tap shoes (see instructor)

Jazz shoes (for those enrolled in jazz; K5 required to purchase slip-on jazz shoes)

Hip hop: any comfortable clothing with any type of sneaker

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Guidelines:

In order to provide a safe and positive learning atmosphere, please read and review with your child the following rules:

1. You must be respectful and attentive to the teacher. Disruptive behavior is not allowed during class. Any disruptive child will be asked to observe until a parent arrives to pick them up.
2. Place all bags in the corner of the dance room.
3. No climbing on the tumbling mats.
4. Dancers cannot leave the room during class time without permission. Always ask the teacher for permission to leave the room.
5. Parents are not allowed in the classroom unless approved by staff. Please do not enter the dance room at the end of class time to get your child. The dancers will line up at the end of class and exit the room as a group.
6. If entering late, please enter as quietly as possible.
7. Food and drink are not allowed in the classroom. Please throw away all food and drink items properly. Always

use wastebaskets.

8. Go to the bathroom before class.
9. Follow the dress code for your class and make sure you have all shoes before class.
10. No running in the studio unless dictated by the teacher.
11. Absolutely no horseplay in the dressing room, lobby, or open studio space.
12. Any child intentionally defacing studio property will be ejected from Dance Arts Studio, and if a student, will no longer be allowed to continue classes. This includes writing on the walls with tap shoes, carving wood, ect...This behavior will not be tolerated.
13. Other children are not to be left unattended in the lobby while class is in progress.
14. Dancers are not allowed to wait outside to be picked up. Please come inside the studio to pick up your child. This is for your child's safety. All children need assistance to safely cross the parking lot.
15. Please refrain from parking directly in front of the studio. This is drop-off area only.
16. Children may not be dropped off more than 10 minutes before scheduled class time.
17. Due to distractions caused from observation window, parents/visitors will not be allowed to view classes from the office window. There will be several opportunities during the year to observe classes.

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Tuition Guide:

Tiny Tots: \$32/month

Combination Classes: ages 3-4 Ballet/Tap/Tumbling \$42/month

Combination Classes: ages 5-9 Ballet/Tap/Jazz \$42/month
w/hiphop \$56/month

Technique classes: (ages 10 & up)

Up to 1 hr./week	\$40/month
2 hrs./week	\$75/month
2 ½ hrs./week	\$80/month
3 hrs./week	\$85/month
4 hrs./week	\$100/month
5 hrs/week	\$110/month

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Fall classes begin Monday, August 15.