

Fusion Dance Center Handbook

A Guide for Students and Parents

Welcome to Fusion Dance Center!

Philosophy

Fusion Dance Center is committed to providing high-quality dance education to enhance the overall development of your child. We take our roles as mentors and teachers in your child's life very seriously. It is our objective to inspire a passion for the art of dance in every child who passes through our doors and help create memories that will last a lifetime. We believe that dance training encourages young people to develop a positive self-image as they increase awareness of their physical being. Along with improving coordination skills and developing muscular awareness, dance give children the freedom to express themselves through movement.

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STAY INFORMED!!

Facebook Page

"Like" the Fusion Dance Center page on Facebook to receive daily updates on events. Social media is an excellent way to stay informed! Please invite your family and friends to "like" the dance school.

Instagram: FusionDanceWlfd

Twitter: FusionDanceWlfd

First Day of Class: Monday, September 16, 2019

Fusion Closure Dates:

Saturday & Sunday, October 5th & 6th, 2019: Celebrate Wallingford

Thursday, October 31, 2019: Happy Halloween

Monday, November 11, 2019: Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 27 - Saturday, November 30, 2019: Thanksgiving Break

Monday, December 23 - Saturday, January 4, 2020 : Winter Break

Monday, January 20, 2020: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, April 13 – Saturday, April 18, 2020: April Vacation

Saturday, May 23 - Monday, May 25, 2020: Memorial Day Weekend

IMPORTANT FDC DATES:

Picture Day: TBA (Weekend of 4/25, 4/26)

Last Day of Classes: Monday, June 1st, 2020

Production Rehearsals: TBA- please reserve Tuesday, June 2nd - Friday, June 5th for tentative rehearsal dates!

End of the Year Production: Sunday, June 7th, 2020 11:30 & 4:30 show times

Dress Code Requirements

- Students should carry their dancewear, shoes, and other belongings in a dance bag.
- **Please print your child's name on the bag as well as on the dance shoes.**
- Students must wear their hair up in a ponytail or bun
- Leotard and tights should be worn for all dance classes. Jazz/Hip Hop classes may wear comfortable dance clothing.
- Acro classes are done barefoot, converter tights needed.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DANCE ATTIRE REQUIRED</u>
Baby Ballerinas/Twirling Toddlers/Tiny Dancers/Showstoppers/Petites	
Baby Ballerinas/Twirling Toddlers	Leotard, tights, Balera pink ballet shoes
Little Stars/ Superstars Gymnastics	Leotard or comfortable clothing, no tights required, barefoot
Tiny Dancers Ballet & Tap Combo	Leotard, tights, Balera pink ballet shoes, Balera black tap shoes
Showstopper/Petite Ballet & Tap Combo	Leotard, tights, Balera pink ballet shoes, Balera black tap shoes
Showstopper/Petite Jazz & Hip Hop	Leotard, tights, Balera black jazz shoes
Showstopper/Petite Acrobatics	Leotard, converter tights, barefoot
Juniors/PreTeens	
Junior Ballet/Lyrical	Leotard, tights, Balera pink ballet shoes
Junior Tap	Leotard, tights, Balera tan U shell tap shoes
Junior Jazz & Hip Hop	Leotard, tights, or Fusion t-shirt, black leggings, Balera black jazz shoes
Junior Acrobatics	Leotard, Fusion t-shirt optional, barefoot
Mini/Petite/Junior/PreTeen Competition Company	Leotard & tights Tap: Tan U shell Tap shoes – Bloch or Balera Jazz: Balera Tan slip-on jazz shoes (Balera ONLY- other brands are different style/color) Ballet: Pink ballet slipper (any brand)

Teens/Seniors	
Teen Ballet/Lyrical Senior Ballet/Lyrical	Leotard, tights, Balera pink ballet shoes
Teen/Senior Tap	Leotard, tights, Balera or Bloch tan tie tap shoes
Teen Jazz & Hip Hop Senior Jazz & Hip Hop	Leotard, tights, or Fusion t-shirt, black leggings, Balera black jazz shoes
Teen/Senior Acrobatics	Leotard, Fusion t-shirt optional, barefoot
Teen/Senior Competition Company	Leotard & Tights Tap: Tan Tie Tap Shoes (Balera or Bloch) Jazz: Balera tan slip-on jazz shoe (Balera ONLY- other brands are different style/color) Ballet: Pink ballet slippers (any brand)

Balera dance shoes are available for purchase at the studio.
Please see the front desk for sizing and price information!

