

2024-2025 Calendar

First Day of Classes	August 12
Nutcracker: Principle Auditions (Ballet 5 and 6 only)	August 24
**Labor Day	September 2
**Fall Break	October 7-11
**Halloween	October 31
**Election Day	November 5
**Thanksgiving Break	November 27-29
Nutcracker Dress Rehearsal	December 5
Nutcracker Performance	December 6
**Winter Break	December 16- January 5
Spring Semester Begins	January 6
**Spring Break	April 7-11
Spring Recital Dress Rehearsal	Tentatively May 16
Spring Recital Performance	Tentatively May 17
Last Day of Classes	May 22

No Classes, The studio will be closed on these days!

Academy Policies

The mission of Bluegrass Academy of Dance is to provide the highest quality of dance and wellness instruction to students of all ages. The Academy strives to foster a healthy and encouraging environment that will develop performers that are creative, confident, and focused, both on and off of the stage.

In order for us to carry this mission out, we ask that you adhere to the following policies:

- **Dress Code:** Students are expected to wear leotards, tights, or appropriate dancewear, and bring the necessary shoes to ALL classes. **NO LOOSE OR BAGGY CLOTHING PERMITTED!** Hair should be securely pulled back of the face. We will be using black tap shoes, pink ballet shoes, and flesh colored jazz shoes (unless otherwise instructed by the teacher). Dance shoes should **NEVER** be worn outside; this is to protect your shoes as well as our dance floor.
- **Tuition:** Tuition is due the 1st of each month. Tuition is based on the number of classes in the year, therefore tuition is the same each month, regardless of how many classes there are in that month. This fee also includes the cost of a costume for each class (or leotard and tights for ballet classes), performance fees, and an end of the year t-shirt. ****There is a \$50 charge for any returned checks. There will be no refunds or deductions for classes missed.**
- Every family is required to have a credit card on file. You may still pay by cash or check before the 1st of the month. If tuition is not prepaid before the 1st, your card on file will be charged for tuition only. Any shoe orders, tights, recital DVDs, etc. should be paid for upon ordering.
- No chewing gum, candy, food, or drink (except water) is allowed in the dance studios.
- **Drop-off/Pick-Up:** It is very important that we know who is allowed to pick up your child! We ask that you wait in the lobby if you are early dropping off and picking up your child. It is very disruptive to have people walking through the studio when class is in session. Parents are welcome to leave their child and come back, or to stay in the lobby.

Academy Policies Continued

- Attendance: Attendance is VERY important! In order for your student to get the most out of their dance class, regular attendance and attentive behavior is a must. If your student misses class, they are allowed to make-up classes within the following two weeks with the instructor's approval. Please ask your instructor for available times. No refunds will be given if students are not in attendance. If excessive absences or disruptive behavior becomes a disruption to learning, students may be asked to attend private lessons at cost to the parent or forego recital performances. **Please take your child to the restroom before each class to minimize disruptions.**
- Dance Studio Pro: Our accounts are run under a program called Dance Studio Pro. You may log in to your parent portal at any time to check your balance, view upcoming fees, or to access other important information. You can access your parent portal at <https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/dancemurray>
- Performances: We have two performance opportunities each semester: a ballet in the fall (ballet classes only are involved) and a recital in May (all classes are involved). Performances are highly recommended but not required. Policies and schedules are to be handed out at the appropriate time.
- Picture Day: All ordering AND pick-up of pictures will be done through the photographer; business is between the family and the photographer. Pictures are not mandatory. Dates TBA.
- Closing for Weather: In the event of snow or other inclement weather, please check our Facebook page for updates on closing, as we will likely not be in the studio to answer the phones. We generally follow the Calloway County school system, but if we feel we can safely have classes, we will do so. There is one 'built-in' snow week each year. After that, make-up lessons will be scheduled promptly as needed.

Dress Code

Students are expected to wear the appropriate dancewear and bring the necessary shoes to ALL classes. Failure to do so may result in a student sitting out for class.

**Hair should be securely pulled back off the face for all classes. **

Dancers should wear leotard/tights or completely form fitting dance wear (ex. Bike shorts, leggings, etc) to ALL classes. Loose fitting "street clothes" should only be worn to Hip Hop or Tap classes.

**Unless otherwise instructed by a teacher, we will be using the following shoes:

-Tap: black low heel tap shoes that tie; lace up for middle and high school dancers.

-Ballet: Pink flat ballet shoes for ladies, black for gentlemen, pointe shoes only if instructed.

-Jazz: Nude slip on jazz shoes for ladies, black for gentlemen.

-Hip-hop: Black athletic shoes (lace up tennis shoes or high-tops)

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