The Next Step
Dance Studio



Thank you again for your support

Student Handbook 2026-2027

THE NEXT STEP DANCE STUDIO

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Shoe requirements:

Tots and Kinderdance 1	Pink Ballet
Kinderdance 2 & 3	Pink Ballet Tan Tap
Ballet	Pink Ballet
Tap (ages 6-8) Tap (9 & up)	Tan Black
Jazz	Tan or black Jazz
Tumble	Barefoot
Hip-Hop	Hip-Hop Sneakers
Lyrical	Half Sole Shoes

We have shoes, tights, leotards and more in stock in our studio for your convenience and our staff will be happy to size you for everything you may need.

All girls must wear tights and a leotard, any color is acceptable. Shorts may be worn over the leotard. Boys must wear athletic shorts/pants and t-shirts.



Important Dates

Classes begin August 17, 2026

Holidays

Labor Day	September 7, 2026
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2026
Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov 25 – 28, 2026
Christmas Holiday	Dec 21 – Jan 3, 2026
Easter Holiday	March 25 – 31, 2026

ATTE Recital Dates

Rehearsal	May 27, 2027
Recital	May 28, 2027

Dress Rehearsal and Recital will be held at the East Duplin High School

ATTE Picture Date

March 22-24

*****Dance lessons may be strenuous and physically demanding. TNS is not responsible for any physical injury that may occur due to participating in these classes.*****

Welcome to TNS

Welcome & thank you for choosing The Next Step Dance Studio for your child's dance education. It is our mission to educate, enhance, and enrich our dance students with encouragement, support, enthusiasm, and love. We hope to make a positive difference in the lives of each of our students.

This handbook contains information and policies for our studio. Please refer to this book for questions you have concerning: Attendance, Holidays, Tuition, Costumes, and Recital.

If you have any other questions, please direct them to the staff. We are eager to work with you to make this a great dance year!

POLICIES:

Dance wear:

Appropriate dancewear is required. No blue jeans, long pants or baggy shirts are allowed on the dance floor. Dancers do not have to wear a certain color or style as we firmly believe in self expression. However, students must be dressed in proper dancewear. Girls must wear a leotard and tights! No panties under tights. Hair must be secured up off the neck and out of eyes. Boys must wear shorts or warm-up suits. No jeans! Students not properly attired may only observe class. Students will also need the appropriate shoes for their classes.

* Important Note: Please bring your dance shoes in a dance bag. Be sure to put your first and last name on your shoes and on the outside of your dance bag. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Attendance: Make up classes are permitted for students who miss a class. In order to schedule a makeup class, contact the studio to find the appropriate day and time for your child.

Tuition

Charges are as follows:

30 minutes	$65.00	3 hours	$120.00
45 minutes	$70.00	3 hrs 15 min	$125.00
1 hour	$75.00	3 hrs 30 min	$130.00
1 hr 15 min	$80.00	3 hrs 45 min	$135.00
1 1/2 hrs	$85.00	4 hours	$140.00
1 hr 45 min	$90.00	4 hrs 15 min	$145.00
2 hours	$100.00	4 hrs 30 min	$150.00
2 hrs 15 min	$105.00	Price Goes up by 10$	
2 1/2 hrs	$110.00	every 30 min. thereafter.	
2 hrs 45 min	$115.00	Unlimited.....	$180

*Tuition for your child is the combined time of each class. For example: ballet is 30 min and tap is 30 min, for a total of 1 hour. Therefore, your tuition is $75.00 per month.

*Family Rates: A family discount is offered. The child enrolled in the most classes will be at full price, the 2nd child receives a 20% discount, and a 30% discount for each child thereafter.

Tuition is due the 1st of each month. A $10.00 late fee will be added if payment is not in our office by closing of the 10th. There will be a $30.00 service charge on all returned checks.

Payment

Payment envelopes are available in the lobby. Please fill out the envelope and drop it in the payment box provided. August is the only prorated month of tuition. September through May will be charged a full month's tuition whether we have a short month or a long month. Please make checks payable to "The Next Step Dance Studio" If you have any questions please feel free to call the office 910-298-5110 or e-mail . Online payments are available through your parent portal.

Refund Policy

We do not refund for classes missed due to absence. Rather, we offer a makeup class to the student. Just call the office for the appropriate class for your child.
Registration fee, tuition and costume payments are non-refundable.

Late Payments

If we do not receive payment by closing of the 10th, we will add a $10.00 late fee to your account. If we do not receive payment on your account by the 30th, the student may only observe class until balance is paid. With accounts 45 days behind, we reserve the right to drop the student from the roster.

Withdrawal Procedures/ Dropping A Class

You must officially notify Mrs. Amanda in writing 30 days prior to dropping a class or withdrawing from the studio. Not showing up for class does not constitute a withdrawal. Your account will continue to be charged, and you will be held responsible for all tuition due up to the 30 days notice. No refunds will be given for classes missed prior to the date of notification.

Studio Rules

Children not involved in a class should not be brought to the studio without adult supervision. Please do not leave small children unattended prior to class time, and please pick up all children promptly after class. We are not responsible for children who are not attending class.

- No food or drinks are allowed, except in the snack room.
- No chewing gum.
- Please use the restrooms in between classes.
- Do not leave classes without permission.
- No cell phones allowed in the classroom.
- No street shoes allowed on the dance floor.
- Please make sure hair is properly secured out of the child's eyes.
- Parents, please do not interrupt once class has begun.
- Recreation of our Business logos for your own personal gain can result in permanent deletion of your studio account

Costumes & Recital

A Costume letter will be sent out by the first week of November. This will give you the price of your child's costume. This payment will be due by December 4th, 2025. Costumes must be paid for in advance, or they will not be ordered.
COSTUMES ARE NON REFUNDABLE!

Recital will be held at the East Duplin High School ATTE Date : May 28th, 2027

Trophies & Awards

Trophies will be given to students who have taken dance with The Next Step Dance Studio for 5, 7, 10 and 15 years at the recital.