



Fees and Policies

Fall 2026

Registration Fee:

- The cost of participating in Shine is \$330 per semester per student, or \$660 for the year. Fees may be paid:
 - in full on September 1 (1 x \$660)
 - once per semester, on September 1 and January 1 (2 x \$330)
 - in three installments per semester on September 1, October 1, November 1, January 1, February 1, and March 1 (6 x \$110)
- Payments may be made via Zelle (Zelle Tag: shinecreative), check, or cash.
- Families who miss payments without communicating with us will be subject to late fees of \$10 per day, \$50 per week.
- Families who fail to complete their payments on time and in full will not be invited to participate in future Shine programs.
- The responsibility to complete payments in full and on time rests fully on parents. Please set up reminders, automatic payments, or other management methods to avoid late fees.

What's Included in the Registration Fee:

- 2 complimentary tickets per performance
- All classes and rehearsals (over 100 hours in total), which incorporate devotions, instruction and coaching in acting, dancing, singing, and vocal technique
- 3 performances with sets, props, lighting
- Some costumes (see additional note on costumes below)

What's Required of Parents:

- 2 four-hour volunteer slots during final rehearsals and performance weekend, February-March. Volunteer roles may include set-up, tear-down, supervising students, assisting with technical needs, or costumes, helping to prepare and/or serve group meals, etc.
- Purchase of 5 additional tickets per performance (15 total), at a fixed price of \$10 each. (Tickets may be given away or resold.)
- Parents will be asked to provide some costume pieces and/or props, typically items from the student's own wardrobe or pieces that are readily available and reusable. (Examples: a black

zip-up hoodie, simple white sneakers, some type of cowboy, hiking, or dress boot, an everyday outfit, a thrift store sports coat, a backpack or purse, etc.)

- Helping your student(s) with memorization and at-home practice as necessary. Students and parents will be informed of memorization deadlines in advance. Please ensure that your child(ren) spends time preparing for such deadlines and arrives prepared for classes and rehearsals.
- Occasionally (typically during show-prep in the last two months before the show) we may request that parents chip in \$5 for pizza or contribute items for a group meal.

Attendance

Because all Shine classes build toward and culminate in a high-quality, polished performance that requires much learning, repetition, and review, attendance at classes and rehearsals must be a priority. Absences result in students missing direction and/or choreography and impact other participants. In other words, theater is a team sport, and this program requires significant time and dedication over a lengthy period. Please consider this commitment carefully before you register your child(ren) for Shine. If you cannot commit to fulfill the attendance requirement, we understand and ask that you not sign up. It's our desire that all students in the program get to participate freely and fully and not be penalized for poor planning or over-commitment.

- Students should attend all Wednesday classes except in cases of sickness when they also miss school. Students should miss no more than one class per semester for travel, sports, and other commitments.
- There are four Saturday musical rehearsals between October and mid-January; they are marked in blue in our calendar. Each of these rehearsals will be used to teach the majority of the choreography and blocking for one of our major musical numbers. Attendance at these rehearsals is not required but is highly encouraged. Students who do not attend a given rehearsal may be assigned a walk-on or background role in that number.
- In the second half of January, we switch to show-prep mode and attendance and preparation become that much more critical.
 - Every student must attend five of our final six Saturday rehearsals (marked in green on calendar).
 - Our final five Wednesday classes (marked in red on calendar) will be extended to two hours (instead of 90 minutes). Attendance at these five classes is mandatory, and families may not request early dismissal. The only acceptable reason for absence is sickness where students have also missed school.
 - If a student misses more than one of these final rehearsals for any reason, it may impact his or her ability to participate fully in the show. Though we desire to be as gracious and flexible as possible, if necessary, we reserve the right to replace absentee students with understudies, rearrange their placement on the stage, reduce the amount of time they spend onstage, etc. These actions will not be punitive but may be required in order to allow the show to proceed as planned.
 - Attendance at our final dress rehearsal and all performances is absolutely mandatory. Please plan accordingly.

Participation

Before you register, please consider the length of our classes and rehearsals, as well as your student's level of interest and motivation. While we love working with new students and, in some cases, winning over reluctant learners, we do ask a lot of our kids. Shine students should be able and willing to listen respectfully, follow directions, receive coaching, make adjustments, and watch and learn while others receive coaching. All of us are works in progress, and none of us will do these things perfectly, but Shine families should be willing to engage with us in the process of growing. Additionally, students will need to read and memorize lines and song lyrics, and learn and memorize dance choreography. Practicing at home will be important. If you have questions about your student's capability in any of these areas, please reach out. We'd be happy to speak with you and help you make an informed decision.

If students struggle to participate in the ways listed above, we will work kindly and patiently with the students, requesting parental support when needed. Shine instructors may take disciplinary actions such as: verbally reminding students of our expectations, separating talkative/distracted students from one another, requesting that a student take a break from a group activity, etc.

For new families considering Shine Classes, if space allows, you are welcome to visit up to three of our Wednesday classes with your student during the month of September. These trial classes are intended to allow you, your student, and our instructors to determine whether or not Shine is a good fit for your family. If you're interested in this option, please [email us](#).

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