

# **Policy Packet - Aspire Dance Studio**

## **2025-2026 Season**

### **2025-2026 Schedule**

#### **Aspire Dance Studio - Calendar 2025-2026**

August 2nd - Competition Team Auditions

August 8th - Grand Opening Event/Open House

September 7th-11th- First Week of Classes

October 26th-30th- Fall Parties

October 31st - Studio closed for Halloween

November 24th-30th - Studio closed for Fall Break

December 14th-18th- Winter Parties

December 21st-January 3rd - Studio closed for Winter Break

March 15th-21st - Studio closed for Spring Break

April 11th-12th - Picture Weekend at Aspire (Comp and Recreational)

May 25th-29th - Last Week of Classes for Season 1

June 4th-5th - Dress Rehearsals/Tech Rehearsals (Location TBD)

June 6th - Recital (Location TBD)

### **Tuition/Expenses**

#### **Monthly Tuition**

Tuition consists of a recurring flat monthly fee or charge. Tuition is due on the 1st day of each subsequent month. A late fee of \$20.00 will be charged in the event tuition is not paid in full by the 10th day of any respective month. Tuition is not refundable.

Tuition rates are listed below. Tuition is charged September-May. Pricing and rates for competition families are contained in the Aspire Dance Competition Packet.

Class Duration	Monthly Amount
30 Minutes	\$55 plus tax
45 Minutes	\$60 plus tax

#### **Registration Fee**

Registration Fees are due at the time of enrollment to secure your dancer's spot in their classes and are non-refundable. Registration fees are per student per season. Fees are as follows per family: 1st dancer \$30, 2nd dancer \$25, 3rd+ dancer \$20.

### **Costume Fees**

The fees for costumes are due on 11/1. A costume cannot be ordered if the costume fee is not fully paid on or before 11/10. Once costume payments are made they are not refundable.

The cost of a costume depends on the class. The table below contains the costume pricing. Any class name that contains “Technique” does not have a recital dance or recital costume. Sales tax is added onto every costume charge.

Class	Costume Charge
Tiny Dancer	\$75 per class
Preschool/Kinder Ballet/Jazz or Ballet/Tap	\$85 per class - Costume will be a combo costume that will have interchangeable pieces for the two styles
Preschool/Kinder Hip Hip, Acro, Pom	\$75 per class
Intermediate Lyrical/Jazz, Intermediate Hip Hop	\$85 per recital dance (\$170 total for lyrical/jazz)
Levels 1-3	\$85 per class
Levels 4-5	\$90 per class

### **Choreography Fees**

Choreography fees are due on 1/1. Fees are \$15 per recital class (competition classes - see competition team packet).

### **Recital Fees**

Recital Fees are due on 5/1. There is a \$20.00 fee for each recital class. There is no recital fee for competition classes. The recital fee and all account balances must be paid in full on or before 5/15 in order to participate in the recital.

## **General Policies**

### **Account Balances**

The failure to pay the full balance of any tuition fee(s) owed for any respective month by the 1st day of the following month will result in the dancer having to sit out of classes. Once payment is made, the dancer will be able to participate in class.

### **Injuries/Class Participation**

Any dancer that is injured must bring a doctor's note in order to sit out of class. Parents must give all notes to the receptionist. If a dancer is sick, please keep them home. Dancers that ask to sit out without a doctor's note (or a note from a parent if the doctor hasn't been visited yet) will visit the reception desk to call home. This ensures that dancers are participating at all times if they are able to.

### **Discounts - Per Student**

First Class - full price

Second Class - 10% off

Third Class - 20% off

Fourth Class- 25% off

Fifth Class and beyond - 30% off

### **Weather Closures**

We will closely monitor all weather during the winter. Any weather cancellations will be emailed, posted on Facebook, and posted on KWWL. We will cancel at least 2 hours prior to the start of class. After two closures made due to weather, classes will be made up on a different day.

### **Dress Code**

**Tiny Dancers:** Dancers will need to wear clothes that are easy for them to move in. Dancers will need ballet shoes for this class.

**Preschool:** Dancers will need to wear clothes that are easy for them to move in. Preferably a leotard and dance skirt. Please refer to our shoe requirement section for the shoes specific to each class.

**Kinder:** Dancers will need to wear clothes that are easy for them to move in. Preferably a leotard and dance skirt. Please refer to our shoe requirement section for the shoes specific to each class.

**Intermediate Classes:** Dancers may wear any form fitting top or bottom. Dancers taking a ballet class will need to wear a leotard and shorts/skirt with their hair in a bun. Hair will need to be pulled away from the dancer's face. Please refer to our shoe requirement section for the shoes specific to each class.

**Levels 1-5:** Dancers may wear any form fitting top or bottom. Dancers taking a ballet class will need to wear a leotard and shorts/skirt with their hair in a bun. Hair will need to be pulled away from the dancer's face for all other classes. Please refer to our shoe requirement section for the shoes specific to each class.

### **Shoe Requirements**

**All shoes for classes can be purchased through Aspire Dance**

- Tiny Dancer Ballet - Pink Ballet Shoes
- Preschool or Kinder Ballet/Jazz Combo Classes - Pink Ballet & Tan Jazz Shoes
- Preschool or Kinder Ballet/Tap Combo Classes - Pink Ballet & Black (No Tie) Tap Shoes
- All Hip Hop Classes- Studio White Hip Hop Shoes \*\*Must be purchased through Aspire Dance
- All Pom Classes - Tan Jazz Shoes
- All Acro Classes - NO shoes
- Intermediate Classes - Tan Jazz Shoes
- Level 1-5 Ballet Technique Classes - Pink Ballet Shoes
- Level 1-3 Jazz Classes - Tan Jazz Shoes / Level 4-5 Jazz Classes - Tan Half Soles
- Level 1-5 Lyrical Classes - Tan Half Soles
- Level 1-5 Tap Classes - Black Tap Shoes

**Dropping A Class**

Written notice must be provided in order to be dropped from a class. Tuition for the month will not be refunded for a class dropped after the month has started. Example - If you notify Aspire Dance via email on September 21st, September tuition will not be refunded, however October tuition will not be charged/due.

