



Greetings and welcome to Dance Express & Tumbling 2023-2024! We are so excited to see everyone and for a wonderful year. We have lots of great ideas and are ready to help our young people achieve their dreams! Thanks for signing up!

Your student's final class schedule can be found in your parent portal closer to August. This email is lengthy, yet full of lots of important info. We are so excited for **Dance Express & Tumbling 2023-2024— Season 6!** If you ever are like “how do I find the parent portal!?” Go to our website: www.danceexpressstudio.com and there is a button on the bottom! Easy peasy!

**Classes will start the week of Mon, Aug 28th for Mondays classes
And Sept 5 & 6 for Tues/Wed classes!**

Please be patient during this first month, We will try to have exact classes and placement nailed down by October, but until we get to work with everyone it is impossible to have classes exactly set until we see ability levels and we have the opportunity to work with your kiddo!.

Class Dress Code- black please

We believe in providing the best instruction possible! PLEASE FOLLOW THIS!!! The dress code will be strictly enforced to enable us to give proper instruction and check the body alignment of our students. PLEASE NO baggy pants, shorts or tshirts.

Please have all hair in a ponytail or buns in every class and no jewelry.

Please make sure this happens!

Dress Code Dance & Acro: WEAR BLACK PLEASE!

Ages 3-6 Girls Black Solid Colored Leotard and Convertible/Footless Light Suntan Tights for dance class. You can purchase tights at the studio if you need any. Ages 6 and up: Black leotard, Black sports bras or camisoles. Black Spandex shorts not the baggy track shorts. If not wearing spandex shorts please wear tights too. NO TSHIRTS please!!!

Hip Hop: Capris, spandex shorts, tanks- whatever feels like “hip hop” to you...and clean tennis shoes (that they don’t play in the dirt with). We will pick a hip hop shoe later in Oct. If they took hip hop with us last season, you can simply wear those shoes too. We will pick a hip hop shoe later when we see costuming.

Boys: Black Shorts and T-Shirt- more fitted than baggy

Black spandex shorts optional. Please no baggy track shorts. They are awkward as students have our legs in the air often and do not protect the privacy of the student.

Classes	Ages		Dancewear
Teeny Dancers	3-4	Tan Mary Jane Style Tap	Black Solid Colored Leo, tights
Petite Dancers	5-7	Tan Mary Jane Style Tap	Black Solid Colored Leo, tights
Rec Minis & Jrs	7-11	Tan Mary Jane Style Tap	Black Solid Colored Leo, tights, workout gear
Tweens/Teens	11 and up	Black Adv Tap Shoes	Black Solid Colored Leo, workout gear
Comp Minis	7-10	Black Adv Tap Shoes	Black Solid Colored Leo, workout gear
Comp Jrs and up	11 and up	Black Adv Tap Shoes	Black Solid Colored Leo, workout gear
Tumblers	No shoes	Please wear fitted workout clothes. Black Bike shorts/ Capri bottoms are great!	Black Solid Colored Leo, workout gear

Here is a link for more info on appropriate dance attire and shoe specifics: <http://www.danceexpressstudio.com/what-do-we-wear.html>

Please put your names in ALL your shoes. The students will bring their shoes in the classroom with them. We will help them change their shoes and put them in their bags. Ballet shoes TIP!!! The strings....tie them in a knot and cut off the excess string. Here is a video even! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3n8ZctGmKY4>

Where to get shoes!?!?! We recommend On Pointe Dancewear off Telegraph Rd. On Pointe Dancewear.- (636) 305-2090 -They size your child for the shoes they need and carry a large selection of dance wear. You are welcome to get your apparel anywhere..but

this is the closest location for shoes vs mail-order. I do not carry a stock of shoes or do future orders.

Tuition & Additional Fees

Your monthly tuition rates can be found in your parent portal by the 15th of each month. Tuition is due before the first class of every month. If tuition is not paid by the 7th of each month then a *\$20 late fee* will be applied. There is a \$10 a week charge thereafter.

Once your registration fee (\$45) is paid, your class position is reserved for you! If you have more than one kiddo, it is \$10 for each additional student. If at all you have change your mind, please let us know so we can open the spot for another child. If you have not paid your registration fees yet, please do so. If classes fill up, those that have paid their registration fee will have a secured spot as others will have to be put on a wait list. This is non-refundable.

We accept payments in 3 ways: cash, check, venmo @Lisa-Gansner or credit card via the portal. If you choose the Credit Card method in the portal, just please remember there will be a 3% convenience fee added on.

Auto Debit: If you would like to set your account up for monthly withdrawal, let us know as we can now do that too.

During the season extras to plan for.

I thought you might want to know in advance costs you will incur other than tuition throughout the year. All fees are non-refundable:

- Costume fees for recital due in October 1:
 - Acro is one costume (\$75), Dance is another costume (\$85). Hip Hop is a costume (\$75)
 - Competition Dancers will have multiple costumes.
- Recital fee due with March tuition: \$65 per family.
 - This Recital fee includes 2 tickets to the show, one recital T-shirt and one program.
 - Additional Tshirts can be purchased --approx, \$15 each. Recital Tickets \$13

The online store is for those that want tanks, tshirts, parent shirts, sweatshirts. It will be open a few times a year. <https://detgear.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

For anyone interested in Team Jackets and the glitter backpacks— Order will be placed Sept 15 <https://forms.gle/MY5t4APVZPVYTPMs9> All these things are optional..but great gift ideas too! You can find order forms etc on our website!

Student Changing Area: During the last years, we repurposed our waiting area into a changing area for our students. It worked so well for the students this past season, thus allowing them more floor space in class. You are welcome to bring students drop them off for class, stop by our front desk etc, but we will be utilizing that space for the students to utilize vs a waiting room. At the end of class, we will have a staff member bring them to the exterior door to release them after classes. Please come to the door (under the awning), as we will bring them to you and pick up your student.

Water: We ask that students bring a water bottle with their name on it to class. We do have water bottles for sale if that is helpful to you for \$1.

As we all are aware, if for any reason your child has not been feeling well, please do not sent them to class. All children need to be fever free for 72 hours before coming to class. If they have been exposed to anyone with Covid-19 or any other variants, please do not send them to class until their personal quarantine has ended. As we all feel the same, the safety of all our students and staff are 100% important to us!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you and an amazing year!!!

Thanks again for joining us!

Miss Lisa & Crew