



# PLANET DANCE

2023-2024



CELEBRATING

20  
YEARS

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Planet Dance Family! This season marks our 20th year of dance, and we are so excited to share our dance experience and passion with you and your dancer!

## ***Our Mission***

At Planet Dance, we create a community where dancers are empowered through the art of dance, inspiring self-confidence, discipline, and creativity. We believe in developing the skill level of each dancer by meeting them where they are and challenging them to reach beyond their current limits. At Planet Dance, your dancer will not only build a strong technical foundation and a love for dance, but memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

In order to make the most of your experience, we highly encourage dancers to attend classes on a regular basis, come with a positive attitude, and be ready to work hard. Please take the time to read the enclosed information as a family.

Once again, we are truly excited to welcome you to the family and look forward to dancing with you. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Thank you for choosing Planet Dance!

## ***Staying Connected***

Organization and communication are very important to us. Our primary form of communication is via email. Our website and parent portal should be your go-to spot for all things Planet Dance. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please call or email us.

***Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 4:30-7:30 pm***

Email :

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**Temporary Location for Fall until our new building is ready:**

Goose Creek Rec Center

519A N. Goose Creek Blvd, Goose Creek, SC 29445

## Studio Policies & Procedures

### Tuition

Tuition is charged monthly and is due on the 1st of each month. Tuition for August and June is prorated at 50%. At no other time does Planet Dance pro-rate tuition. Studio closures for calendar holidays and breaks are figured into tuition rates. A late fee of \$30 is added to all tuition payments collected after the 5th of each month. Dancers with accounts not paid in full by the 10th of each month will be unable to return to class until the balance is paid in full. There is also a \$50 returned check fee for all returned checks. There are no refunds for missed classes or dropping without notice. Tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable.

If you would like to pay the entire year's tuition, we are able to offer a 10% discount. Tuition must be paid in full for the entire year by August 31, 2023, in order to receive the discount. Please see the front desk for more details.

### Registration Fee

A \$50 registration fee per dancer is due in August of each year or at the start of a dancer's season. If a family has more than one dancer (immediate family only), registration fees for the year will be capped at \$100 per family. Registration fees are nonrefundable or transferable.

### Attendance

Attendance in all classes is crucial in providing consistency and continuous improvement throughout the season. Arriving 5 minutes before class is strongly encouraged, as well as, prompt pick-up after classes. Planet Dance cares for the safety of its students but is not responsible for students outside of class times or for students leaving the studio.

### Absences

Attendance is very important! If a student is going to be absent from a class, the parent should call the studio and leave a message so that we can notify the teacher. There are no refunds for missed classes. Regular attendance is essential to ensure the personal growth of your dancer and the progression of the class.

### Withdrawals

Planet Dance withdrawals anytime during the year and must occur by the 15th of each month. If a dancer chooses to withdraw after the 15th of the month, they will still be responsible for the following month's tuition. If a student withdraws after November 1, 2023, they are still responsible for all costume and recital fees associated with their account.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We only accept withdrawal notices via our online portal. Email, phone, and verbal withdrawals will not be honored. We do not issue pro-rated refunds for any unused tuition or classes.

## Studio Atmosphere

Planet Dance strives to provide a positive environment for all faculty, students, and parents. Negative, disrespectful, and rude behavior is NOT tolerated. Please help us create an encouraging environment for our students to grow and prosper. Furthermore, we aim to provide a focused and structured class regime and therefore limit observation within the studios.

## Lost & Found

Students and parents are responsible for picking up after themselves (food, beverages, trash, etc.) and all personal belongings. Food and beverages are permitted in the common areas only! Only water is allowed within the studios. The lost and found is in the lobby. Any unclaimed items are donated at the end of each month.

## Studio Closures & Holidays

Planet Dance abides by the Berkeley County School District (BCSD) for severe weather closures. If BCSD announces school closure due to weather, Planet Dance will also be closed for all classes that day. We will inform all families via email and a post to social media by 2pm for all afternoon and evening classes.

