

APPLAUSE STUDIOS

2026-2027 COMPETITION COMPANY | PARENT HANDBOOK

We're excited to kick off the 2026-2027 season with you! Please keep this handout handy throughout the year for important policies, payment information, communication expectations, and competition dates.

CONVENTIONS & COMPETITIONS

We will attend several conventions and competitions during the year, including some out-of-town events. Many events sell out early and require payment months in advance to secure spots. Please refer to the Year at a Glance for payment deadlines.

ENTRIES & PAYMENTS

The studio enters all group routines. Solos and duet/trios are not entered automatically. Parents must sign up at the front desk, and payment is due at sign-up. Accounts must be current before solos or duet/trios will be entered.

Late fee: \$25 per group for payments not received by the due date.

Important: All competition and convention fees are non-refundable.

SLACK APP | COMMUNICATION

Slack is our primary way to communicate important company information. Please download the app and join the group when you receive your invitation. **Please check Slack regularly - it is each family's responsibility to stay informed.**

GROUP CHOREOGRAPHY FEES & REHEARSALS

Choreography fees are due at the first rehearsal. Fees vary and are **not included in monthly tuition**. If additional group rehearsals are scheduled during the season, rehearsal fees will be billed to your account.

COSTUME DEPOSIT

A **\$100 costume deposit per dance** will be billed to your account and must be paid before your child receives the costume. If the final costume cost is more or less than the deposit, your account will be adjusted accordingly.

PROP FEES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Dancers in routines that use a prop will be charged a prop fee. This includes associated materials, labor, and transportation when needed. Fees are divided equally among students in the dance. **Families are responsible for getting their prop to all competitions.** If you do not want your child to participate in a prop dance, please let us know.

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COMPANY POLICIES + YEAR AT A GLANCE

CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

We are committed to a positive, supportive, and professional environment where everyone can grow as dancers, students, friends, and artists. We ask parents and dancers to help protect that atmosphere by keeping gossip and negativity out of the studio. **Any parent or student displaying negative behavior may be asked to leave.**

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is required for every class and rehearsal. If a student must miss, they must speak with all instructors. Excessive absences will result in dismissal from the group.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons are **\$30 per half hour** and are due at the time of the lesson, paid to the studio at the desk or in the drop box. Private lessons will be suspended if accounts are not current. Solo and duet/trio choreography fees are determined by the instructor and paid directly to the instructor at the first private lesson.

RECITAL & PICTURE PACKAGES

The recital package includes the recital fee, recital flash drive, and T-shirt. The fee will be added to your account in March and must be **paid by May 1.**

Each year, a professional photographer photographs group and individual routines. **Company members are required to purchase a photo package** that includes all of their company group routines.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

VELOCITY (JR/TN/SR)	Convention/Competition Dallas, TX Dec. 4-6	PAYMENT DUE SEPT. 14
HOLLYWOOD DANCE JAMZ (ALL)	Convention/Competition Branson, MO Jan. 15-17	PAYMENT DUE OCT. 13
PRECISION ARTS (ALL)	Putnam City Feb. 12-14	PAYMENT DUE NOV. 12
TALENT ON PARADE (ALL)	Rose State - Midwest City Mar. 12-14	PAYMENT DUE DEC. 10
STAGE ONE (ALL)	Rose State - Midwest City Apr. 16-18	PAYMENT DUE FEB. 9

Optional events: There are many other optional competitions and conventions available. If you would like to attend additional events, sign up and pay at the front desk.

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2026-2027 TUITION & FEES

MONTHLY TUITION

1 class	\$65
2 classes	\$110
3 classes	\$145
4 classes	\$180
5 classes	\$220
6 classes	\$245
7 or more classes	\$265

ENROLLMENT

First month's tuition + \$35 enrollment fee are due at enrollment.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Tuition is due on the **1st of every month** and is considered late by the **10th**.

\$25 late fee will be added to all past-due accounts.

Cash, credit/debit cards, and checks are accepted. **Sibling discounts are available.**

COMPETITION COMPANY FEES

\$25 Company fee added to monthly tuition.

\$10 fee per small group added to monthly tuition for each small group.

Please keep this sheet handy for reference throughout the 2026-2027 season.

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2026-2027 TUITION & POLICY INFORMATION

TUITION

Tuition is due on the **1st of every month** and late by the **10th**. A **\$25 late fee** is added to accounts not paid by the 10th. We accept credit/debit card, check, or cash.

Accounts that are two months behind must provide immediate payment by credit/debit card or make arrangements for prompt payment. Students may be removed from class until past-due balances are paid in full or a payment plan has been arranged.

Pay the year in advance at enrollment and receive a 10% discount.

