

# What To Expect Throughout The Year At WDC

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## Class Commitment

Classes begin the second week of September and end after recital in June. We expect our teachers and students to commit to the entire dance season (September – June). We understand things happen and there are circumstances out of your control, but we ask that you do your best to commit. If you are up against some challenges, please reach out to us and we will see what we can do to help. In the summer time we have a variety of camps you can pick and choose from.

## Timeline of Events

- September - Classes begin
- October - Classes
- November - Classes, Veterans Day Holiday, Thanksgiving Break, Costume Fee Due
- December - Classes, Winter Bazaar Fundraiser, Christmas Cash Raffle, Winter Break, Possible Winter Performances, Winter Bazaar Fundraiser, Community Outreach
- January - Classes, MLK Day Holiday, Performing Group Convention
- February - Classes, Presidents Day Holiday, Performing Group Competition, Valentine's Getaway Raffle Fundraiser
- March - Classes, Performing Group Competition
- April - Classes, Spring Break, Spring Solos/Duos Showcase and Spring Fundraiser
- May - Classes, Recital Pictures, Memorial Day Holiday
- June - Final Classes, Recital Rehearsal, Recital, Parade Prep, Performing Group Auditions
- June - August Optional Summer Camps/Classes

## Costs and Fees

Throughout the year you will incur costs and fees related to dance. Here is what you can expect in a typical dance season. All costs are estimated.

**Registration Fee** - \$35 per student. No registration fee for summer camps.

**Monthly Class Tuition** - Varies based on amount of classes taken.

**Costume Fee** - \$75 for each dance performed at the end-of-year recital. This could vary based on class.

**Recital Fee** - Currently included in registration fee (includes one chaperone ticket to the show).

**Dance Clothes** - Cost will vary. Depending on the classes your student is taking, you may need to buy tights and leotards or fitted leggings and tops.

**Dance Shoes** - Cost will vary. Depending on what classes your student is taking and how advanced they are, you may spend anywhere from \$10 - \$150 on dance shoes. In the early years you can get away with less expensive shoes. Please see our suggested options for shoes and dance apparel on our Parent Resource Page located on our website.

**Recital Pictures** - Similar to school picture prices. Options start at \$15. Packages are based on each dance.

**Recital Tickets** - \$15-\$20 each

**Summer Class / Camps** - Camps and classes will have a varied amount based on what camp.

## **Tuition**

Classes are a 10-month enrollment, September through June. Monthly tuition is divided into equal payments for lessons taught throughout the full dance season (September-June), not lessons taught per month. Tuition payments will remain the same each month regardless of classes actually attended each month. All tuition payments received after the 5th of each month will incur a \$10 late fee. Any account that has become delinquent for 2 months will be suspended until the account is current. A suspended account means the student will not be allowed to attend class until the account is current.

## **Recital**

At the end of the school year dance season WDC will be hosting an end-of-year recital. This will consist of each class performing their class routine that they have been working on throughout the year. The dance will showcase all the skills and progressions that they have learned over that past year in a choreographed routine. Students will receive one chaperone ticket for recital. All additional tickets needed for the show will cost an additional fee. Each ticket generally costs \$15-\$20 each. If you have multiple students, you will receive a chaperone ticket for each dancer.

## **Costumes**

Most classes will be participating in the end-of-year recital. Each of those classes will be learning a dance to be performed at the end-of-year recital. Each class will also be receiving a costume for that dance. Each class will have a costume fee due typically in November.

*\*If costume fee is not received on time, students may be in jeopardy of not receiving a costume in time for recital performance and may not be able to perform in the recital.*

## **Recital Pictures**

Every year WDC will host a picture day. We will be taking group photos of all classes who will be performing in our year end recital. At that time students can also take individual pictures in their costumes. For the past several years we have used Bell Studios. They supply picture packets that have multiple options to choose from similar to school pictures. While it is not required for you to order pictures, we do our best to get everyone to picture day so they can be included in the group photo for our studio.

## **Holidays**

WDC will be closed and have no classes on the following dates:

- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Break Wednesday-Friday
- Christmas Break (determined by Woodland School District break dates)
- MLK Day
- Presidents Day
- Spring Break (determined by Woodland School District break dates)
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day July 4th

## **Sick Days**

If a student is sick and they need to stay home, please be aware that refunds or credits will not be given for the absence. When possible, we may offer a make-up class for your dancer. If a student is absent for more than one week it may be necessary for the student to schedule a private lesson with the teacher to learn what has been missed. Cost for the private lesson will be at the expense of the parent/guardian.

## **Inclement Weather**

When there is inclement weather WDC will generally follow Woodland School District. If Woodland School District closes for the day, we will most likely close. If the schools release early, we will most likely close our classes for the afternoon and evening. We will post on our social media pages and send out emails should this occur. We will offer make-up classes for any classes that WDC has canceled. If you live in an area that may have different weather than what we have at WDC (if you live at higher elevations) and you are not able to come to class because of the weather, there will be no credits or refunds given for missed classes. When possible, we may have make-up classes available to you.

## **Communication**

We have several team members on communications often. We have a main phone line that you can call and leave a message, email for non-urgent matters, and multiple people monitoring Facebook messenger during all class times and throughout the day. It is our goal to respond to messages within 24 hours.

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## **Discipline**

We approach classroom management with positive actions whenever possible. We ask that teachers do their best to redirect and engage students with kind words and a caring heart. If a student becomes disruptive to the classroom, we may need to take further action which may include asking the student to sit down until they can follow directions and join the group again, or in some cases we may ask that the parent remove the child from the classroom. Some classes will have TA's to help assist should a child need a little extra attention, however most of our classes do not. Teachers will not have the ability to tend to students for long periods of time should they become disruptive to the entire class. This is where parents may be helpful and can assist. Please note that if a student is physically violent or engaged in bullying, they may be asked to leave the class indefinitely.

## **Class Preparations**

We have created a page specific to being prepared for classes. Please refer to our web page under the parent resource tab on **"How to be Prepared for Class"**.