We also follow the BCSD Instructional Calendar for holidays and breaks (not including MLK Day and President's Day). All closures are notated in the studio calendar below.

## Annual Dress Rehearsal and Recital

Planet Dance will have one year-end recital held on June 8, 2024. There will be a mandatory dress rehearsal the day before the recital to give dancers the opportunity to perform all their routines on stage before performing them live in front of an audience. Dress Rehearsal is mandatory for all dancers performing in the recital.

All students are strongly encouraged to participate in the recital. If your dancer does not wish to participate in the recital, please contact the director by November 1, 2023 in order to avoid costume and recital fees. If a student withdraws after this date they are still responsible for all costume and recital fees associated with their account regardless of participation.

## Miscellaneous

- Dancers are not allowed in the studio until an instructor invites them.
- Students must be supervised when not in the dance room.
- No running, yelling, or horseplay in the lobby or common areas.
- NO cell phones, gum, or food are allowed in class.
- Planet Dance is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- Planet Dance reserves the right to refuse service to a parent or dancer if inappropriate behavior occurs. If a parent or dancer is asked to leave the studio, all fees and outstanding payments must be paid, and no refunds will be provided.

## Class Descriptions

Classes are separated by ages and skill level. Level placement is at the sole discretion of the director.

Primary I: For dancers ages 3-4 years old, this class introduces basic ballet and tap techniques along with creative movement and dance vocabulary in a structured class environment. Students develop rhythm, coordination, and movement while building their confidence and self-esteem.

Primary II: For dancers ages 5-6 years old, this class reviews and builds on the basic ballet and tap technique learned in Primary I as well as introducing new vocabulary and movements in a structured class environment. This class is designed to help dancers transition into our Petite classes.

Bit Bop: For dancers ages 4-6 years old, this class is an introduction to Jazz with Hip-Hop infusion and incorporates coordination, movement, visual stimulation, and games to keep the dancers learning and having fun.

Ballet: The ballet program teaches dancers strong techniques through traditional ballet. Students learn proper placement, turnout, technique, and vocabulary in a disciplined environment while developing strong work ethics and a solid technique foundation in a positive atmosphere. We highly recommend all dancers take at least one ballet class per week. Pointe classes are incorporated into the Ballet 4 class and are by teacher approval only!

Jazz: Jazz focuses on building strong technique, strength, and flexibility. Classes incorporate stretching, across-the-floor combinations, and choreography. Students learn different turns, jumps, leaps, and extensions while incorporating them into many different styles of jazz.

Tap: The tap program concentrates on both rhythmic and classical tap methods. Students learn vocabulary, rhythmic timing, improvisation, and choreography across the floor and in choreography.

Contemporary: Contemporary classes fuse together ballet, jazz, lyrical, and modern dance styles. This style of dance challenges dancers to grow as artists through movement. Dancers will work across the floor and with choreography throughout the season.

Hip-Hop: This fun and upbeat class integrates many different styles of hip-hop including pop and lock, street, and break dancing. Students learn isolation of movement and body control techniques and choreography as well as trending dance moves in pop culture.

Acro: This class incorporates gymnastic technique, flexibility training, stunting, and partner work. Dancers will work on flexibility and strength training, as well as, building interpersonal and group working skills.

