



**EMBRACE, CREATE,
EMPOWER**

**DANCING TOGETHER
WITH CONFIDENCE,
TEAMWORK, AND
PERSEVERANCE**

2024/2025 DANCE SEASON

Welcome dancers, we're thrilled to start our 2nd season!

Whether you're a familiar face or brand new we are so excited that you're part of our Next Step dance family! Thank you dancers and families for your continued support and all of your help, you are all so appreciated!

Here's to an amazing 2024-2025 dance season!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

No Dance Dates

- MEA
 - October 17th - 20th
- Halloween
 - Thursday, October 31st
- Thanksgiving
 - Nov. 27th - Dec. 1st
- Winter Break
 - Dec. 23rd - Jan. 1st
- Spring Break
 - March 29th - April 4th

Important Dates

- Bring a Friend to Dance
 - Sept. 23-26th
- Pictures
 - TBD
- Rehearsal/Recital
 - May 17th & 18th
- Last Day of Dance
 - Thursday, May 22nd.

STUDIO NEWS

- Join our adult class on Thursday's from 8:25 - 9:25pm.
 - Classes start **October 3rd**.
 - 1 free class with 1 paid child class.
- Twice a year we offer gymnastics for dance, the first 8-week session starts on **October 4th**. Message the studio for more information.
- Next Step Apparel
 - To order any of the apparel hanging on the office window please fill out an order form and submit payment by **October 3rd**.

COMPETITION CORNER

Competition Dates

- April 9th - 13th
 - Legacy
- April 25th - 27th
 - Starpower
- May 9th - 11th
 - Revolution



Fundamentals & Fitness Fridays - 5:30-7:30pm

September 13th, October 25th, November 8th, November 22nd, December 6th, January 10th, January 31st, and February 7th.

Studio Policies

Tuition

- Full tuition is due on your first lesson of each month
- There is a \$20 late fee if your monthly tuition is not paid by the 10th of each month
- There will be a \$30.00 charge for all returned checks
- There are no refunds for lessons missed by a student, scheduled vacations or lessons cancelled due to inclement weather.
- All credit card charges will include a 3% processing fee (no additional fee for debit cards, cash or check.
- We offer automatic monthly tuition withdrawal from both debit and credit cards. There is a convenience fee applied each withdrawal as well as the 3% for credit cards.

Attendance

Please take note of the following guidelines:

- **Notification of Absence:** If a student is unable to attend a dance class for any reason, please call or email the studio and inform us. Please leave your dancers name, class and reason for their absence.
- **Tardiness:** Please try to be on time. We understand that unforeseen complications may arise occasionally, but we request that you make every effort to ensure tardiness is not a regular occurrence
- **Importance of Consistent Attendance:** Regular and consistent attendance is crucial for your child to make progress in their dance education. Each class builds upon the previous one, and missing too many sessions can lead to frustration and a loss of skills already learned. By attending every week, your child will have the opportunity to master the skills and combinations being taught at their level.

Studio Policies Continued

Information & Newsletters

Our primary form of communication with parents and guardians is in our monthly newsletters. Newsletters and important information will be emailed out the first week of every month. We will also post them on the white board in the hallway. If you would like a hard copy please stop by the office. Feel free to email or call the office with any questions.

Mandatory Fundraiser or Recital Fee Buy-out

Rehearsal/Recital Fee or Fundraiser: \$70.00 per family is due April 1, 2025, unless you decide to participate the fundraiser. *Includes digital recording of the Recital and a Recital T-shirt for your dancer(s)

Annual Recital & Costumes

Recital and Rehearsal will be held at Hopkins High School. Please mark your calendars for May 17th and May 18th. More information will be sent on this.

Teachers will go over costumes with the parents in the Spring. Costumes are non-refundable, which means costume deposits are **NOT** refunded.

Costume deposits are due October 28th (recreational).

Competition classes will get costume information via email and will be due October 17th (1st payment) and November 14th (2nd payment).

Recreational Dancer Costume Deposits: 3-5-year old's classes, ballet and hip hop; 1 costume at \$100.00. Classes with 2 or more dances and pointe is \$130.00

If there is a costume balance on your account, it will be due by February 1st.