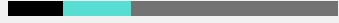


2024 DANCE STUDIO HANDBOOK





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WELCOME



Lisa De Siena, Nikki Lynn Ceglecki, Corinne Firetto
Owners

Dear Dynamic Dance Academy families,

Guess what? It's dance time again! We're thrilled to start the 2023-2024 dance season. We've been waiting for this, and it's truly heartwarming to see both familiar faces and new ones joining us. Whether you're returning champs or brand new to our dance family, we're all about to dive into some serious dance fun. Your dedication to dance and your children's growth continues to be a source of inspiration for us, and we're excited to share this journey with you.

This season is going to be all about learning, being creative, and having unforgettable moments. Our dance teachers are here to help your children become awesome dancers and confident young people. No matter if you're a dance pro or trying it out for the first time, our dance family is like a second home. Dancing isn't just about moving – it's also about telling stories and expressing feelings without words. As we start this adventure, remember to enjoy every step, celebrate your successes, and have fun.

To sum up, we're so excited to have you back with us and can't wait to see all the amazing things this season will bring. Dance has this incredible power to cross limits and stir up deep feelings, and we're confident this year will be just as fantastic!

SOME REMINDERS



Class Schedule: You can check out our class listing in the attached schedule or on our website. If you have any questions about your schedule, just let us know.

Apparel and Attire: Make sure your dancer wears the right clothes and shoes for your classes. Shoes and leotards can be ordered through the studio; just ask a receptionist for an order form. Studio gear like sweatsuits and t-shirts can be purchased on our website. Remember, all tap, jazz & ballet shoes for our recital must be ordered through the studio, so when your child outgrows their current shoes, let us know!

Shows and Events: We're already working on securing a venue for our 2024 Annual Recital, which will be held one day during the first or second weekend in June. Further details will be communicated as soon as we have more information to share.

Health and Safety Measures: Upholding the well-being of our dancers remains our top concern. We are committed to adhering to all mandated health and safety protocols.



KEY INFORMATION



Key Contact Information

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Studio Closures

October 9th - Columbus Day

October 31st - Halloween

November 23rd-25th - Thanksgiving Break

December 24th-January 1st - Winter Break

January 15th - MLK Jr. Day

March 28th-March 31st - Easter Break

April 20th-24th - Spring Break

May 27th - Memorial Day

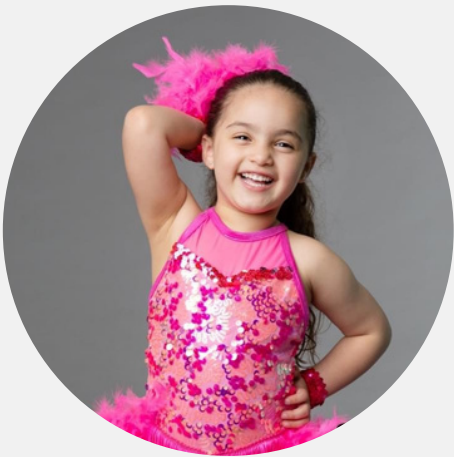


2023-2024

SCHOOL CALENDAR

<p>SEPTEMBER 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11TH: FIRST DAY OF CLASSES 	<p>OCTOBER 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7TH: TUITION DUE • 9TH: COLUMBUS DAY - STUDIO CLOSED • 28TH: COSTUME DEPOSITS DUE • 31ST: HALLOWEEN - STUDIO CLOSED 	<p>NOVEMBER 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7TH: TUITION DUE • 23RD-25TH: THANKSGIVING BREAK - STUDIO CLOSED
<p>DECEMBER 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7TH: TUITION DUE • 24TH-JANUARY 1ST: WINTER BREAK - STUDIO CLOSED 	<p>JANUARY 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7TH: TUITION DUE • 15TH: MLK JR. DAY - STUDIO CLOSED • 22ND: COSTUME BALANCES DUE 	<p>FEBRUARY 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7TH: TUITION DUE
<p>MARCH 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7TH: TUITION DUE • 10TH: PICTURE DAY • 28TH-31ST: EASTER BREAK - STUDIO CLOSED 	<p>APRIL 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7TH: TUITION DUE • 20TH-24TH: SPRING BREAK - STUDIO CLOSED 	<p>MAY 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7TH: TUITION DUE • 27TH: MEMORIAL DAY - STUDIO CLOSED
	<p>JUNE 2024</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2ND: RECITAL • 22ND: LAST DAY OF CLASSES! 	

