

Summary of Policies

Communication

- Class communication is done primarily through email, text blast, or studio app chat. Please add info@stagedoordancearts.com to your contacts as well as 1-833-789-4572 to your phones as this is the number that will text announcements.
- Announcements will also be posted on social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram).

Website and Parent Portal

- Visit our website (www.stagedoordancearts.com), click on "Register Now," enter the email and password linked to your account.
- Access your account by clicking "forgot password" and entering the email address on file.
- Update your information, pay your bills, enroll in classes, see upcoming charges, shop online, see important documents and files, etc.

Class Policy

- Classes are limited in size. A wait list is created for closed classes.
- Classes may be canceled or changed at any time.
- Dancers who arrive more than 10 minutes late may not be allowed in class.
- Only water is allowed in the studios. No other food/drink or gum.

Absenteeism

- NO refunds for missed classes or for dropping a class mid-month. The office must be notified by the 25th to avoid tuition for the following month.
- Make-up classes are available in the same level (or lower).
- Please inform the office if you know you will be absent.
- Absences will be recorded and shared with parents in the portal.

Drop-Off / Pick-Up

- The building opens at 3:30 pm each day. Please do not drop off your child if the building is not yet unlocked.
- Students younger than 12 are not permitted to walk through the parking lot unattended. Students may wait in the lobby and watch for a parent/sitter to pull up.
- A dancer lounge is available for breaks between classes. Students must pick up their own trash before leaving the dancer lounge.

Snow Days / Inclement Weather

- We generally follow the CPS criteria for dismissal of school. In general, if Conway Schools are closed, so are we.
- Each class has one built-in snow day per season without a make-up. Make up classes are held before recital.

Student / Parent Use of Social Media

- For student safety and copyright, please do not post videos of classes, choreography, pictures of children not your own, or other proprietary elements without written permission from SDDA.
- Please respect each other, and respect the laws of our land, including those regarding defamation, discrimination, harassment, copyright, and fair use.

2026-2027 Year At A Glance

- Sept 1: Tuition Due
- Sept 15: Performance Fee Due(1 of 2)
- Sept 21-25 Bring A Friend Week
- Oct 1: Tuition Due
- Oct 15: Performance Fee Due (2 of 2)
- Oct 26-30 Fall Fun Week
- Nov 1: Tuition Due
- Nov 15: Costume #1 Due
- Nov 23-27: Closed for Thanksgiving
- Dec 1: Tuition Due
- Dec 15: Costume #2 Due
- Dec 14-18: Holiday Party Week
- Dec 21-Jan 3: Closed for Holiday Break
- Jan 1: Tuition Due
- Jan 4: Classes resume
- Jan 15: Costume Balances Due
- Feb 1: Tuition Due
- Feb 8-12: I Love Dance Week
- Mar 1: Tuition Due
- Mar 22-26: Closed for Spring Break
- April 1: Tuition Due
- May 1: Tuition Due
- May 20-21: Dress Rehearsal
- May 22: Recital
- May 27: Last Day of Classes
- June 1: First Summer Tuition Payment
- June 8-13: Studio Closed
- June 14: Tentative Start for Summer Classes

Dress Code

We are often asked, "Why does dress code matter?"

Can you see a difference between these two groups of students photographed on the right?

We use a dress code because having your child in the appropriate attire, with hair removed from the face, provides the teacher with the ability to see body placement, brings the class together as a group, is less distracting, and helps the students focus on instruction.

Foundational Rules

- No jewelry or large tutus allowed
- Have hair secured and away from the face in a bun, ponytail, or French braid.

Before



After



To view our complete dress code, by class, visit our website: www.stagedoordancearts.com/dress-code.

For your convenience, SDDA stocks a variety of items in the office.

- Tights for all classes
- Ballet shoes for all classes
- Tap shoes for Tippy Toes through K-2
- Jazz shoes in black and tan
- Leotards and dance dresses in black and pastel colors (dress-code approved)
- Gently-used consignment shoes (ballet, tap and even some jazz)

For items we don't carry, we recommend Kick's Activewear in downtown Conway or Footlights in Little Rock.



Dance Programs

Recreational Dance

Our recreational program is designed for beginner students ages 2 and up, and/or for those students who prefer a less strenuous approach to dance.

- Early Childhood Program (ages 2-5)
- Elementary Program (Kindergarten and up)
- Hip-Hop for Everyone (ages 5 and up)
- Cheernastics
- Adult Classes
- Acro for Dancers*
- Turns, Tricks, and Skills
- Stretch and Body Conditioning

Pre-Professional Dance

Our "Pre-Pro" program is for those students who want to take a more serious approach to the study of dance. These students may desire a career in dance, may be pursuing a fine arts scholarship for college, or may just prefer the challenge. Placement is evaluation-based, and advancement comes with mastery of the curriculum of each respective level. Courses are offered in:

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| • Ballet | • Modern |
| • Tap | • Contemporary/Lyrical |
| • Jazz | • Musical Theater |
| • PrePointe/Pointe | • Student Choreo |
| • Advanced Hip-Hop | • Pre-Pro Acro |

Elite Competition Program

SDDA offers students aged 4 and up the opportunity to participate in competitive dance through the Elite Competition Team. Extracurricular in nature, the SDDA Elite Team is invitation-only or audition-based, and may provide students the chance to compete with solos, duo/trios, and group dances at the regional and national levels. Contact the office via email (info@stagedoordancearts.com) for more information. Auditions are typically held in May and July.

Studio Tuition and Fees

Seasonal Registration Fee

- \$30 for the first dancer; \$15 for each additional dancer in the same family for school-year season.
- Registration fees are non-refundable.

Tuition

- Studio tuition is based on total hours of enrolled (*not attended*) instruction per week and is billed monthly.
- Tuition is due on the first of the month.
- Tuition not paid by the 5th will be charged a late fee of \$10. An additional \$10 late fee will be added each 6th day thereafter until the balance is paid.
- Tuition that is more than 30 days late may result in the student being unenrolled for non-payment.
- Our tuition chart is published at www.stagedoordancearts.com/prices.
- Families with more than one enrolled student will receive a 10% discount on all students after the first.
- No pro-rated tuition for mid-month drops.

Recital Costs

Your student's enrollment in the 2026-2027 season comes with the expectation that he or she will participate in our Spring recital, usually around the end of May. If you do not desire for your child to participate, we must receive written notification by September 22, 2026.

- Performance Package (\$180 for 1st child; \$130 for 2nd; \$95 for 3rd)
- Performance Package fees are divided into two convenient payments, due Sep 15 and Oct 15 (Includes full participation in our professional production, vendor costs, commemorative t-shirt, 2 show tickets, recital photo sitting fee, recital award, and media fees that include digital download of professional video of performances and unlimited professional action photography).
- Recital Costumes – billed on a fixed-price basis. PreSchool costumes are \$80 each. Hip-Hop and Cheernastics costumes are \$140 each (including shoes). All other costumes are \$95 each. All costumes subject to sales tax.
- Costume Deposits in the amount of 1 costume are due on Nov 15 and Dec 15. We cannot order costumes for students who have unpaid deposits when we break for Christmas.
- All recital charges are non-refundable.