

Fusion Fitness & Dance Handbook

A Guide for Students and Parents

Welcome to Fusion Dance Center!

Philosophy

Fusion Fitness & Dance is committed to providing high-quality dance classes to enhance the overall development of your child. We take our roles as mentors and teachers in your child's life very seriously. It is our objective to inspire a passion for the art of dance in every child who passes through our doors and help create memories that will last a lifetime. We believe that dance training encourages young people to develop a positive self-image as they increase awareness of their physical being. Along with improving coordination skills and developing muscular awareness, dance classes give children the freedom to express themselves through movement.

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STAY INFORMED!!

Facebook Page

"Like" the Fusion page on Facebook to receive daily updates on events. Social media is an excellent way to stay informed! Please invite your family and friends to "like" the dance school.

Instagram: FusionDanceWlfd

Twitter: FusionDanceWlfd

First Day of Class: Monday, September 18, 2017

Fusion Closure Dates:

Monday, October 9, 2017 : Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 31, 2017: Happy Halloween

Wednesday, November 22 - Saturday, November 25, 2017: Thanksgiving Break

Saturday, December 23 - Tuesday, January 2, 2018 : Holiday Break

Monday, January 15, 2018: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Friday, March 30 - Sunday, April 1, 2018: Good Friday/Easter Weekend

Saturday, April 14 – Friday, April 20, 2018 : April Vacation

Saturday, May 26 - Monday, May 28, 2018 : Memorial Day Weekend

Important Fusion Dates:

Picture Day: Sunday, April 29, 2018

Last Day of Dance Classes: Monday, June 4, 2018

Production Rehearsals & End of the Year Productions: TBA

Fall 8 Weeks Gymnastics Session:

Little Stars & Superstars Gymnastics begin Saturday, September 30th!

Dress Code Requirements

- Students should carry their dancewear, shoes, and other belongings in a dance bag.
- ***Please print your child's name on the bag as well as on the dance shoes.***
- ******Female students must wear their hair up in a ponytail or bun******
- Leotard and tights should be worn for all dance classes. Jazz/Hip Hop classes may wear comfortable dance clothing.
- Acro classes are done barefoot, no tights necessary.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DANCE ATTIRE REQUIRED</u>
Tiny Dancers/Showstoppers/Petites	
Tiny Dancers Ballet & Tap Combo	Leotard, tights, pink ballet shoes, black tap shoes (buckle or velcro preferred)
Showstopper/Petite Ballet & Tap Combo	Leotard, tights, pink ballet shoes, black tap shoes
Showstopper/Petite Jazz & Hip Hop	Leotard, tights, black jazz shoes
Petite Acrobatics	Leotard, Fusion t-shirt optional, barefoot
Musical Theater Production Company	Comfortable clothing, Fusion t-shirt, black jazz shoes
Juniors	
Junior Ballet/Lyrical	Leotard, tights, pink ballet shoes
Junior Tap	Leotard, tights, tan U shell tap shoes
Junior Jazz & Hip Hop	Leotard, tights, or Fusion t-shirt, black leggings, black jazz shoes
Junior Lyrical (must also take Ballet)	Leotard, tights, barefoot
Junior Acrobatics	Leotard, Fusion t-shirt optional, barefoot
Teens/Seniors	

Teen Ballet/Lyrical	Leotard, tights, pink ballet shoes
Teen Tap	Leotard, tights, tan tie tap shoes
Teen Jazz & Hip Hop	Leotard, tights, or Fusion t-shirt, black leggings, black jazz shoes
Teen Acrobatics	Leotard, Fusion t-shirt optional, barefoot

PAYMENT INFORMATION

If paying tuition in 9 equal installments, payment is due on the first scheduled class of September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, and May.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Option A: Automatic credit card payment on the 7th of each dance month.
(See front desk to complete an Automatic Payment Form)

Option B: 9 equal installments due the first class of Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr & May.
(Cash or check only to avoid high credit card fees)