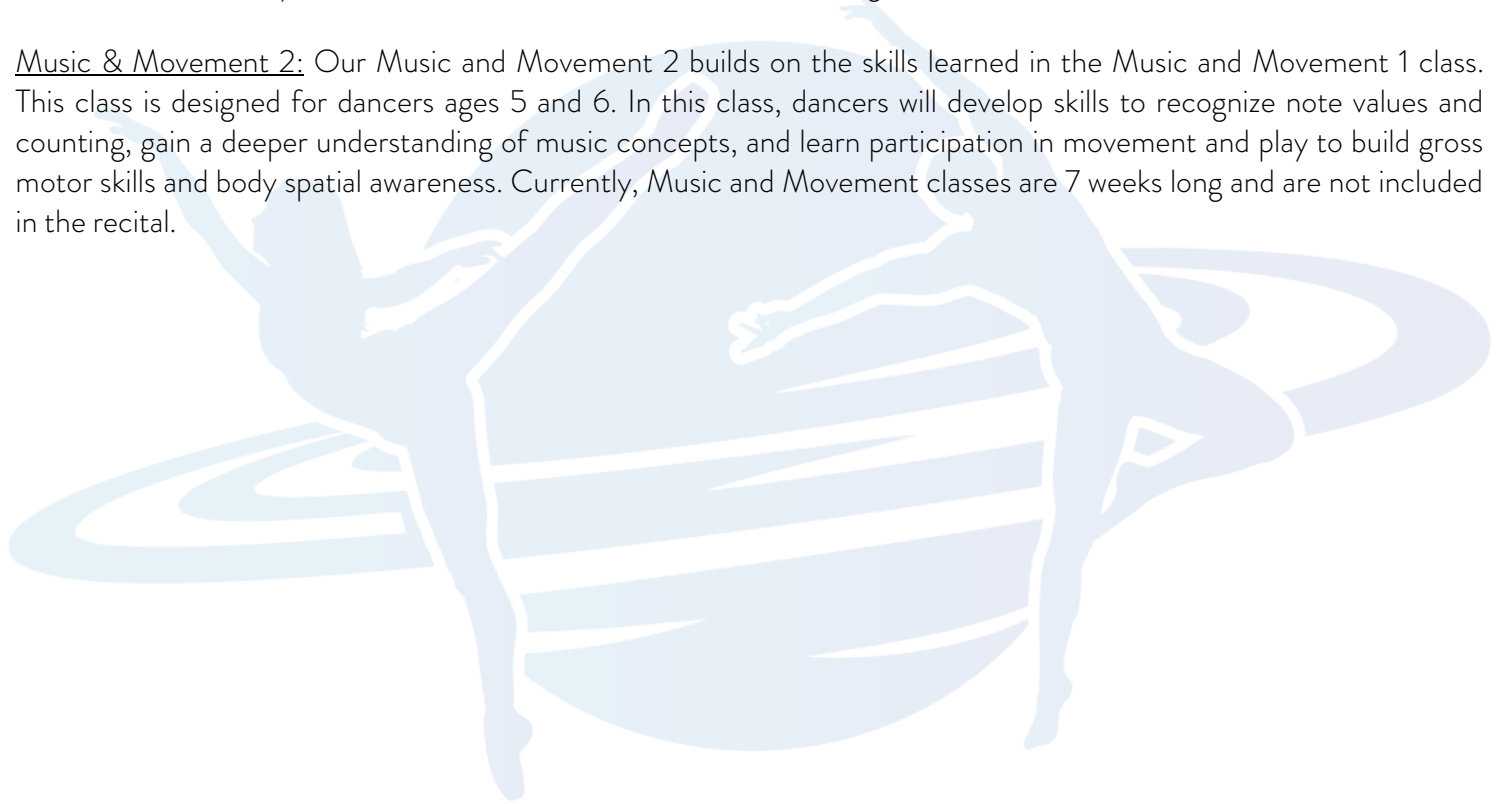
Tumble Tots: This class is designed for dancers ages 4 to 6. This class introduces basic acrobatic skills, creative movement, and dance vocabulary and technique in a structured class environment. Students develop rhythm, coordination, and movement while building their confidence and self-esteem.

## ***Class Descriptions (cont.)***

Technique: Our technique classes are designed to help dancers take their jazz, contemporary, and ballet technique to the next level while building their strength and stamina. In this class, dancers will work on a variety of jumps, turns, and leaps while increasing their flexibility and cardio ability. This class is the perfect pairing with a weekly ballet, jazz, or tap class. Technique classes are not included in the recital.

