**2023-2024 Policy and Pricing**

**\*Tuition is due at the first of every month. A late fee of $10 will be billed to the account after the 10th day of the month. The system automatically adds the late fee to the account. You will have the option this year to auto-pay. It is optional this year and you will need to complete a credit card authorization form to participate. It will be the parents responsibility to make changes or cancel 7 days prior to the withdrawal on the 1st of each month. Payments can also be made in the Dance Store.**

\*Tuition is not transferable to the preceding or following month, or to another student. No Refunds will be made for missed classes. If classes are cancelled due to weather, we will try to make them up in a reasonable manner.

\*Prorating is not allowed unless the student is new and beginning in the middle of the month.

\*For checks returned to Celia’s Dance Academy due to insufficient funds or charge cards that are declined, will be required to cover the check or charge with a money order, cashier's check, or cash plus a $30.00 returned check/declined charge fee, within 3 days of notification.

\* Costume(s) must be purchased to participate in the 2024 recital. Costume orders are due on October 1, 2023. **Costumes are non-returnable and once purchased the fees are non-refundable**. If your child will not be participating in the recital, you must notify the Academy by October 1, 2023. Costumes range from $75 to $100 for each costume including tights. **COSTUMES MUST BE ORDERED BY OCTOBER TO BE FULFILLED AND DELIVERED BY SPRING COMPETITIONS AND PICTURES. This is out of my control so please understand the reason for early ordering.** Costume selections are solely at the discretion of the teachers and directors.

\*Every student whose tuition/fees are paid up-to-date will have an opportunity to perform on stage and show family and friends how he or she has progressed through the year. **Every student performing in the recital must attend the dress rehearsal**. **The routines are choreographed based on all participating students and finalized on dress rehearsal.** **Dress rehearsal is mandatory to perform in the Recital.** Our show is tentatively scheduled for June 1, 2024. Dress rehearsal with be Friday, May 31st. We perform at Haywood Community College and although we reserve this date, the college could possibly change to another date. This has never happened in the past but be aware of the possibility.

\*Videotaping of the 2024 recital is prohibited. This is to prevent obstruction and disturbance of the other audience members as well as compliance with the various theater regulations. A professional video company will video the performances and will be provided to each family that is included with the recital fees. We will provide a link to Vimeo that will allow a download of the recital.

\*We love to share our photos and videos of performances and events to promote our studio and showcase our students and accomplishments. Group photos, candid shots and performances may occur with no individual identity disclosures in various media outlets.

\*Instructors determine class placement, and dancers and parents should support their decisions and selection of class placements.

\* In order for a dancer to be in a higher-level class, additional training may be necessary in the form of extra classes. We will offer opportunity for advanced dancers to participate in local competitions, if the students excel and would like to compete, the studio will notify the parents accordingly. There are fees associated with the competitions that will be disclosed as soon as the studio is notified by the sponsor.

\*It is important for every dancer to feel like a dancer while in class. Therefore, correct attire must be worn at all times. NO LOOSE SHIRTS WILL BE ALLOWED WITHOUT A FULL LEOTARD UNDERNEATH. THIS IS NOT APPROPRIATE AND YOUR CHILD MAY BE ASKED TO SIT OUT AND WATCH CLASS IF NECESSARY. IT IS ALSO UNSAFE FOR MANY OF THE CLASSES PARTICULARLY TUMBLING. SOME CLASSES MAY HAVE A SPECIFIC DRESS CODE. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT REGISTRATON**. HAIR MUST BE SECURED IN PONYTAIL OR BUN AND OUT OF FACE WHILE IN CLASS. SHORT HAIR IS AN EXCEPTION.**

\***No food or sodas** are allowed in the dance rooms. Only **water bottles** are allowed in the dance rooms.

\* **A $100 recital fee is due on or before January 1, 2024. Additional students for the same family will pay $50, this will not include recital tickets for the additional student. Students and Chaperones do not need tickets.**This helps to cover the cost of rehearsal and recital space rentals, staffing, etc. This will also include the recital fee, recital VIDEO LINK (professionally produced), a specially designed academy T-Shirt, and 4 tickets per family for the recital. We can offer a USB flash drive, but there would be an additional cost for this option. The price will depend on the production company next year. Additional tickets will be available in limited quantities and will be priced at $12 each. Children under 3 will be free.

\* We will ask for parent volunteers to chaperone the students during the recital and rehearsal. The safety of our children is priority and we will need the assistance of our parents to achieve this goal. Please allow other parents who volunteer every year the opportunity to enjoy the performance from a seat in the audience this year. A free recital T-Shirt is provided to those who volunteer.

\*If there are less than 4 students in a class we may drop the class to 30 minutes, since it’s considered a semi-private. The fee stays the same and the class is not canceled. Classes at 30 minutes will remain the same.

\*Celia’s Dance Academy is not responsible for lost personal items. We will keep a lost and found box in the office.

\* Dance education requires “hands on” instruction as well as verbal instruction. Instructors will regularly correct dancers by touching their arms, legs, feet, hips, back and head to move them in the correct position. Instructors will also verbally correct dancers during class. Dancers will be required to know the routines and are expected to **practice at home**.

\* For safety precautions students will be asked to remain in the lobby for a parent or guardian to pick them up. Students are asked not to leave the studio without a parent or guardian accompanying them outside. Parents please help reinforce this request. We want all our students to be safe when exiting the building.

\*At no time are observers to enter the classroom, as this action will interrupt the class. If there is an emergency please contact the front desk. We have cameras in the lobby and a viewing window for the main studio. We do not have the room for parents to remain in the dance rooms and our insurance company requires this policy as well. Please do not stand at the doors or in the hallway as this also creates a liability to others and students.

