

Northampton School of Dance

Studio Policies and Procedures

2020-2021

Tuition

Monthly tuition is due in full by the first of every month. If tuition is not paid by this time a \$15.00 late fee will be charged. Late fees are STRICTLY enforced. A \$25.00 fee will be charged on all returned checks. Tuition is not adjusted because of unattended lessons. Tuition is non-refundable. Please make checks payable to the Northampton School of Dance or NSD. You can choose to pay a per class fee instead of the monthly tuition. 45-Minute and hour long classes are \$15 each and hour and a half long classes are \$20 each. Pricing is based in a monthly, per class, per family basis. If you have more than one child, then the discount is applied per class, not per child. There is a yearly registration fee of \$20/family.

Length of Class	Monthly Fee	Number of Classes	Multiple Class Discount
45 Minutes	\$42	1	Full Price
1 Hour	\$46	2	Subtract \$5 from Total
75 Minutes	\$54	3	Subtract \$10 from Total
1 Hour, 30 Minutes	\$60	4	Subtract \$20 from Total
		5	Subtract \$30 from Total
		6	Subtract \$50 from Total
		> 6	All additional classes after 6 are FREE!

Drop Policy

Tuition is non-refundable. Students may opt to take another class to fulfill the already paid tuition.

Placement

- Classes are arranged for students based on age and ability. During the year, students may be transferred to other classes if it is necessary and in the best interest of the student. Many factors are considered in determining placement of a student. We place students into the next level based on ability, attitude, consistency in work and physical and emotional readiness.
- All students enrolling in the Lil' Tykes classes should be potty trained.
- Ballet classes are recommended for all students, since jazz and tap is based on understanding the steps and terms introduced through ballet. Ballet classes are mandatory for all Dance Team members.
- NSD Dance Team placement is by audition and approval of the individual instructor only.

Class Dates

Classes will begin Monday, September 21st. NSD will be closed November 25 – 29, December 24 – January 3, February 15 – 21, April 19 – 25, and May 24 to coincide with school vacations. Monday holidays are not typically observed at NSD, except for Memorial Day.

Class Cancellation

Please call the studio line (413) 582-7099, during the winter months to determine if classes have been cancelled. Class cancellations will be made by 3 pm. We will also send out emails notifying you of cancellation and post it on our Facebook page. **If the studio closes, dancers will be allowed to make up their missed class(es) in a class of the same ability level.**

*REMEMBER

No gum is allowed in the studio. Please remove jewelry before dance class. Remove your street shoes before entering the dance studio, and always take dance shoes off before going outside. Dance shoes should not be worn outside on concrete.

Northampton School of Dance

Studio Policies and Procedures

2020-2021

Class Attire

Ballet/Pointe

Pink tights, any color leotard, pink canvas ballet slippers (or pointe shoes), skirts or shorts are allowed, boys wear black tights/pants, white t-shirts, white socks, white ballet slippers, and a dance belt.

Jazz/Lyrical/Modern

Tan tights, leotards, spandex pants or shorts, tank tops, t-shirts, jazz shoes, foot undeez, or bare feet.

Tap

Any comfortable attire that does not prohibit movement, no jeans are allowed. For Tap: an Oxford-style (lace-up) tap shoe is recommended.

Acrobatics

Leotards with dance shorts or biketards, tank tops/tees, no jeans are allowed, bare feet.

Remember that there should be no loose clothing, hair should be pulled back away from the face, and there is to be no jewelry worn during any class.

Pick up/Drop off

Parents must pick up students at the door and NOT inside the building during the pandemic. We will keep you posted if the studio waiting room is able to open back up.

Class Visitation

Parents and visitors are not allowed in the studio at this time due to COVID-19. We will let you know if class visitation starts back up during the school year.

Injuries

Parents, legal guardians of minor students and adult students waive the right to any legal action for any injury sustained on school property resulting from normal dance activity or any other activity conducted by the students before, during or after class time.

Class Absence

Please call the studio if your child will be absent from class. Makeup classes are available. Inquire with your instructor.

Photo Release

The school is hereby granted permissions to take photographs of the students to use in brochures, web sites, posters, advertisements and other promotional materials the school creates. Permission is also hereby granted for the school to copyright such photographs in its name. If you have a problem with this, please let us know.

Performances

A recital may be held in June of 2021, depending on the pandemic status. Participation in the recital is not required but recommended. To participate in the recital the student will have to purchase a costume(s). We will do our best to select acceptable costumes at reasonable prices. Costume prices typically range from \$50 to \$100 with costumes at the higher end of the estimated cost scale usually being adult sizes. Most of the costumes require some type of "assembly" which consists of a small amount of sewing (straps, buttons, etc...). We will collect costume deposits throughout the year before costumes are ordered. We are going to wait on the costume deposits for now and see how things transpire with the pandemic. Typically, the first \$25 per costume deposit is due by September 30, the second \$25 per costume deposit is due by November 30 and the balance (if any) will be due by March 1. If your child will not be participating in the recital, please let us know BEFORE costumes are ordered. There will be no refunds on costumes after they are ordered and costumes must be paid in full before they are ordered. There may also be a Winter Concert in January of 2020, depending on the pandemic. Not all classes perform in the winter concert as it is a more low-key performance, but it is great for new dance families to see all

Northampton School of Dance

we have to offer. NSD Dance Team members will be participating in various competitions and performances throughout the year.

Studio Policies and Procedures 2020-2021

Lost and Found

Please write your child's name in each shoe and dance item including bags, jackets and sweatshirts. Lost and Found is located in a bin in the blue room.

I have read and understand the above policies and procedures and agree to abide by them.

Date

Student Name (please print)

Signature of Parent or Adult Student