

## GRAYCE DEWITT DANCE STUDIO BROCHURE 2025-2026

### 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](http://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. Grayce DeWitt Dance Studio is not responsible for lost or stolen items. A shoe fitting and dance wear event will take place August 9th-10th at GDDS. This event will be your one-stop shop for all your back-to-dance needs. 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 \$5 monthly fee. A limited number of lockers will be available to rent. If interested, please contact Mrs. Rebecca at [graycedewitt@yahoo.com](mailto:graycedewitt@yahoo.com) Hair should be styled in a bun, braid or ponytail away from the face and neck for all classes. Wearing loose or dangly jewelry is not encouraged.

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

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 Level IV and 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; tan jazz shoes for Level I and II, canvas half sole shoes or barefoot for Level III, IV and Advanced.

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.

## TUITION AND ATTENDANCE

**Tuition charges are based on enrollment, not on attendance.** The 2025-2026 GDDS tuition rates are based on a 35 week 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, 2025 through May 1st, 2026. 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 \$15.00 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  
2025-2026 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 \$74.00 per month
- \*1 1/4 hours per week is \$80.00 per month
- \*1 1/2 hours per week is \$86.00 per month
- \*1 3/4 hours per week is \$92.00 per month
- \*2 hours per week is \$98.00 per month
- \*2 1/4 hours per week is \$104.00 per month
- \*2 1/2 hours per week is \$110.00 per month
- \*2 3/4 hours per week is \$116.00 per month
- \*3 hours per week is \$122.00 per month
- \*3 1/4 hours per week is \$128.00 per month
- \*3 1/2 hours per week is \$134.00 per month
- \*3 3/4 hours per week is \$140.00 per month
- \*4 hours per week is \$146.00 per month
- \*4 1/4 hours per week is \$152.00 per month
- \*4 1/2 hours per week is \$158.00 per month
- \*4 3/4 hours per week is \$164.00 per month
- \*5 hours per week is \$170.00 per month
- \*5 1/4 hours per week is \$176.00 per month
- \*5 1/2 hours per week is \$182.00 per month
- \*5 3/4 hours per week is \$188.00 per month
- \*6 hours per week is \$194.00 per month
- \*6 1/4 hours per week is \$200.00 per month
- \*6 1/2 hours per week is \$206.00 per month
- \*6 3/4 hours per week is \$212.00 per month
- \*7 hours per week is \$218.00 per month

\*Families receive a 10% discount off dance  
classes only. This does not apply to any dance  
company rehearsal or workshop fees.

\*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 2026 PERFORMANCE EVENTS

#### UNDER THE BIG TOP

2026 Spring Performances  
Thursday, May 21st at 7:00PM  
Friday, May 22nd at 7:00PM  
Saturday, May 23rd at 2:00PM  
Skokos Performing Arts Center in Alma  
Reserved Seating Tickets starting at \$12.00

Required Technical Rehearsal:  
Sunday, May 17th (all students)  
Schedule TBA

Required Dress Rehearsal(s):  
Monday, May 18th (Thursday evening show)  
Tuesday, May 19th (Friday evening show)  
Wednesday, May 20th (Saturday matinee show)  
All dress rehearsals begin at 6:00pm

### DANCE SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### 2025

August 18th: First day of studio classes  
September 1st: Studio closed for Labor Day  
October 15th: Costume Deposit Due-\$40.00 per costume per dancer  
November 24th-28th: Studio closed for Thanksgiving Break  
December 15th: Costume Balance Due  
December 19th: Studio closes for Winter Break

#### 2026

January 12th: Studio classes resume  
January 19th: Studio closed to observe MLK Jr. Day  
February 15th: Media Fee Due-\$40.00 per dance family  
(videography digital download and program)  
February 16th: Presidents' Day-GDDS is open  
March 23rd-27th: Studio closed for Spring Break  
Tentative Recital Events: May 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd

#### OTHER

October 6th-April 2nd: Sign up for end-of-year awards  
November 10th: Posting of recital performance schedule  
January 12th-April 2nd: Spell check for recital program  
April 6th-9th: Paper copy of recital guide to be sent home  
April 16th: Deadline to turn in award picture(s) for slideshow  
TBD: Group and individual recital costume(s) photos  
TBD: DANCE est Joie, Inc. company auditions