

GRAYCE DEWITT DANCE STUDIO BROCHURE 2026-2027

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, phone call will not be accepted.** This is a dance school regulation. The withdrawal form must be requested through the studio's office and 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. Grayce DeWitt Dance Studio is not responsible for lost or stolen items. A shoe fitting and dance wear event will take place this summer 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 \$25 annual fee which is added to your September 1st tuition payment. 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. 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: Dancers may wear comfortable sweatpants, athletic pants, capris, or shorts (no jeans, jean shorts, or skirts / dresses) and a T-shirt, tank top, camisole; White tennis shoes specifically worn for dance; NO street shoes that have been worn outside!
- Cheer+Pom: Leggings, dance pants, skirt/dance shorts, camisole/sports bra; White 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 velcro or elastic 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 2026-2027 GDDS tuition rates are based on a 33 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, 2026 through May 1st, 2027. 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. 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
2026-2027 dance school year)

- *30 minutes per week is \$46 per month
- *45 minutes per week is \$69.00 per month
- *1 hour per week is \$75.00 per month
- *1 1/4 hours per week is \$81.00 per month
- *1 1/2 hours per week is \$87.00 per month
- *1 3/4 hours per week is \$93.00 per month
- *2 hours per week is \$99.00 per month
- *2 1/4 hours per week is \$105.00 per month
- *2 1/2 hours per week is \$111.00 per month
- *2 3/4 hours per week is \$117.00 per month
- *3 hours per week is \$123.00 per month
- *3 1/4 hours per week is \$129.00 per month
- *3 1/2 hours per week is \$135.00 per month
- *3 3/4 hours per week is \$141.00 per month
- *4 hours per week is \$147.00 per month
- *4 1/4 hours per week is \$153.00 per month
- *4 1/2 hours per week is \$159.00 per month
- *4 3/4 hours per week is \$165.00 per month
- *5 hours per week is \$171.00 per month
- *5 1/4 hours per week is \$177.00 per month
- *5 1/2 hours per week is \$183.00 per month
- *5 3/4 hours per week is \$189.00 per month
- *6 hours per week is \$195.00 per month
- *6 1/4 hours per week is \$201.00 per month
- *6 1/2 hours per week is \$207.00 per month
- *6 3/4 hours per week is \$213.00 per month
- *7 hours per week is \$219.00 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. Discounts do not apply to any dance company rehearsal or workshop fees.

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SPRING 2027 PERFORMANCE EVENTS

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2027 Tentative Spring Performances & Events:

*Friday, May 21st at 7:00PM

*Saturday, May 22nd at 2:00PM

*Saturday, May 22nd at 7:00PM

(*These dates and times are subject to change)

Skokos Performing Arts Center in Alma
Reserved seating tickets starting at \$12.00

Required Technical Rehearsal:

Sunday, May 16th (all students)

Schedule TBD in April 2027

Required Dress Rehearsal(s):

Monday, May 17th (Friday evening show)

Tuesday, May 18th (Saturday matinee show)

Wednesday, May 19th (Saturday evening show)

All dress rehearsals begin at 6:00PM

DANCE SCHOOL CALENDAR

2026

August 24th: First day of studio classes

September 7th: Studio closed for Labor Day

October 15th: Costume Deposit Due-\$40.00 per/costume/dancer

November 23rd-27th: Studio closed for Thanksgiving Break

December 15th: Costume Balance Due

December 18th: Studio closes for Winter Break

2027

January 11th: Studio classes resume

January 19th: MLK Jr. Day-GDDS is open

February 15th: Recital Media Fee Due-\$40.00 per dance family

February 15th: Presidents' Day-GDDS is open

March 22nd-26th: Studio closed for Spring Break

OTHER

October 5th-April 1st: Sign up for end-of-year awards

November 9th: Posting of recital performance schedule

January 11th-April 1st: Spell check for recital program

April 5th-8th: Paper copy of recital guide to be sent home

April 15th: Deadline to turn in award picture(s) for slideshow

TBD: Group and individual recital costume(s) photos

TBD: DANCE est Joie, Inc. company auditions