



# Welcome

SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Students,

If you are new to our studio, thank you for selecting our dance studio for your child's dance training. If you are a returning student, we are very happy that you are continuing your dance training with our studio. We will do everything possible to make this year a pleasant and memorable experience for both our dance students and their parents. If during the year you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask our receptionist or teachers, and we will be happy to help you. Please remember that our studio policies are meant for the smooth operation of our studio for all of our students, parents and teachers. This letter contains very important information regarding the coming dance year. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. Also, please complete the white information form, and return it to the receptionist. This information is used to complete the enrollment process for your child. Returning students must complete this information form each year!

## TUITION POLICY:

Tuition amounts are as follows:

30 min class-\$32	45 min class-\$36	60 min class-\$39
Add class: \$30	Add class:\$34	Add class: \$37

Please remember that monthly tuition is due on the 1st of each month. We do, however, give you a grace period until the 10th. Any payments received after the 10th, regardless of the day the 10th may fall upon, will be automatically charged to the credit card on file in your account. Any card that is declined will be charged a \$10.00 late fee. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE. No refunds or credits will be given if your child should drop from a class.

We suggest you prepay or mail in tuition that is due when you are not planning to attend class that week. If you want to drop off a payment when we are closed please leave it in our drop box located near the office.

Tuition may be paid in cash or by check, payable to The Dance Connection. Credit cards are also accepted but will be charged an additional 3% processing fee. Also, if your account is 2 months or more past due your student(s) will NOT be able to attend dance class(es). Once your account is brought up to date, including late fees, your student(s) may resume class(es).

\*Please note there will be a \$25 service charge on all checks returned by the bank. If an account has had two checks returned from the bank, only cash or money order will be accepted from that point forward.

\*Tuition remains the same whether it is a long month (5 lessons), a short month (3 lessons) and regardless of absences. During the dance year, student tuition is divided by 9.5 months. Student's tuition for June will be 1/2 of your monthly rate.

## ATTENDANCE:

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. When a student misses a class, they will be able to make up the class during a regularly scheduled class, as you are paying for a full month of lessons each month. However, making up the class does not remove the absence in the class missed. Make-up classes are optional. No class may be made up in the month of April, May, or June

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE TROPHIES:

Any student who misses 3 lessons or less in each subject will be awarded a perfect attendance trophy at the June recital. Perfect attendance must be achieved in each class taken in order to be eligible for a perfect attendance trophy. These absences do not need to be made up in order to receive a perfect attendance trophy. Perfect attendance trophies are given for consecutive years of perfect attendance at The Dance Connection and may differ from the number of years of dance. If a student is not eligible for a perfect attendance trophy a participation trophy will be awarded. Please note that students must participate in the recital in order to receive a trophy.

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## **CANCELED CLASSES:**

When classes need to be canceled due to bad weather, a message will be recorded on the answering machine at the studio and will be posted on the studio Facebook Page and Instagram account. If there is doubt regarding canceled classes, please call the studio first in order to avoid an unnecessary trip. We will make a decision in regard to closing by 3:00pm the day of questionable weather. We will not close because of cold weather.

**HOLIDAYS:** The following days have been scheduled as dancing days off:

Halloween- Tuesday, October 31st

Thanksgiving - November 20th -November 24th

Christmas/Winter - December 25th-January 5th with classes resuming on Monday, January 8th, 2024

Mid-Winter- February 19th with classes resuming on Tuesday, February 20th

Spring -March 25th- March 29th with classes resuming on Monday, April 1st  
Memorial Day- May 27th

## **RECITAL:**

Our recital will be held at Saline High School in Saline. Most students will only dance in one recital performance. Each student who takes a class will appear in the annual recital in June, provided their attendance is satisfactory. Please note that these dates are tentative and could change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Recital: Saturday, June 15th

## **COSTUME DEPOSITS:**

A costume deposit of \$50 per class taken will be due by October 19th. As always, we will try to keep costumes between \$50 and \$70. Deposits not paid by October 19th will be automatically charged to the card on file in your account. Costumes will not be ordered until deposit payments are made, therefore possibly not arriving in time for pictures or recital. The costume balances will be due by January 15th. No costumes will be given out until costume balances are paid in full and tuition is paid up to date.

## **RECITAL MEDIA FEE:**

This year all dancers will receive a digital file of the recital. A charge of \$25 per dancer or \$45 per family will be applied to your account in March.

## **STUDIO RULES:**

1. No street shoes are allowed in dance rooms. This is especially important during bad weather. Dancers enrolled in hip hop or pom pon classes must have a pair of shoes that are only worn inside the studio and should be kept in their dance bag.
2. Students are to wear proper dance clothing during lessons and hair is to be neatly pulled back into a ponytail, French braid or bun.
3. No eating or drinking in the studio at all, this includes waiting rooms.
4. No hanging from dance bars, window ledges or coat racks.
5. No running or pushing in the studio. Please keep children under supervision and pick-up after them. Please control younger siblings in the waiting room, as to make it more pleasant for all our customers. Please do not allow children to stand on the waiting room chairs as this is unsafe and unclean.
6. No strollers are allowed in the studio. Waiting rooms are too small and other people need to be considered. Baby carriers are acceptable.
7. Viewing windows will be open the 1st week of each month. Because studios A & D have no viewing window, the doors will be opened the last 5 minutes of each class.
8. All coats and street shoes are to be properly hung up and placed in the designated areas. The Dance Connection is not responsible for lost or stolen articles. We ask that other people's property not be tampered with or taken.
9. Proper conduct is required at all times. We reserve the right to refuse admittance to any student, parent or sibling if they are unable to conduct themselves respectfully.

If you have any questions, please speak with the receptionist or a teacher. The month of September is very hectic, but things will start to settle down in October. We are looking forward to a great dance year for everyone at The Dance Connection.

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