

GRAYCE DEWITT DANCE STUDIO BROCHURE 2024-2025

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 2024-2025 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 (required), 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 or biketard, 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, no jewelry allowed

Musical Theatre: leotard, tights, skirt, fitted dance shorts or leggings, camisole/sports bra for females; 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 and Cheer+Pom: 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 (required), tights, skirt, fitted dance shorts or leggings 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 be closed as well.

COSTUMES

A \$40.00 deposit per recital costume due on October 15th will hold your dancer's costume order until the balance is paid in full by December 15th. The costume balance also includes a recital t-shirt and tights (if applicable). Costume fees are non-refundable. Each costume will range in cost from \$59.95-\$79.95.

TUITION AND ATTENDANCE

Tuition charges are based on enrollment, not on attendance. The 2024-2025 GDDS tuition rates are based on a 35 week dance school year (up from 34 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, 2024 through May 1st, 2025. Monthly payments occur by online auto draft from your checking account or 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
2024-2025 dance school year)

- *30 minutes per week is \$45 per month
- *45 minutes per week is \$68.00 per month
- *1 hour per week is \$73.00 per month
- *1 1/4 hours per week is \$78.00 per month
- *1 1/2 hours per week is \$83.00 per month
- *1 3/4 hours per week is \$88.00 per month
- *2 hours per week is \$93.00 per month
- *2 1/4 hours per week is \$98.00 per month
- *2 1/2 hours per week is \$103.00 per month
- *2 3/4 hours per week is \$108.00 per month
- *3 hours per week is \$113.00 per month
- *3 1/4 hours per week is \$118.00 per month
- *3 1/2 hours per week is \$123.00 per month
- *3 3/4 hours per week is \$128.00 per month
- *4 hours per week is \$133.00 per month
- *4 1/4 hours per week is \$138.00 per month
- *4 1/2 hours per week is \$143.00 per month
- *4 3/4 hours per week is \$148.00 per month
- *5 hours per week is \$153.00 per month
- *5 1/4 hours per week is \$158.00 per month
- *5 1/2 hours per week is \$163.00 per month

*Families receive a 10% discount off dance classes only

*Male students receive a 25% 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.

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SPRING 2025 PERFORMANCE EVENTS

There's No Place Like Home

Friday, May 23rd at 7:00PM
Saturday, May 24th at 2:00PM
Saturday, May 24th at 7:00PM
Skokos Performing Arts Center in Alma
Reserved Seating Tickets starting at \$12.00

Required Technical Rehearsal:
Sunday, May 18th (all students)
Schedule TBA

Required Dress Rehearsal(s):
Monday, May 19th (Friday evening show)
Tuesday, May 20th (Saturday matinee show)
Wednesday, May 21st (Saturday evening show)
All dress rehearsals begin at 6:00pm

DANCE SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024

August 19th First day of studio classes
September 2nd: Studio closed for Labor Day
October 15th: Costume Deposit Due-\$40.00 per costume
October 31st: Studio closed for Halloween
November 25th-29th: Studio closed for Thanksgiving Break
December 15th: Costume Balance Due
December 20th: Studio closes for Winter Break

2025

January 6th: Studio classes resume
January 20th: Studio closed to observe MLK Jr. Day
February 1st: Media Fee Due-\$40.00 per dance family
(videography digital download and program)
February 17th: Presidents' Day-GDDS is open
March 24th-28th: Studio closed for Spring Break
Recital Events: May 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 23rd, 24th

OTHER

October 7th-April 3rd: Sign up for end-of-year awards
November 11th: Posting of recital performance schedule
January 13th-April 3rd: Spell check for recital program
April 7th-10th: Paper copy of recital guide to be sent home
April 17th: Deadline to turn in award picture(s) for slideshow
TBD: Group and individual recital costume(s) photo week
TBD: DANCE est Joie, Inc. company auditions