Option C: Payment of tuition in full at registration to cover classes Sept. 2016 – June 2017.
Receive %5 discount.
(Check, cash, or money order only)

*Please understand that all fees paid are **nonrefundable and nontransferable.***

**The parent or guardian is responsible for notifying, in writing, Fusion Fitness & Dance of any change to the credit card or checking account. The returned check/declined card fee is \$25.*

****Tuition payments can be made at the front desk in the Main Office or dropped in the drop box to the left of the waiting room door. Thanks so much for your cooperation this year! ****

Class Placement

Class placement is assessed by our team of dance educators and is in the dancer's best interest. Placement decisions are individual and many factors are considered before a student is placed in a dance class. Dance class days or times may be requested, but we cannot guarantee the selected days. We do our best to accommodate schedules and requests while keeping the students' best placement in mind. Often a child is placed in a particular group or class where he or she will feel confident, in order to promote their self-esteem and dance development.

Inclement Weather

We follow the Wallingford School System for cancellations due to severe weather conditions. If school is canceled or dismissed early due to weather, Fusion will be closed for that evening. Notifications of weather cancellations will be posted on our Facebook page, announced on the school's outgoing voicemail message, and post on News Channel 8.

Tuition and Expense Policy

Tuition is based on a full dance season and divided into 9 installments. If paying tuition in 9 equal installments, payment is due on the first scheduled class of September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, and May. Monthly tuition installments can be made in cash or check. They can also be paid through automatic withdrawal from your credit or debit card account as long as you sign up and fill out the paperwork in the beginning of the dance year. Tuition will be charged directly to your specified card. Please write your child's name in the memo portion of the check. Thank you in advance for helping us avoid high credit card fees by paying in cash or check when possible!

Please note: Payments made for registration, tuition, competition fees and costumes are non-refundable. Classes missed due to illness, inclement weather or personal holiday may be made up in another class of appropriate level. We will not prorate tuition for missed classes.

Classes Per Week	Total Dance Tuition	9 Installments of Payment
Baby Ballerina (Mommy & Me) Twirling Toddlers Tiny Tumblers -or- any 30 min. class	\$351	\$39
Tiny Dancers 45 min.	\$441	\$49
Showstoppers Tap/Ballet Petite Tap/Ballet 1 hour	\$468	\$52
Showstopper Combo Petite Combo (Tap/Ballet/Jazz/Hip Hop) 90 min.	\$612	\$68
Acrobatics + Showstopper/Petite Dance Combo 2.5 hours	\$829	\$92

1 class	\$468	\$52
2 classes	\$684	\$76
3 classes	\$882	\$98

4 classes	\$1,116	\$124
5 classes	\$1,296	\$144

ADD ON: Tiny Tumblers Acrobatics *For students already enrolled in dance classes**	\$144	\$16
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RECREATIONAL GYMNASTICS AT FUSION

8 Week Session \$89.00

Our recreational gymnastics program is a non-performance class with open enrollment

Little Stars & Superstars Gymnastics run in 8 week sessions (Fall, Winter, and Spring) beginning September 30th.

Students will be awarded a ribbon after each gymnastics session they complete!

COSTUME FEES

COSTUME FEES ARE PAID IN 2 INSTALLMENTS. PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES!!

A costume deposit of \$30 per costume/per class is due no later than November 1st. A costume deposit must be received by this date in order to ensure the student will have a costume in time for Picture Day and the recital. Fusion can not guarantee costumes if a costume deposit is not made. **Please notify Fusion by this date if your dancer will not be in the End of the Year production and will not be requiring a costume.**

**Tiny Dancers, Showstoppers, and Petites will all have two costumes as they will perform a tap and ballet dance in the recital. **

Showstoppers and Petites that are also enrolled in a Jazz/Hip Hop class will need to purchase an additional costume as they will be performing in an additional routine.