**Closing Classes**

We reserve the right to close any classes that have fewer than 5 students enrolled. If Aspire Dance closes a class, full refunds will be given to those families for any future months that are prepaid.

**Termination**

We reserve the right to terminate any enrollment at any time due to unpaid accounts, excessive late payments of fees, and/or not following the studio rules/policies

**Class Descriptions**

**Tiny Dancers:** These classes are for dancers that are 2 or 3 years old. Each dancer must be at least 2 years old by September 15. Dancers in these classes learn basic technique while incorporating creative movement. This class will have one recital dance.

**Preschool:** These classes are for dancers that are 3-5 years old. Each dancer must be at least 3 years old by September 15. Dancers in these classes learn basic technique in two styles of dance, either ballet and jazz or ballet and tap, while incorporating creative movement. This class will have two recital dances.

**Kinder:** These classes are for dancers that are 5-6 years old. Each dancer must be at least 5 years old by September 15. Dancers in these classes learn basic technique and foundational skills in two styles of dance, either ballet and jazz or ballet and tap. This class will have two recital dances.

**Intermediate (Teen) Classes:** These classes are for dancers who have zero to three years of previous dance experience. Dancers must be aged thirteen or older to enroll in these classes. Teen classes will focus on foundational basics of select dance styles while learning new technical elements. Lyrical/Jazz will have two recital dances. Hip hop will have one recital dance.

**Level Placement -** Dancer levels are determined at the discretion of the director based on, but not necessarily limited to, technical dance ability, and is subject to modification or change. A dancer's level may be modified upwards or downwards irrespective of the age of the dancer.

**Level 1:** These classes are for dancers who have zero to two years of previous dance experience in leveled classes. Dancers in level one classes will focus on foundational basics of a select dance style. This class is intended for dancers in 1st and 2nd grade.

**Level 2:** These classes are for dancers who have one to three years of previous dance experience in leveled classes. Dancers in level two classes will focus on foundational basics of a select dance style while learning new technical elements. These classes are intended for dancers in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade.

**Level 3:** These classes are for dancers who have two to four years of previous dance experience in leveled classes. Dancers in level three classes will focus on perfecting technique of a select dance style. They will challenge themselves with new skills while integrating technical elements. Please note level three classes will need director approval, please email [directors.aspiredance@gmail.com](mailto:directors.aspiredance@gmail.com).

**Level 4:** These classes are for dancers who have three to five years of previous dance experience in leveled classes. Dancers in level four classes will focus on perfecting technique of a select dance style. They will challenge themselves with advanced skills. Please note level four classes will need director approval, please email [directors.aspiredance@gmail.com](mailto:directors.aspiredance@gmail.com).

**Level 5:** These classes are for dancers who have five plus years of previous dance experience in leveled classes. Dancers in level five classes will focus on incorporating technique into advanced dance skills. Please note level five classes will need director approval AND dancers must be a member of the Aspire Competition Team, please email [directors.aspiredance@gmail.com](mailto:directors.aspiredance@gmail.com).

**Performing Company:** This is a performance company for ages 3 to 6. This group will learn one jazz dance and perform around the community in the spring.

**Competition Prep:** This is a technique class intended for ages 4 to 9 to learn the skills and technique to prepare for competition teams in the future.

## **Styles of Dance**

**Jazz:** Jazz classes will focus on perfecting and learning new technique skills. This style is high energy and upbeat. These classes will have one recital dance.

**Tap:** This style will consist of making sounds with your feet. This style focuses on picking up rhythm and beats within music. These classes will have one recital dance.

**Ballet:** Ballet is the most foundational style in dance. This class will focus on the basics of technique. These classes DO NOT have a recital dance.

**Lyrical:** This class will focus on a dancer's movement quality. Lyrical is a mix of ballet and jazz dance styles. These classes will have one recital dance.

**Pom:** Pom is a style that incorporates use of pom poms while working on jazz technical elements. Pom is known for its jumps, turns and use of arm visuals. These classes will have one recital dance.

**Acro:** Acro is a style that incorporates tumbling and flexibility. Skills required for level 1 acro include handstand, cartwheel, forward roll. Level 2: all previous skills plus roundoff and handstand into bridge. Level 3: all previous skills plus front limber and one handed cartwheel. Level 4: all previous skills plus side aerial and front walkover. Level 5: all previous skills plus front handspring and back walkover. These classes DO NOT have a recital dance.

**Hip Hop:** Hip hop is an upbeat style that incorporates floorwork, high energy movements and tricks. These classes will have one recital dance.

**Turns & Leaps:** This class will focus on strengthening a dancer's technique in their turns, leaps and jumps. Dancers will work on basic technique while learning different types of turns, leaps and jumps. These classes DO NOT have a recital dance.

**Flexibility:** The goal of flexibility class is that it increases a dancer's flexibility. Dancers' will work on leg, back and arm flexibility. These classes DO NOT have a recital dance.

\*Classes with a '\*' on the schedule are competition teams only. Please see competition packet for audition and competition information