To discontinue during the year, notice **must be given in writing or by email** and confirmed by the studio. If your child attends one class during a month, payment for that month is due. If illness prevents your child from continuing, please speak with us directly.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Enrollment Fee: \$35 per family

Recital Fee: \$50 per family, due with March tuition

Costume Deposit: \$35 per costume ordered; balance due when costume arrives

Insufficient Funds: \$35 fee; no checks accepted after two returned checks

Credit/Debit Card Fee: 3% charge

These fees are non-refundable.

REFUNDS

NO REFUNDS GIVEN FOR ANY REASON.

COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION

We use **Slack** to share important information, studio news, and event details with parents and students. Please download the Slack app and check it regularly.

APPLAUSE LOGO

Studio parents are **not authorized to use the Applause Studios logo or name** to print merchandise, flyers, or other items.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We invite you to like the Applause Studios Facebook page and follow us on Instagram.

UNATTENDED CHILDREN

Please do not leave children unattended to play at the studio before or after class. Staff cannot supervise unattended children while teaching. Please know your child's schedule and pick them up immediately after class.

WINTER SHOWCASE / RECITAL

We will hold a Winter/Holiday Showcase for all students in December. A T-shirt will be ordered for every student and the fee added to December tuition. A T-shirt will also be ordered for every student for the end-of-year recital; that fee is due **May 1**.

INCLEMENT WEATHER & EMERGENCIES

Closings will be posted on **Slack, the studio voicemail, and Applause Studios social media**. If you have questions, always call the studio voicemail before coming to the studio and use your best judgment when traveling in bad weather.

CONDUCT & ATTENDANCE

A productive class requires cooperation between parents, students, and instructors. Students demonstrating negative or disruptive behavior may be removed from class, and parents will be called for immediate pickup. Continued behavior may result in dismissal from the studio. **No credits or refunds will be given.**

Good attendance is imperative. Absences and tardiness can hold back an entire class. There are no refunds or credits for dropped or missed classes.

To speak with an instructor, leave a message at the front desk, email the studio, or message through Slack. Please help keep the studio clean and do not allow children to wear tap shoes in the lobby because the floors are very slick.

The studio reserves the right to refuse service or remove students/families who do not adhere to studio policies.

STAY INFORMED

Please check the front desk and Slack regularly for studio updates. It is your responsibility to stay informed.

Questions or concerns? **405-703-3076** | applausestudios@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

First day of classes	Sept. 8
Closed - Thanksgiving	Nov. 23-27
Winter Showcase / Skating Party	Monday, Dec. 14 6:00-8:00 pm
Winter Break	Dec. 21-Jan. 1
Classes resume	Jan. 4
Closed - Spring Break	Mar. 15-19
Dress Rehearsal / Recital	TBA

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2026-2027 DRESS CODE

BALLET DAY REQUIREMENTS

On days when dancers have ballet, they must arrive wearing a **black leotard with black or pink tights**. Tights must be **convertible, footless, or stirrup style**.

Because our class schedule does not allow enough time for changes between classes, dancers should remain in this base dress code **for the entire evening**. Teacher-approved layers may be added for specific classes:

Ballet	Ballet skirt
Hip Hop or Tap	Pants
Hip Hop or Contemporary	T-shirt or approved top

All **technique classes require fitted clothing** so instructors can properly see body placement, alignment, and technique. For ballet specifically, dancers must wear a **black leotard, appropriate black or pink tights, and canvas ballet shoes**.

DANCE SHOE REQUIREMENTS

Ballet	Canvas ballet shoes
Tap - Company Members	Lace-up Oxford style tap shoes
Tap - Recreational Classes	Velcro Mary Janes or Lace-up Oxford style tap shoes
Jazz Technique	Half-sole turning shoes
Hip Hop	Sneakers

Dance shoes, leotards, and tights can be purchased locally at **Queen of Harts in Norman** or **Showbiz Dancewear in Oklahoma City**.

BEING PREPARED FOR CLASS

Please plan ahead on ballet days and come prepared with **all required shoes and clothing for the entire evening**. Dancers who arrive without the appropriate dress code or required shoes will need to **call home** to have the correct items brought to the studio when possible.

WHY WE HAVE A CALL-HOME POLICY

Our call-home policy is **not intended as a punishment**. Proper dance attire and shoes are an important part of a dancer's training and allow our instructors to safely and effectively teach technique. We also want to help our dancers develop responsibility for arriving prepared for class.

If a dancer forgets a required item, we will ask them to call home so that, when possible, the correct item can be brought to the studio. This helps us keep our expectations consistent for everyone while teaching dancers that **being prepared is part of their responsibility as a student**.

Thank you for helping us keep classes running smoothly and ensuring our dancers are dressed, prepared, and ready to get the most out of their training!