



WELCOME
BACK!



BACK 2 DANCE

We're so excited to welcome you back to the studio for another amazing season of dance! Whether you're a familiar face or new to our dance family, we can't wait to twirl, leap, and create new memories together. Our goals this season are to provide a warm, friendly atmosphere where students can express themselves, reach their full potential, and develop both amateur and professional skills. We're committed to offering performance opportunities, building team spirit, and nurturing poise, character, and a love of dance. Let's get ready for a season full of fun, creativity, and growth!



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IMPORTANT



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YEAR AT A GLANCE

2025

September 22

First Term begins. Welcome back dancers! Please review the Welcome/Policy Letter carefully.

September 30

Holiday - Closed

October 13

Thanksgiving - No Classes

October 24 - 30

Halloween Costume Week - Wear your favourite costume!

October 31

Halloween- No classes

November 30

Holiday Recital - Spatz Theatre

December 8 - 14

Holiday PJ Week - Come dressed in your favourite holiday pyjamas!

December 14

Last Class before Christmas

December 15 - January 4

Christmas Break - No classes

2025

January 5

Classes resume

January 25

First Term ends

January 26

Second Term begins

February 8 - 14

Love Week - Wear red and pink to celebrate Valentine's Day!

March 16 - 20

March Break - No classes

March 20

Costume Money Due

April 3 - 9

Easter Break - No classes

April 10 - 16

Sock Hop Week - Celebrate Easter break with fun socks and bunny ears!

May 9

CHP Photography Day

May 31

Year-End Dance Recital - Spatz Theatre



WELCOME TO THE DARTMOUTH DANCE ACADEMY!

Info & Policies

Please Read Carefully- Dancers and Parents will be responsible for all information found in this package.

GOALS:

Our Goals are:

- To provide a warm, friendly atmosphere allowing students to create and express themselves.
- To encourage students to reach their full potential. To develop amateur and professional qualifications.
- To provide students with performance opportunities.
- To develop team spirit, exercise, poise, and character.
- To develop sound technique and a love of dance.



TERMS

Dance is offered as a progressive two-term program running from September to May. Classes are held consistently, provided there is sufficient enrollment. The program features two recitals: a holiday recital in November and a year-end recital in May.

ATTENDANCE

To ensure a positive class experience for all, we ask that students arrive prepared to dance at their scheduled time. We appreciate the effort students and parents make to be punctual, and we encourage students to use the washroom prior to class.

Parents/guardians of young children should remain available outside the studio to assist with any needs that may arise during class (e.g., washroom). Children must be picked up promptly at the end of class, as transitions between sessions do not allow for supervision beyond class time. Teachers will review our systematic and safe pickup procedures with families.

Policy: Students who miss more than three classes in a term may risk losing eligibility to participate in the year-end recital or dance exams. Final decisions are at the teacher's discretion.

ATTIRE

Please ensure your child's hair is always tied up, no dangling earrings or necklaces should be worn for safety.

Little Stars - Level 2

- Pink tights
- Pink leotard
- Pink leather ballet shoes
- Beige tap shoes
- (if applicable)
- Pink skirt (optional)

Level 3+

- Black leotard
- Pink tights
- Pink leather ballet shoes
- Beige tap shoes
- Beige jazz shoes

Acro

- Black leotard
- Black jazz shorts
- Bare feet

Boys

- Black pants
- White T-shirt
- Black dance shoes
(ballet, tap or jazz)

Note: If it is deemed that your child's attire may cause a safety issue, your child may be asked to remain seated for the duration of the class.



EXAMS

Dance exams are optional and taken at the teacher's discretion in all three disciplines. While not required, they are encouraged as a valuable assessment of progress for both students and teachers. Exams are recognized across Canada and may count toward high school credits in some provinces.

Examinations are typically taken in the second or third year of study and are usually scheduled in the spring. Students are evaluated through the Canadian Dance Teachers' Association (CDTA), a national organization that sets standards for both students and instructors.

Students may participate in graded (theory) and medal (performance) testing, receiving certificates and/or medals. These exams can also lead to professional certification. Parents will be notified if their child qualifies. Please note that exams may occasionally be scheduled during regular school hours or at an alternate location. Payments are due in February.

NOTICES

Throughout the dance year, important notices regarding recitals, exams, and other events will be sent home. Please check regularly with your child and review the bulletin board for updates. Information and notices are also available anytime on our website: **dartmouthdanceacademy.com**.

RECITAL

Our annual recitals take place each May and November, offering a memorable experience for both students and parents. Costumes, choreography, and the theatre atmosphere create a rewarding milestone for every dancer.

If your child is enrolled in a 15-week program, participation in the recital is required. Recital costs are kept to a minimum. Rehearsals are held during the second term, counted as class time, and are mandatory to ensure safety and preparedness.

Complete recital details will be distributed and posted on the bulletin board. All recitals are professionally filmed, and digital copies will be available for purchase. For the safety and enjoyment of all, personal filming and photography are not permitted at any time.

COSTUMES

A costume is required for each discipline your child is enrolled in (Ballet, Jazz, Tap, etc.). Whenever possible, costumes are resold, revamped, reused, loaned, or designed for everyday wear. Our staff spend considerable time sourcing the best prices for families.

Payment is due **March 20, 2026**. Please note that costume fees are non-refundable once orders are placed. We recommend keeping costumes from year to year, as Dartmouth Dance Academy may be able to reuse, resell, or adapt them. Timely payment ensures instructors can proceed with purchases without delay.



PHOTOGRAPHY

DDA school photos are taken each May by a professional photographer, with students in full dance costume. Every dance group is photographed, so we ask all students to be present even if they do not wish to purchase individual photos. Group pictures are an important part of our school record. Photo days are held during the second term and are counted as class time.

SHOE EXCHANGE

Shoes for sale should be tied together in a clear bag with the student's name, telephone number, and price listed on the shoe or an attached card. Shoes may be placed in the second-hand box at either studio location. Dartmouth Dance Academy is not responsible for lost or stolen shoes.

CANCELLED CLASSES

Classes are rarely canceled. In emergencies, announcements will be made on our social media pages, Facebook group, or by phone. Staff will also attempt to contact families directly in the event of a cancellation.

FUSION DANCE TEAMS

For information about joining Fusion, please contact the director at directordartmouthdance@gmail.com

CONTACT INFO

For more information, visit our website: **dartmouthdanceacademy.com**. Faculty email addresses are posted online, and questions about classes, attendance, or other inquiries may be sent directly to your teacher. Staff are not available by phone.

For general inquiries at any time, email: directordartmouthdance@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING DARTMOUTH DANCE ACADEMY.





DANCEWEAR ORDER FORM

Dancer's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Class: _____ Email: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

****All prices DO NOT include HST****

Bodysuit – Child	\$48	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Bodysuit – Adult	\$53	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Tights – Child	\$27	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Tights – Adult	\$30	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Ballet Skirt	\$27	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Nude Suit	\$60	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Tap Shoes	\$56	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Jazz Shoes	\$78	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Ballet Shoes	\$54	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Boot Shorts	\$30	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
				Subtotal	= _____
				HST	= _____
				Total	= _____

PAYMENT

Cash ☐

Cheque ☐

Credit Card ☐

Credit Card #: _____ Expiry: _____ / _____