Music & Movement 1: Our Music and Movement 1 class is designed for dancers ages 3 and 4. In this class, dancers will experience songs and rhymes to develop phonetic awareness, focused listening with music to improve skills in following directions, instrument play to strengthen fine motor skills, learn to emphasize storytelling, imaginative play, and so much more. Currently, Music and Movement classes are 7 weeks long and are not included in the recital.

Music & Movement 2: Our Music and Movement 2 builds on the skills learned in the Music and Movement 1 class. This class is designed for dancers ages 5 and 6. In this class, dancers will develop skills to recognize note values and counting, gain a deeper understanding of music concepts, and learn participation in movement and play to build gross motor skills and body spatial awareness. Currently, Music and Movement classes are 7 weeks long and are not included in the recital.





## Tuition & Fees

### Annual Registration Fee

- \$50 is due at the time of registration and is paid annually in August
- If you register before the start of classes on August 21, you will receive a free Planet Dance T-shirt
- Family Registration (more than 1 dancer) is \$100 maximum
- All registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable

### Tuition

- Tuition is paid monthly and due on the 1st of each month
  - Classes start August 21, 2023, and go through June 6, 2024
  - Tuition is calculated per dancer, not per family
    - A 10% discount is offered for immediate family only
- Auto-pay credit cards are processed between the 1st and 5th of each month
  - August is the only month that auto-pay will be processed on August 21, the first day of classes.
- Tuition is broken down into 11 payments over the course of the season
  - ONLY August and June tuition is prorated at 50%; at no other time does Planet Dance prorate tuition
- A late fee of \$30 will automatically be applied to tuition not paid by the 5th of each month
- There is a \$50 fee for all returned checks.
- If tuition is not paid by the 10th of each month, the dancer will be unable to return to class until tuition is paid.
- Private lessons are also available upon request. Please see the director for more information and/or to schedule a private lesson.

### Costume & Recital Fees

- All costume and recital fees are nonrefundable and nontransferable.
- Costume Fee: \$100 per dancer per class
  - Due by November 15
- Recital fee: \$75 per student (not per family)
  - Due by February 15

### Late Fees

A late fee of \$30 will automatically be applied to fees not paid on time. This includes but is not limited to, tuition, costume deposits and balances, recital fees, and competition entry fees (competitive team only).

Classes per week, per dancer	Monthly tuition - due by the 1st of each month
Drop-in Class	\$25/class
6 week classes	\$150/session
1 class	\$80
2 classes	\$120
3 classes	\$150
4 classes	\$180
5 or more	\$210





## 2023-2024 Calendar of Events

Monday, August 21	First Day of Classes
Monday, September 4	Labor Day - Studio Closed
Sunday, October 1	Studio Gear Pre-Order Opens
October 30 - November 2	Halloween Dress up and Parent Participation Week
Monday, October 30	Registration for Summerville Christmas Parade Opens (All students invited to walk with Planet Dance)
Tuesday, October 31	Halloween - Studio Closed
Wednesday, November 1	Studio Gear Pre-Order Due
Thursday, November 16	Last Day to Register for Summerville Christmas Parade (All students invited to walk with Planet Dance)
Wednesday, November 15	Costume Fees Due
November 20 - 24	Thanksgiving Break - Studio Closed
Sunday, December 10	Summerville Christmas Parade
December 22, 2023 - January 4, 2024	Winter Break - Studio Closed
Thursday, February 15	Recital Fee Due

## 2023-2024 Calendar of Events (cont.)

Monday, March 4	Summer Camps & Classes 2024 Registration Opens
Monday, March 18	Registration for Opening Number Opens (Open to all dancers ages 6+)
March 25-28	Parent Participation Week
Thursday, March 28	Last Day to Register for Opening Number (Open to all dancers 6+)
April 1 - 5	Spring Break - Studio Closed
Monday, April 8	Recital Pre-Orders Open & Program Ads go on Sale
Friday, April 12	Opening Number Rehearsal Begins (Every Friday until Recital)
Wednesday, May 1	Last Day for Recital Pre-Orders & Program Ads
Thursday, May 2	2024-2025 Season Registration Opens
Monday, May 6	Recital Tickets go on Sale
Saturday, May 25	Picture Day at the Studio
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day - Studio Closed
Friday, June 7	Dress Rehearsal
Saturday, June 8	20th Annual Recital at Summer's Corner Performing Arts Center

## Dress Code

### Primary Classes:

Girls: A leotard with pink or tan tights. A tutu or dance skirt may be worn.