OUR STUDENTS



By committing to your dance classes, you're taking the first step towards becoming a great dancer. Remember, when you're in class, it's your chance to focus on improving. Be ready, leave distractions behind, and see each class as an opportunity to get better at what you love. Give it your all, stretch a bit further, and make the most of every moment. If you stay dedicated and enthusiastic, you'll see amazing progress.

Respect your teachers. Embrace their corrections because it means they care about your growth. When they give you advice, always say thank you—it's a chance to learn and improve. Your commitment and appreciation for your teachers' knowledge and experience will help you become great. With hard work and valuing your teachers' guidance, nothing can hold you back.

OUR PARENTS

We believe that your support is vital to your child's dance education. Your commitment to this process makes a significant difference, and we encourage you to actively engage in your child's dance journey. Our programs thrive in a positive environment that requires cooperation and respect from all parents. When you demonstrate respect for each other, our students, and our faculty, you set an example for your children, showing them how to interact professionally and compassionately with others.

Your child's regular attendance in all classes is crucial. Together, we promote a sense of teamwork and dedication that is a fundamental part of our educational approach. While parents and teachers may have different perspectives, we share a common goal: ensuring that every child receives the best possible physical and mental training. By nurturing mutual respect among our faculty and parents, we create an environment that cares for our students and provides them with the highest quality education.



SPECIAL INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS OF TINY TOTS



We are dedicated to providing the highest-quality preschool education in a secure, nurturing, and stimulating environment. Our age-appropriate curriculum and ongoing communication with parents address the physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of our tiniest dancers.

During the first few weeks of classes, we focus on helping students become comfortable with the dance experience, their classroom, teacher, and classmates. Through age-appropriate music, stretching exercises, ballet and tap basics, and creative games, we foster coordination, listening skills, musical awareness, and imagination. Remember, preschool dance is about helping children tap into their imaginations and express themselves creatively, rather than solely learning steps. So don't worry if your child doesn't pirouette around the house right away—it's all part of their dance journey.

The process of separating from parents is an important milestone for preschool children attending dance class. As children grow, they learn to develop an interest in class activities, feel comfortable with their peers, and understand that parents will always come back for them. We understand that some children may initially resist attending class, but it's usually short-lived. Here are some helpful suggestions:

- Focus on the positive aspects of the dance class experience.
- Ensure your child is engaged in an activity or under the teacher's care before you leave.
- Keep goodbyes brief and avoid prolonged farewells.
- Seek assistance from the teacher during the separation process. Remember, any tears shed are often for the parent's benefit.

It's okay if dance class may not be the right fit for your child at this moment. If your child expresses distress or does not want to participate, please don't panic. Pushing children beyond their comfort zones may create negative associations with dance. We never want that. Never force your child into the classroom. If your child discontinues classes within the first month, the registration fee will be credited to the following year's classes, whether that be summer classes or in the 2024-2025 fall season. We encourage you to try again next year, allowing your child to grow at their own pace.

UNDERSTANDING DANCE EDUCATION

As a parent, your support is invaluable to your child's dance journey. Encourage them to be the best version of themselves, focusing on their own accomplishments rather than comparing themselves to others. Dance is an individual art form, and each student progresses at their own pace. Our dedicated faculty not only teaches technique and steps but also imparts essential life lessons. Through dance, children learn commitment, teamwork, and the rewards of hard work. Our goal is to educate their minds, bodies, and souls, providing them with skills that will serve them well in all aspects of life.



Class Placement

Our experienced faculty carefully considers each student's progress and placement. Placement decisions are based on years of teaching expertise and aim to promote self-esteem and confidence. We understand that every child is unique, and factors influencing placement are complex. Trust in our faculty's judgment and encourage your child to embrace their class with enthusiasm. Our priority is to provide a positive and empowering environment for each dancer.



Medical Information

Your child's well-being is of utmost importance to us. Please fill out your online portal's medical section to inform the director and teachers of any medical conditions, learning disabilities, or medications your child may require. Our teachers are trained professionals who are eager to work with all children, and the more we know about your child, the better we can provide a fulfilling dance experience. Rest assured that all information regarding our students is treated with the utmost confidentiality.



