

GRAYCE DEWITT DANCE STUDIO BROCHURE

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Grayce DeWitt Dance Studio continues to offer quality dance instruction for all ages and levels. All instructors are professionally trained and belong to various dance organizations. All instructors have a love for the art form and want to share the joy of dance with children and adults. Our philosophy is to teach in a welcoming atmosphere that is appropriate for learning.

ENROLLMENT

Your dancer is enrolled at the dance school and responsible for tuition until you notify the school for withdrawal in writing on an official GDDS withdrawal form. Notification in the form of email, text message or phone call will not be accepted. This is a dance school regulation. The withdrawal form, available by contacting the studio's office, must be received two weeks prior to the next billing cycle.

COMMUNICATION

Parents and dancers should regularly check our bulletin boards, www.idancewithgrayce.com, Facebook, Instagram and the monthly Hot Shoe Newsletter sent by email for news and dance school information.

CONTIGENCY PLAN FOR CLOSURE DUE TO COVID-19

The health and safety of our staff, students and their family members is a top priority. In the event that Grayce DeWitt Dance Studio cannot meet for formal classes due to a temporary closure required by the Arkansas Department of Health for COVID-19 related issues, our regular class schedule and dance instruction will continue in a virtual setting.

TUITION AND ATTENDANCE

Tuition charges are based on enrollment, not on attendance. Dance fees begin September 15th and end on May 15th. For your convenience, tuition is divided into nine equal mostly installments. Monthly payments occur by online auto draft from your checking account or debit/credit card. Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards are accepted. A \$10.00 late fee will be added to accounts on the 20th day of the month for all unpaid tuition. A \$25.00 return check charge will be added to all unsupported payments. There are no refunds for missed or dropped classes. The GDDS staff appreciates a telephone call or email notification if a student is ill or unable to attend a class. A make up class may be requested at that time. Any missed classes may be made up by attending a class of same level and same age range only within the same calendar month. If the dancer misses classes in the last week of a calendar month, the dancer may make up the class in the following calendar month. No credits or refunds are given for missed classes. Students may not make up more than twice in the exact same class. Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will not be rescheduled.

DRESS CODE

All smart watches and similar devices must be turned off or programmed to not disturb the dancer or others. Dancers will be asked to remove any item that distracts them or other dancers. Dancers in preschool level classes will have the option to purchase a prop bag for use during their class and at home. A scarf, a bean bag, rhythm sticks, egg shakers and more are included. The cost is \$15.00. This fee will be added to the first tuition payment due on September 15th. Proper dance attire is necessary for the development of each individual dancer, as it affects their posture, placement and attitude in dance class as well as the instructor's ability to provide feedback on your dancer's performance and progress. Examples of proper and improper dress code can be found on our website. Hair should be styled in a bun, braid or ponytail away from the face and neck for all classes.

Ballet: leotard, tights, skirt, fitted dance shorts or leggings, fitted camisole/sports bra for females; solid color shirt and dance pants or shorts for males; pink ballet shoes for females, black ballet shoes for males.

Jazz, Musical Theater, Tap and Acro Arts: leotard, tights, skirt/dance shorts, camisole/sports bra for females, solid color shirt and dance pants or shorts for males; tan laceless jazz shoes for jazz, tan lace up oxford for female tap dancers; tights and shoes not required for Acro Arts

Hip Hop: leotard, tights, skirt/dance shorts, camisole/sports bra for females, solid color shirt and dance pants or shorts for males; hip hop boots, jazz sneakers or tan jazz shoes-NO tennis shoes or street shoes that have been worn outside!