PAYMENT INFORMATION

If paying tuition in 9 equal installments, payment is due on the first scheduled class of September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, and May.
 Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Option A: Payment of tuition in full at registration to cover classes Sept. 2019 – June 2020.
Receive %5 discount.
(Check, cash, or money order only)

Option B: 9 equal installments due the first class of Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr & May.
(Cash or check preferred to help us avoid high credit card fees)

Option C: Automatic credit card payment on the 7th of each dance month.
 (\$2.00 automatic credit card fee)
 -See front desk to complete an Automatic Payment Form-

Reminder: Tuition/Installments are due by the 1st dance class of each month.

Unpaid/late tuition will incur a \$10 fee issued by DanceStudio-Pro account managers each late installment.
 Thank you in advance for your timely payment.

*Please understand that all fees paid are **nonrefundable and nontransferable.***

**The parent or guardian is responsible for notifying, in writing, Fusion Dancer Center of any change to the credit card or checking account. The returned check/declined card fee is \$20..*

****Tuition payments can be made at the front desk. Thanks so much for your cooperation this year! ****

Tuition and Expense Policy

Monthly tuition installments can be made in cash or check. They can also be paid through automatic withdrawal from your credit or debit card account as long as you sign up and fill out the paperwork in the beginning of the dance year. Tuition will be charged directly to your specified card. Please write your child's name in the memo portion of the check. Thank you in advance for helping us avoid high credit card fees by paying in cash or check when possible!

Please note: Payments made for registration, tuition, competition fees and costumes are non-refundable. Classes missed due to illness, inclement weather or personal holiday may be made up in another class of appropriate level. We will not prorate tuition for missed classes.

Classes Per Week	Total Dance Tuition	9 Installments of Payment
Baby Ballerina (Mommy & Me) (*Non-Performance)	\$351	\$39
Twirling Toddlers	\$378	\$42
Tiny Dancers Tap/Ballet	\$468	\$52
Showstoppers Tap/Ballet Petite Tap/Ballet	\$495	\$55
Showstopper Combo Petite Combo (Tap/Ballet/Jazz/Hip Hop)	\$684	\$76
Acrobatics + Showstopper/Petite Dance Combo	\$882	\$98

1 class	\$468	\$52
2 classes	\$684	\$76
3 classes	\$882	\$98
4 classes	\$1,116	\$124
5 classes	\$1,296	\$144

RECREATIONAL GYMNASTICS AT FUSION

10 Week Session \$120

Fall Gymnastics Session begins October 7th for Monday classes and October 12th for Saturday classes!

Our recreational gymnastics program is a non-performance class with open enrollment for both our Little Stars (2-4yr) and Superstars (5-7yr) beginning Monday, October 7th & Saturday, October 12th. Students will be awarded a ribbon after each gymnastics session they complete!

COSTUME FEES

COSTUME FEES ARE PAID IN 2 INSTALLMENTS. PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES!!

A costume deposit of \$40 per costume/per class is due no later than **October 1st**. A costume deposit must be received by this date in order to ensure the student will have a costume in time for Picture Day and the recital. Fusion can not guarantee costumes if a costume deposit is not made. **Please notify Fusion by this date if your dancer will not be in the End of the Year production and will not be requiring a costume.**

*****Twirling Toddlers have 1 costume: Please let us know by October 1st if your dancer will NOT be purchasing a costume*****

*Tiny Dancers, Showstoppers, and Petites will all have two costumes as they will perform a tap and ballet dance in the recital. *

Showstoppers and Petites that are also enrolled in a Jazz/Hip Hop or Acro class will need to purchase additional costumes as they will be performing in additional routines.

