



**STUDENT / PARENT
MANUAL**

With the exception of students registering for the free trial class, all students agree that they are registering for the full 10 week term. Student (or Parent/Guardian) is responsible for all dues paid on time per their choice selected on the registration form. All dues must be current in order to attend class unless there has been a prior arrangement made with the instructor. If you are having troubles with your payments, please let us know and we will do what we can to work with you.

Tuition may be paid by cash, check or credit card (Visa, MC, AMEX or Discover). Bills may be paid in person or electronically via our email invoicing system.

Current Pricing is as Follows:

1st Student

\$200.00 per 10 week session for which we have two different payment options.

- 1) \$50.00 per week, paid in 4 weekly installments (First 4 weeks of each term)
- 2) 15% discount is available for those who pay the full term in advance of the first class making the cost \$170.00 for a full 10 week session

Sibling Discount – Additional Student(s) in the Same Family

We offer a discount for all sibling enrollments. This is available when paying either in full or with the 4 payment option.

- 1) Paid in full prior to the first class - \$145.00
- 2) Paid in 4 weekly payments - \$42.50 (First 4 weeks of each term)

**There is a \$50 charge on all returned checks

Students are encouraged to attend all scheduled classes. There are no make-up classes available for missed classes. There are no reductions, or deductions for missed classes.

Email

Please make sure we always have your current email address on file. We send out newsletters with important updates as necessary.

Advancement Policy

Students are placed in classes according to their age and ability at the time of registration. Promotion is considered on the basis of individual achievement at the discretion of the instructor.

Class Size

Many schools have class sizes of 20 or more students. We try to keep class sizes smaller than many schools to be better able to give each student more individualized attention.

Class Arrival and Departure

Please arrive at least 5 minutes early to get ready for your scheduled class. We ask you to walk your child into the building for class and that you walk into the building to pick your student up after class. For your child's safety, students will not be allowed to wait outside the building. Please do not drop off students early and leave. Instructors will only be accountable for students while in class.

Class Observation

Each term we will have one class where parents (family) can observe their child. That is usually the final week of the term. Notifications will be sent out prior to this class as a reminder. Other weeks, we ask that parents wait in the lobby until class has finished. We also ask that everyone waiting in the lobby to stay away from the doors as it is a distraction to all the students when they see people watching.

Restroom

Please have students use the restroom before class begins each week. It can be disruptive to the other students to have to stop class for students to use the restroom during class.

We request parents of children who are not old enough to use the restroom alone, to wait in the lobby in case their child does need to use the bathroom during class.

Dance Attire

- Hair should be pulled back out of your face before entering class
- Oversize clothing should not be worn
- No Jewelry except stud earrings
- Street shoes will not be allowed inside the studio at any time
- The required uniform may be purchased at Discount Dance Supply online. There is a flyer (last page of this packet) with a discount code. We do understand that it can take some time to get the uniform so we are flexible with the timing

Scheduled Closings

Each 10 week term has one mid-term break, usually at the 5 week mark. At times we may have to adjust the schedule to accommodate scheduling conflicts with the studio we are currently renting. This doesn't happen often, but when these do come up, we will give as much notice as we can. A calendar is given out with each registration, and can also be found on our downloads page on our website.

Conduct

The studio reserves the right to dismiss any student or parent whose conduct is disrespectful to other students, teachers or property.

Miscellaneous Notes

- No Food, drinks or gum in the studio at any time. Bottled water is the only exception
- Children must be supervised at all times
- As a parent, If you do leave the lobby during dance class, you must be back in time to pick your child up promptly when class is dismissed
- Be courteous to the dancers while in class by keeping your children in the lobby quiet and away from the studio doors. Please do not bring in toys that will disrupt students, parents or other children in the lobby.
- Respect for each other, instructors and the facility are expected at all times

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to the instructor of the class, before or after class, or you may contact Kelly at 538-4226



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The other night someone asked my “Why do you pay so much money for your girls to dance?”

Well I have a confession to make, I don't pay for dance. Personally, I couldn't care less about dance. I grew up in a family of 4 boys and no girls. The “Nutcracker” was something you did on a dare off the high dive at the pool or something you unpleasantly surprised your brother with. Up until the day I met my wife if I were asked to go to Swan Lake I would have asked if we were water skiing or fishing.

So if I am not paying for dance what am I paying for? I pay for those moments when my daughters become so tired they want to quit but don't. I pay for those days when my daughters come home from school and are “too tired” to go dance but go anyway. I pay for my daughters to learn to be graceful. I pay for my daughters to learn to take care of their body. I pay for my daughters to learn to work with others and to be good teammates. I pay for my daughters to learn to deal with disappointment, when they don't get that part they hoped for, but still have to work hard at the part that they received. I pay for my daughters to learn to make and accomplish goals. I pay for my daughters to learn that it takes something beautiful, and that success does not happen overnight. I pay for the opportunity my daughters have and will have to make lifelong friendships. I pay so that my daughters can be on stage instead of in front of a screen...

I could go on but to be short, I don't pay for dance, I pay for the opportunities that dance provides my daughters to develop attributes that will serve them well throughout their lives and give them the opportunity to bless the lives of others. From what I have seen so far I think it is a great investment!

I am sure that other parents get similar questions. “Why do you pay for competitive baseball?” “Why do you pay for Quarterback training?” “Why do you pay for club soccer?” “Why does your kid swim year round?” ... I just think it is important to realize what we are really paying for.

<http://shadmartin.blogspot.com/2015/10/why-i-dont-pay-for-dance-anymore.html>

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