Contemporary/Lyrical: leotard, tights, skirt/dance shorts, camisole/sports bra for females; solid color shirt and dance pants or shorts for males; canvas half sole shoes (contemporary); tan laceless jazz shoes (females-lyrical); black laceless jazz shoes (males-lyrical)

Preschool Dancers: leotard, tights, skirt, fitted dance shorts or leggings, fitted camisole/sports bra for females; solid color shirt and dance pants or shorts for males; pink ballet shoes for females; black ballet shoes for males; tan ribbon tie tap shoes for female dancers; black lace up oxford shoes for male dancers

Our dress code is designed to encourage unity and discipline among our students. Do not send your child to dance in their school clothing. Write your dancer's name on all personal items of clothing, costumes, shoes, dance bags, etc. A shoe fitting and dance wear event will take place at GDDS prior to the start of the 2021-2022 dance school year. Grayce DeWitt Dance Studio is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Lockers are available for dancers that are intended for day-use only. However, any dancer wishing to keep their frequently used items secured in a locker overnight and throughout the week may rent a unit for a small monthly fee. A limited number of lockers will be available to rent. If interested, please contact Mrs. Rebecca at graycedewitt@yahoo.com

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please check our Facebook, Instagram and Band accounts for dance school closing information. Updates will also be sent by email. Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will not be rescheduled.

COSTUMES

A \$75.00 deposit due on October 30th will hold your dancer's costume order until the balance is paid in full by November 30th. The costume fee also includes a recital t-shirt, tights and all costume accessories. Costume fees are non-refundable.

TUITION RATES

Tuition is based on enrollment, not on attendance. Tuition is due on the 15th of each month September through May. Monthly payments occur by online auto draft from your checking account or debit/credit card. Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards are accepted. Tuition discounts are available with payment of annual tuition (5%) or semi-annual tuition (3%). A \$10.00 late fee will be added to accounts on the 20th day of the month for all unpaid tuition. A \$25.00 return check charge will be added to any unsupported payments. There are no refunds for missed or dropped classes. Dancers in preschool level classes will have the option to purchase a prop bag for use during their class and at home. A scarf, a bean bag, rhythm sticks, egg shakers and more are included. The cost is \$15.00. This fee will be added to the first tuition payment due on September 15th.

Registration fee is \$65.00 per student
(non-refundable after the first day of the 2021-2022 dance school year)

- *45 minutes per week is \$62.00 per month
- *1 hour per week is \$67.00 per month
- *1 1/4 hours per week is \$72.00 per month
- *1 1/2 hours per week is \$77.00 per month
- *1 3/4 hours per week is \$82.00 per month
- *2 hours per week is \$87.00 per month
- *2 1/4 hours per week is \$92.00 per month
- *2 1/2 hours per week is \$97.00 per month
- *2 3/4 hours per week is \$102.00 per month
- *3 hours per week is \$107.00 per month
- *3 1/4 hours per week is \$112.00 per month
- *3 1/2 hours per week is \$117.00 per month
- *3 3/4 hours per week is \$122.00 per month
- *4 hours per week is \$127.00 per month
- *4 1/4 hours per week is \$132.00 per month
- *4 1/2 hours per week is \$137.00 per month
- *4 3/4 hours per week is \$142.00 per month
- *5 hours per week is \$147.00 per month
- *5 1/4 hours per week is \$152.00 per month

*5 1/2 hours per week is \$150.00 per month

- *Families receive a 10% discount off dance classes only
- *Male students receive a 50% discount for dance classes only
- *No double discounting. For example, a male dancer will not receive a family discount if he has a sibling enrolled in dance class.

SPRING 2022 PERFORMANCES

"Pure Imagination"

Thursday, May 26th AND Friday, May 27th at 7:00pm
Dress rehearsals: Tuesday, May 24th (Thursday show) AND
Wednesday, May 25th (Friday show) at 6:00pm
Technical rehearsal for all dancers: Monday, May 23rd

2021

September 7th: First day of studio classes
October 30th: Costume Deposit Due-\$75.00 Per Dancer
November 22nd-26th: Studio closed for Thanksgiving Break
November 30th: Costume Balance Due
December 17th: Studio closes for Winter Break

2022

January 4th: Studio classes resume
January 17th: Studio closed to observe MLK Jr. Day
March 21st-25th: Studio closed for Spring Break
Recital Week: May 23rd-27th

OTHER

October 4th-April 7th: Sign up for awards
November 8th: Posting of recital performance schedule
December 11th: Hip Hop Holiday Workshop with Barry YoungBlood
January 4th-April 7th: Spell check for recital program
April 14th: Deadline to turn in award picture(s) for slideshow
April 4th: Emailing recital guide
April 11th-14th: Paper copy of recital guide to be sent home