The remaining balance is due no later than February 1st (the amount is TBD since each costume will be a different price/amount). Costume fees will NOT be refunded after November 14th, even if the student withdraws from the class. There is a \$20 fee for NSF checks. Cash or check made out to "Fusion" only for costume fees (no credit cards, please!)

Attendance & Illness

All students are expected to attend their regularly scheduled classes. Each class offers a step forward in the educational process. A missed class could leave a child one step behind the other students. During the months of February through May, choreography for the end of year Production will be taught and rehearsed. It is important for children to feel completely confident with the choreography and the year-end performance. Missing class during this period could result in frustration for the students and their teachers and classmates. If your child is absent due to illness, please inform the instructor so it can be arranged for the student to attend another class of similar level as a make-up, if necessary.

Lost and Found

Please mark all dancewear, shoes, and personal items with your child's name. We will make every effort to locate and return lost items; however, we cannot be responsible for any items that your child brings to class.

Annual Dance Productions

With the exception of our Twirling Toddlers, it is required that all students perform in our end of year production.

It is up to the parents' discretion if they would like their Twirling Toddler to participate. Parent/guardian will have to notify dance teachers by December 1st if a student is not planning to perform. Please note that all students must participate in the production rehearsal in order to perform in the recital. The production offers our students a professionally directed performance that allows them to present to their families and friends the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress.

*****TROPHIES: If your child has danced at Fusion for 3 or 5 years, please make sure to sign them up by April 1st to ensure the student receives their award at the production. Form is available in the office. *****

2018-2019 Registration

The day of the production, information packets and registration forms will be distributed. Early registration will ensure a place in the dance classes for the following year. Registration forms are numbered in the order that they are received and this will determine the order for ticket sales the next dance season.

Medical Information

Parents must notify the director/and or teachers regarding children who use an inhaler or who may require medications during their time at Fusion. It is also important to inform the director and/or teachers about your child's existing medical conditions or learning disabilities at the time of registration and throughout the school year. Our teachers are trained professionals who are anxious to work with all children and personalities, and the more we know about your child, the better the dance experience will be for all involved. All information about our students is confidential.

Summer Program and Camps

Each summer Fusion offers summer programs and camps for both current and new students. Summer activities are for children ages 3 to 18. We strongly suggest students plan to attend a camp to further their advancement. Current or interested Fusion Dance Company members are required to attend at least one summer program to maintain and enhance technique and the Company Assessment over the summer.

Birthday Parties

Have your birthday party at Fusion!!! We offer several birthday party options for both boys and girls. Parties are themed and can be dance, gymnastics or Zumbatomic. Most birthday parties are scheduled for Saturday afternoons or on Sundays; however, limited space is available during the week. Please contact the office for a complete brochure or visit our website for details.

FOR OUR STUDENTS

The first step to becoming a successful dancer is making a solid commitment to your classes. Strong technique is key and class is where you develop that. Class time is your chance to focus on yourself, so try to leave concerns or worries at the studio door, along with all electronics. There will be no cell phone use during class time. True progress is made when you look at each class as an opportunity to become better at what you love to do. Listen to each correction given, whether it's directed at you or another dancer. A correction is an honor; it shows you how much a teacher cares about your progress as a dancer. Nothing can stop those students who apply themselves in every class and appreciate their teachers' knowledge and experience.

FOR THE PARENTS: "WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER"

We believe that children's success depends on the support of their parents/guardians. Your commitment to the process is invaluable and we encourage you to be a part of your child's dance education. Our programs rely on a positive atmosphere and educational experience for our faculty, students, and parents. Showing respect for other parents, the students, and the faculty makes an important impression on the children. Your child's presence at all classes is imperative. The discipline of dance training gives young people a better understanding of commitment through learning, experiencing the spirit of teamwork, and discovering what they can accomplish through hard work.

We look forward to an exciting, rewarding season!

WELCOME TO FUSION DANCE CENTER!