Do's and Don'ts

It's natural for parents and students to draw inspiration from others, but let's focus on personal growth rather than making negative comparisons. Encourage your child to celebrate their achievements and avoid speaking negatively about teachers, fellow students, or other parents. Our faculty takes their role as mentors seriously, guiding students to act respectfully towards their peers, adults, and themselves. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out directly to your child's teacher or the director. Misinformation can be avoided by seeking accurate information from the right sources.

STAYING INFORMED



We strive to make the dance experience organized and enjoyable for everyone involved. To keep you well-informed, please read all newsletters and studio updates carefully. Newsletters and important updates will always be emailed to you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our studio via email. Our website is regularly updated with essential information, and our Facebook and Instagram pages are a great resource for daily updates and connecting with the dance community. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook & Instagram for more exciting updates!

DRESS CODE

At Dynamic Dance Academy, our dress code is designed to foster focus, inclusiveness, and equality among all dancers. By adhering to a uniform dress-wear, we create an environment where teachers can assess technique, alignment, and other crucial aspects of dance training effectively. Let's embrace the dress code with confidence and unity!

To ensure organization, students are required to carry any dancewear, shoes, and belongings in a designated dance bag. Please remember to label your child's bag and all its contents with their name.

During classes, we kindly request that students avoid wearing dangling jewelry, as it can be distracting and a safety hazard. Dance shoes should never be worn outside to preserve their quality and cleanliness.



DRESS CODE

REQUIREMENTS



Ballet

Girls: Leotard or leotard with attached skirt, tights, ballet shoes. A ballet skirt or tutu can be worn over the leotard. Hair pulled back out of the face, either into a ponytail or bun (bun preferred).

Boys: Athletic shorts, tank top or compression t-shirt, ballet shoes. Socks optional.

Jazz & Tap Combo Class

Leotard/leotard with attached skirt or athletic shorts/leggings with t-shirt or tank top. Hair pulled back out of the face in a ponytail. No denim jeans, shorts or school uniforms. Ballet or jazz shoes can be used in class for jazz, and tap shoes must be used for tap.

Hip Hop

Any dancewear or athletic clothing - A t-shirt or tank top with sweatpants, leggings or shorts are all acceptable. No denim jeans, shorts, or school uniforms. Hair pulled back out of the face in a ponytail. If your child has another class before or after, they can leave on the outfit they're wearing for that class. Sneakers must be worn - no sandals, slippers, or Uggs.

REGISTRATION FEE & TUITION



To ensure smooth operations and provide necessary coverage for insurance and administration, we have an annual registration fee. The fee is \$20 for single students or \$35 per family. It's a small investment that helps us create an amazing dance experience for everyone. Please note that registration fees are non-refundable, except for tiny tots who may receive a credit for the following term if they are unready for dance this season.

When it comes to tuition, we want to make it as convenient as possible for you. Monthly tuition is always due in full by the 7th. To offer you a seamless experience, we accept cash, debit/credit cards, check, and Zelle payments. We strive to make financial matters straightforward and transparent, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance.



DISCIPLINE POLICY



At Dynamic Dance Academy, we believe in creating a positive, nurturing, and professional environment for all our students. We emphasize the importance of being part of a group, respecting others, our teachers and staff, and the studio property. Our goal is to foster good habits and cultivate a culture of compliance with rules of conduct.

Our staff and faculty are trained in constructive techniques of discipline to maintain class control and address individual misbehavior effectively. When a child exhibits unacceptable behavior or attitudes, we take a proactive approach. We kindly explain what went wrong and guide them towards a positive alternative approach or behavior.

In the event of a conflict between children, we handle the situation respectfully. They are separated and encouraged to express what happened. We promote problem-solving and communication between them to find a resolution and reconcile with one another.

Disruptive behavior is addressed in a respectful manner. If a child's behavior continues to disrupt the class, we kindly ask them to stop. Should the disruption persist, a reminder will be given, highlighting how it affects others. If necessary, the children involved may be asked to take a short break (typically three to five minutes) before rejoining the class.