Boys: Solid color t-shirt with gym or dance shorts.



### Ballet:

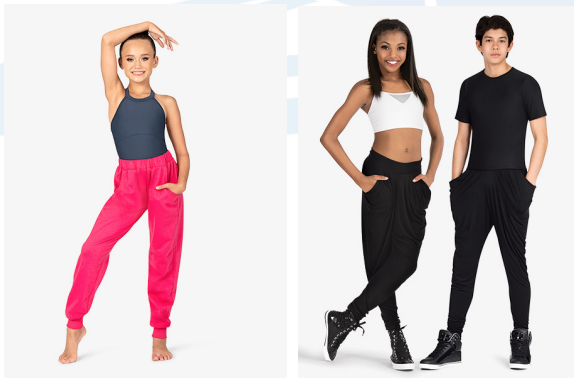
Girls: A solid color leotard with pink tights. A dance skirt may be worn.

Boys: A solid color t-shirt with dance tights or leggings.



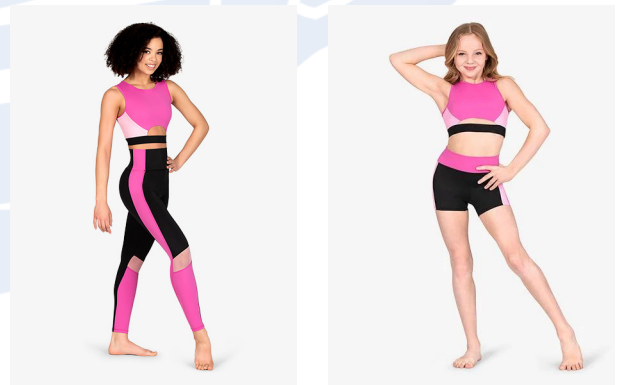
### Bit Bop, Hip-Hop, & Music and Movement:

Any T-Shirt or tank top with leggings, joggers, or shorts, and tights. Jeans or overly baggy pieces of clothing are not acceptable.



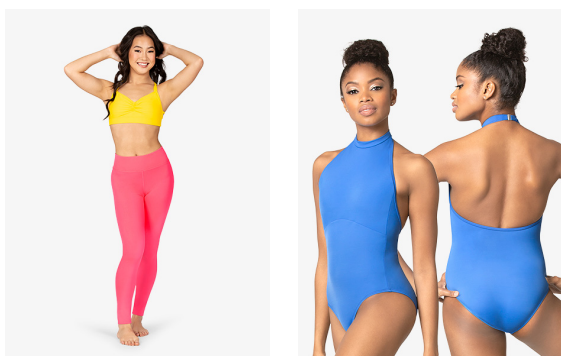
### Acro, Tumble Tots:

Any leotard, athletic short, or tight-fitting tops (ex. crop top) that will not fall over the face when a dancer is tumbling.



### Jazz, Tap, Contemporary, & Technique:

Fitted dancewear or athletic clothing including a leotard, unitard, crop top, shorts, fitted tops.



## Shoes

### Primary Classes:

Girls: Pink Ballet and Black Tap Shoes

Boys: Black Ballet and Black Tap Shoes



Bit Bop & Hip Hop: White Pastry Pop Tart Grid Sneakers ([order them here](#))



Ballet: Pink Ballet Shoes



Tap: Black Split Sole Lace Up Tap Shoes



Jazz & Technique: Tan Jazz Shoe



Contemporary: Bloch Canvas Lyrical Turner



Acro & Tumble Tots: Barefoot

Music & Movement: Closed-toed shoes (ex. sneakers)

\*For recital, instructors may ask for a different color shoe. If this affects your dancer you will be notified.