

GRAYCE DEWITT DANCE STUDIO BROCHURE 2023-2024

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 relaxed 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 at 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.

DRESS CODE

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. Our dress code is designed to encourage unity and discipline among our students. Do not send your child to dance in their school clothing. 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. 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 2023-2024 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 Hair should be styled in a bun, braid or ponytail away from the face and neck for all classes.

Ballet/Tap/Jazz: leotard, tights, skirt, fitted dance shorts or leggings; solid color shirt and dance pants or shorts for males; pink ballet shoes for females, black ballet and jazz shoes for males, tan jazz shoes for females, black tap shoes for all dancers

Acro Arts: leotard, skirt, fitted dance shorts or leggings, camisole/sports bra for females, tights optional; solid color shirt and dance pants or shorts for males; shoes are not required; hair must be pulled up

Musical Theatre: leotard, tights, skirt, fitted dance shorts or leggings; solid color shirt and dance pants or shorts for males; tan t-strap character jazz shoe for Level III and tan t-strap character heels for Advanced for females, black jazz shoes for males

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, tan jazz shoes or tennis shoes specifically worn for dance; NO 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 or barefoot

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; black ribbon tie tap shoes for all dancers

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If Fort Smith Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather Grayce DeWitt Dance Studio will close as well.

COSTUMES

A \$75.00 deposit due on October 15th will hold your dancer's costume order until the balance is paid in full by December 1st. The costume fee also includes a recital t-shirt and tights (if applicable). Costume fees are non-refundable. Each costume will range in cost from \$59.95-\$74.95.

TUITION AND ATTENDANCE

Tuition charges are based on enrollment, not on attendance. The 2023-2024 GDDS tuition rates are based on a 34 week dance school year (up from 33 weeks for the previous dance school year). Rates have been divided into nine equal payments for your convenience. Tuition is due on the 1st of each month September 1st, 2023 through May 1st, 2024. 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 5th day of the month for all unpaid tuition. A \$25.00 return check charge will be added to any unsupported payments. A \$25.00 late fee will be added to accounts where a payment method has been removed to avoid payment. There are no refunds for missed or dropped classes. Grayce DeWitt Dance Studio does not charge a recital fee. 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 class(es). Students may not make up more than twice in the exact same class. Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will not be rescheduled.

TUITION RATES

Registration fee is \$65.00 per student
(non-refundable after the first day of the
2023-2024 dance school year)

- *45 minutes per week is \$65.00 per month
- *1 hour per week is \$70.00 per month
- *1 1/4 hours per week is \$75.00 per month
- *1 1/2 hours per week is \$80.00 per month
- *1 3/4 hours per week is \$85.00 per month
- *2 hours per week is \$90.00 per month
- *2 1/4 hours per week is \$95.00 per month
- *2 1/2 hours per week is \$100.00 per month
- *2 3/4 hours per week is \$105.00 per month
- *3 hours per week is \$110.00 per month
- *3 1/4 hours per week is \$115.00 per month
- *3 1/2 hours per week is \$120.00 per month
- *3 3/4 hours per week is \$125.00 per month
- *4 hours per week is \$130.00 per month
- *4 1/4 hours per week is \$135.00 per month
- *4 1/2 hours per week is \$140.00 per month
- *4 3/4 hours per week is \$145.00 per month
- *5 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 2024 PERFORMANCE EVENTS

"DISENCHANTMENT"

Thursday, May 23rd and Friday, May 24th
Skokos Performing Arts Center at 6:30PM
(Formerly Alma Performing Arts Center)
Reserved Seating Tickets starting at \$10.00

Required Tech Rehearsal:
Sunday, May 19th (all students)
Schedule TBA

Required Dress Rehearsal(s):
Monday, May 20th (Thursday show) and
Tuesday, May 21st (Friday show) at 6:00PM

2023

- August 21st: First day of studio classes
- September 4th: Closed for Labor Day
- October 15th: Costume Deposit Due-\$75.00 per dancer
- October 31st: Studio closed for Halloween
- November 20th-24th: Closed for Thanksgiving Break
- December 1st: Costume Balance Due
- December 15th: Studio closes for Winter Break

2024

- January 8th: Studio classes resume
- January 15th: Closed to observe MLK Jr. Day
- February 1st: Media Fee Due-\$30.00 per dance family
(fee applies to one show; dancers in more than one
show may purchase the second show for a discounted
rate)
- February 19th: Presidents' Day-GDDS is open
- March 18th-22nd: Closed for Spring Break
- Recital Events: May 19th, 20th, 21st, 23rd, 24th

OTHER

- October 2nd-April 4th: Sign up for awards
- November 13th: Posting of recital class schedule
- January 8th-April 4th: Spell check for recital program
- April 11th: Deadline to turn in award
picture(s) for slideshow
- April 1st: Emailing recital guide
- April 8th-11th: Paper copy of recital
guide to be sent home
- May 28th-30th: DANCE est Joie, Inc.
company auditions

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