The remaining balance is due no later than January 21st (the amount is TBD since each costume will be a different price/amount). Costume fees will NOT be refunded after October 1st, even if the student withdraws from the class. There is a \$20 fee for NSF checks. Cash or check made out to "Fusion" only for costume fees (no credit cards, please!)

Attendance & Illness

All students are expected to attend their regularly scheduled classes. Each class offers a step forward in the educational process. A missed class could leave a child one step behind the other students. During the months of February through May, choreography for the end of year Production will be taught and rehearsed. It is important for children to feel completely confident with the choreography and the year-end performance. Missing class during this period could result in frustration for the students and their teachers and classmates. If your child is absent due to illness, please inform the instructor so it can be arranged for the student to attend another class of similar level as a make-up, if necessary.

Class Placement

Class placement is assessed by our team of dance educators and is in the dancer's best interest. Placement decisions are individual and many factors are considered before a student is placed in a dance class. Dance class days or times may be requested, but we cannot guarantee the selected days. We do our best to accommodate schedules and requests while keeping the students' best placement in mind. Often a child is placed in a particular group or class where he or she will feel confident, in order to promote their self-esteem and dance development.

Inclement Weather

Notifications of weather cancellations will be posted on our Facebook page, announced on the school's outgoing voicemail message, and post on News Channel 8.

Annual Dance Productions

With the exception of our Twirling Toddlers, it is required that all students perform in our end of year production. It is up to the parents' discretion if they would like their Twirling Toddler to participate. Parent/guardian will have to notify dance teachers by December 1st if a student is not planning to perform. **Please note that all students must participate in the production rehearsal in order to perform in the recital.** Recital rehearsal is MANDATORY IN ORDER FOR DANCER TO PERFORM. The production offers our students a professionally directed performance that allows them to present to their families and friends the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress.

*****TROPHIES: If your child has danced at Fusion for 3, 5 or 10 years, please make sure to sign them up by April 1st to ensure the student receives their award at the production. Form is available in the office. *****

2020-2021 Registration

The day of the recital, information packets and registration forms will be distributed. Early registration will ensure a place in the dance classes for the following year. Registration forms are numbered in the order that they are received and this will determine the order for ticket sales the next dance season.

Medical Information

Parents must notify the director/and or teachers regarding children who use an inhaler or who may require medications during their time at Fusion. It is also important to inform the director and/or teachers about your child's existing medical conditions or learning disabilities at the time of registration and throughout the school year. Our teachers are trained professionals who are anxious to work with all children and personalities, and the more we know about your child, the better the dance experience will be for all involved. All information about our students is confidential.

Summer Program and Camps

Each summer Fusion offers summer programs and camps for both current and new students. Summer activities are for children ages 3 to 18. We strongly suggest students plan to attend a camp to further their advancement. Current or interested Fusion Dance Company members are required to attend at least one summer program to maintain and enhance technique and the Company Assessment over the summer.

FOR OUR STUDENTS

The first step to becoming a successful dancer is making a solid commitment to your classes. Strong technique is key and class is where you develop that. Class time is your chance to focus on yourself, so try to leave concerns or worries at the studio door, along with all electronics. There will be no cell phone use during class time. True progress is made when you look at each class as an opportunity to become better at what you love to do. Listen to each correction given, whether it's directed at you or another dancer. A correction is an honor; it shows you how much a teacher cares about your progress as a dancer. Nothing can stop those students who apply themselves in every class and appreciate their teachers' knowledge and experience.

FOR THE PARENTS: "WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER"

We believe that children's success depends on the support of their parents/guardians. Your commitment to the process is invaluable and we encourage you to be a part of your child's dance education. Our programs rely on a positive atmosphere and educational experience for our faculty, students, and parents. Showing respect for other parents, the students, and the faculty makes an important impression on the children. Your child's presence at all classes is imperative. The discipline of dance training gives young people a better understanding of commitment through learning, experiencing the spirit of teamwork, and discovering what they can accomplish through hard work.

We look forward to an exciting, rewarding season!

WELCOME TO FUSION DANCE CENTER!