\*Any questions or concerns regarding the policies or decisions made by the artistic director or any staff member should be addressed directly to the office, a personal appointment with that person should be requested. We ask that you address the issue as it affects you or your child individually and privately.

\* It is necessary to have positive attitude and continued support in order for any dancer to continue the privilege of participating in the Academy’s program. If dancers choose to have a negative attitude or cause volatile scenes in any way, they will be asked to leave the Academy. We will not allow any type of bullying or intimidation by anyone at this dance studio.

\* The Artistic Director and Instructors of Celia’s Dance Academy Dance Academy will discuss only yours or your child’s progress and not other students progress at the Academy. Do not compare yourself to other dancers and always be supportive and nurturing to the development of dance at the Academy.

\*Celia’s Dance Academy reserves the right to refuse services to any person who does not support the policies and decisions set forth.

**TUITION**

**\*Tuition will be charged based on the number of classes taken per family. This means immediate family residing in the same household.**

**Fee Schedule Summary**

**1 Class         $50 per month**

**2 Classes     $90 per month**

**3 Classes     $120 per month**

**4 Classes     $150 per month**

**5 Classes     $175 per month**

**6 Classes     $200 per Month**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*GEMS PREP 1 ½ HOURS PER WEEK - $75 PER MONTH\*\*\*\*\*\***

**\*Tuition will be adjusted accordingly if classes are dropped or added\***

**All Classes meet once per week.  There will be a total of 37 lessons (August week is free) for each class from August 28th through the June 1,2024.  This will equate to 9 months of tuition (August - May) and is due on the 1st day of each month.**

**Rate Due Date**

**Registration Fee $30 (Waived if Registered prior to August 12, 2023) Upon Enrollment**

**Costume Fee\* $75 - $100 per class plus sales tax October 1st**

**Recital Fee\*\* $100 January 1st**

**These fees must be paid in order the costumes to be delivered on time. Recital fees are paid in advance to secure HCC.**

**Costume fees are not refundable. These items can’t be returned or resold as they are special ordered unique to each student.**

**“GEMS Competition and GEMS Prep will have multiple costumes and some prices could be a bit higher.**

**I try to keep the cost as low as possible and still provide a quality costume for performances and competitions.**

**\*”Please see policy for details on recital fees for multiple students in family**

**\*\*\*\*Solo, Duet, and Trio classes may require either a higher tuition or a shorter class period. We will try our best to main affordable rates for any special situations, so our school gives all those with the desire, the opportunity to learn and grow to their full potential.**

**\*\*\*\*We will have a professional photographer come to the studio after the costumes arrive for individual and group pictures. These packages will vary based on parent selections.**

**\*\*\*\*Our GEMS performance team is amazing, and these young ladies came home with many awards this year, regional and nationally. Everyone is so proud and can’t wait to see where they go in the years to come. We are also excited to offer GEMS Prep again this year to develop future GEMS to take with us to regional and national competitions.**

**\*\*\*\*At this time, we would like to keep any special performances such as a Daddy Daughter, Mommy and Me, or any other special family production to a minimal cost. These are special moments for your family, and we want to support involvement. These costs will be determined based participation but will be held to an affordable rate.**

**The Daddy Daughter dance is particularly special, and we hire a special choreographer to teach these classes. We will provide more information in January, 2024.**

**Thank you all and we look forward to an exciting and fun filled year. This is our 6th year and the families continue to amaze me with your support. It is my honor to have you all supporting my dance studio.**

**Miss Celia**

**FEE AND POLICY AGREEMENT**

**Tuition is due on the 1st day of each month**

**A $10 late fee will be added after the 1st week each month.**

**The Tuition fee is per month**

**# of Classes Tuition # of Classes Tuition**

**1 $50 6 $200**

**2 $90 7 $220**

**3 $120 8 $240**

**4 $150 9 $250**

**5 $175 10 $270**

**\*\*\*\*\*GEMS PREP – 1 ½ HOURS PER WEEK - $75 PER MONTH**

**\*Tuition will be adjusted accordingly if classes are dropped or added\***

**All Classes meet once per week.  There will be a total of 37 lessons (August week is free) for each class from August 28th through the week of recital.  This will equate to 9 equal months of tuition (September - May) and is due on the 1st day of each month. Some weeks have 4 classes per week and some have 5. All short weeks and breaks are accounted for in the totals. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter weeks are accounted for in the total weeks of lessons.**

**Rate Due Date**

**Registration Fee $30 (Waived if Registered prior to 8/12/23) Upon Enrollment**

**Costume Fee\*\* $75 - $100 plus tax (Per Class) October 1st**

**Recital Fee\* $100 January 1st**

**These fees must be paid by the due date so the costumes are delivered on time, Recital fees are paid in advance to secure HCC.**

**\*\*Costume fees are not refundable. These items can’t be returned or resold as they are special ordered unique to each student.**

**Legal Release and Policy Acceptance (please initial)**

**\_ \_\_ I/we have read and understand the Studio Policies \_\_\_ I/we understand my billing obligations**

**\_ \_\_ I/we understand the risks related to dance \_\_\_ I/we understand my responsibilities for my property**

**\_ \_\_ I/we understand the dress code \_\_\_ I/we understand the schedule**

**\_ \_\_ I/we give media use rights permission \_\_\_ I/we understand the attendance policy**

**In an effort to prevent misunderstandings, please complete and sign below stating you understand the fee schedule, due dates for costumes and recital fees.**

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**Student(s) Name**

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**Parent Signature Date**