If a child's misbehavior persists and continues to significantly disrupt the class, we may need to involve the parent or guardian. We believe in open communication and will reach out to discuss the situation and request the child to be picked up if necessary. Please remember that our ultimate goal is to provide a safe and productive environment for all students.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

At Dynamic Dance Academy, we value punctuality and safety for all our students. We kindly ask students to arrive 5 minutes before their class begins, allowing them to settle in and prepare for an amazing dance experience. To ensure the safety of our young dancers, we kindly request that they are picked up no more than 10 minutes after their class ends. Please understand that we are unable to assume responsibility for students before or after their scheduled classes, so it's essential for parents to ensure timely drop-off and pick-up.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances or emergencies may arise, causing delays. If you find yourself in such a situation, please contact the studio immediately. Our priority is to keep your child calm and safe until they can be collected. Your communication is crucial, and we appreciate your cooperation.

ATTENDANCE

Every class at Dynamic Dance Academy is a step forward in the educational journey of our students. Regular attendance is essential for continuous progress and growth. During the season, choreography for the year-end performance will be taught and rehearsed. It's crucial for children to feel completely confident with the choreography and their performance. Missing classes could lead to frustration for the students, their teachers, and their classmates. We encourage all students to prioritize their dance education and make attending classes a top priority.

TARDINESS

Dance is a physical activity that requires a properly warmed-up body to ensure safe movement execution. Students who arrive late miss out on the essential warm-up and/or barre exercises, which may increase the risk of injury. To prioritize the safety and well-being of our students, please ensure you are on time for class. We want all our dancers to enjoy their dance journey while staying safe and injury-free.

CLASS VISITORS

For the safety of our students and to fulfill our legal responsibilities, we are unable to permit visitors in the classroom during regular class sessions. Students should refrain from inviting siblings, relatives, or friends to their classes, except for special events such as "Bring a Friend Week" and in-studio performances. These occasions offer a unique opportunity for sharing the joy of dance with loved ones.

LOST AND FOUND

We know how easy it is for dancewear, shoes, and personal items to get misplaced. To avoid any confusion, please make sure to label all your child's belongings with their name. We will make every effort to locate and return lost items; however, we kindly ask for your understanding that we cannot be held responsible for any items your child brings to class.

ILLNESS

The health and well-being of our students and staff are of utmost importance to us. We kindly request your cooperation in keeping our dance community healthy. If any other contagious conditions are observed in your child during a class, we will promptly contact you to arrange for their immediate pick-up. When your child has a fever, please keep them at home until their temperature returns to normal. Furthermore, if there are any lingering signs of illness such as glassy or watery eyes, listlessness, or drowsiness, we kindly request that you keep your child at home. This precaution will ensure that the illness has fully passed, and your child will be well enough to fully participate in class activities the following week.

STUDENT AND PARENT USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

We recognize the power of social media in facilitating communication and connection. To ensure a positive and respectful online presence, we have established guidelines for our students and parents. Please take a moment to review our Social Media Policy below:

1.

Respecting Privacy:

Please remember that anonymity on social media platforms is never guaranteed. Exercise caution when sharing posts, images, or videos that may identify children, parents, or staff at Dynamic Dance Academy.

2.

Upholding the Code of Conduct:

Your behavior on social media should align with our values and principles. Let's maintain a positive and inclusive online environment.

3.

Promoting Respect and Kindness:

Any comments or posts that are obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, discriminatory, or hateful towards Dynamic Dance Academy staff, students, or families are strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary or legal action.

4.

Consent and Privacy:

Posting photographs or videos featuring [INSERT STUDIO NAME] dancers (other than your own child) online requires the proven consent of their parent/guardian. Furthermore, please remove any identifying information, such as names, ages, or locations, when sharing content involving minors.

5.

Direct Communication:

Matters directly related to the studio, including fees, scheduling, staffing, or performance opportunities, should not be communicated via social media. We have an open-door policy and encourage you to communicate any questions, complaints, or feedback directly to the Studio Owner.

GENERAL POLICIES

At Dynamic Dance Academy, we strive to create a positive and focused environment for our dancers. Please familiarize yourself with our general policies below:

1. Respectful Class Atmosphere:

To ensure a productive learning environment, we kindly ask parents and students not to interrupt a class in session. Your cooperation helps us maintain a seamless experience for everyone.

2. Hydration and Nourishment:

Please ensure your dancer has their own water bottle in their dance bag. We kindly request that you refrain from carrying food, drinks, or gum onto the dance studio floor. Let's keep our dance spaces clean and enjoyable for all.

3. Safety and Supervision:

We cherish the opportunity to meet our students' siblings and appreciate your understanding that the safety of every child on our premises is our top priority. To ensure their well-being, please supervise children at all times.

4. Focused Learning:

During class time, we kindly request that all students refrain from using mobile phones, computers, or any electronic devices. Let's stay fully engaged in the dance instruction without distractions.



GENERAL POLICIES

5. Communication Channels:

To streamline communication, we ask students and parents to direct all inquiries, messages, or concerns through a Dynamic Dance Academy receptionist. Our dedicated team will be happy to assist you promptly and efficiently.

6. Promoting Positivity:

It is important that we create a supportive and encouraging atmosphere within our dance community. We kindly request that you refrain from speaking negatively about teachers, students, or parents from other studios. Let's celebrate the talent and efforts of all dancers.

7. Respect for Teachers:

Showing respect for our teachers is fundamental to maintaining a positive learning environment. Inappropriate behavior may result in dismissal from the school. Let's cultivate an atmosphere of mutual respect and appreciation.



RECITAL

Our annual recital on June 2nd, 2024 is an exciting opportunity for students to showcase their hard work and progress. Here are some important details:

1. Rehearsals:

We will be holding a dress rehearsal a few days before our recital to ensure our students' preparedness. Participating in the dress rehearsal is mandatory for all students in order to perform in the concert. This policy applies to all students without exceptions.

2. The Power of Performance:

Our recital provides a professionally directed platform for students to present their achievements to family and friends. It not only enhances their dance training but also contributes to their overall personal development. The experience builds self-esteem, confidence, social skills, and prepares them for future endeavors. Through rehearsals, students learn the importance of teamwork and the joy of creating something remarkable together.

3. Recital Handbook:

Each May we distribute a recital handbook containing all the necessary information for a smooth and enjoyable experience. It serves as a guide for parents and students, ensuring everyone is well-informed and prepared for this exciting event.



COSTUMES

We devote significant time and effort in selecting appropriate and high-quality costumes for our dancers. Please take note of the following costume-related details:

1. Costume Orders:

To ensure timely delivery and organized distribution, costume orders are placed in the fall. Please understand that costume manufacturers do not accept cancellations or offer refunds. Therefore, the school does not refund on costume deposits.

2. Payment Schedule:

Costume charges are divided into two installments - a \$50.00 deposit per costume due on 10/28, and the balance due on 1/22. Costumes will be distributed only when balances are paid in full. It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to ensure timely payments to avoid any complications. Dynamic Dance Academy is not liable if costumes are not received on time due to late payments.

3. Age-Appropriate and High-Quality:

Rest assured, our costumes are always carefully selected to be age-appropriate and of the highest quality. We prioritize the comfort and aesthetic appeal of our dancers.

Recital Photos:

Capturing memorable moments is an essential part of the concert experience. Here's what you need to know about recital photos:

1. Class Photos:

In March, we arrange for photos to be taken at our studio in costume. Our 2024 Picture Day is March 10th, 2024. Following the group photo shoot, individual solo portraits are also taken. Our photographer offers affordable package options, although there is no obligation to purchase.



A Final Note:

We are thrilled to have you on board for an extraordinary dance journey filled with passion, growth, and boundless possibilities.

Our team of dedicated, enthusiastic, and talented teachers considers it an honor to be part of your family's dance education. We are wholeheartedly committed to supporting and guiding you every step of the way. Whether you have questions about registration, tuition, or our discipline policy, we are here for you. Let's maintain open lines of communication and work together to ensure a positive and uplifting dance experience for everyone involved.

Thank you for choosing Dynamic Dance Academy as your dance home. We are dedicated to providing a joyful, enriching, and empowering experience for all our students and families. Together, let's embark on this incredible dance journey, brimming with happiness, growth, and endless possibilities!

Get ready to shine, express yourself, and embrace the magic of dance at Dynamic Dance Academy. Welcome to our family, where dreams take flight and where you'll find a home for your passion, talent, and love of dance!

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