8 Count Academy of Dance

Handbook 2025-2026 Season

Dress Code:

Little Movers-

GIRLS: Any solid colored leotard

BOYS: Moveable athletic clothing

GIRLS-Pink leather ballet shoes

BOYS-Bare feet or socks

(Hair must be pulled back neatly)

Minis and Combo Classes- Pink OR Black Leotard

Ballet: Bloch, So Danca, or Capezio leather ballet shoes (full sole) and Pink Tights.

Boys wear Black ballet shoes

(Hair must be pulled back neatly in a bun and no loose jewelry)

Juniors-Light Blue OR Black leotard

Ballet: Bloch, So Danca, or Capezio CANVAS ballet shoes (split sole) and pink tights.

Boys wear Black ballet shoes

(Hair must be pulled back neatly in a bun and no loose jewelry)

Intermediate-Dark Blue/Navy Blue OR Black Leotard

Ballet: So Danca or Capezio CANVAS split sole shoes and pink tights.

Boys wear Black ballet shoes

(Hair must be pulled back neatly in a bun and no loose jewelry)

Teen and Senior-Black Leotards

Ballet-So Danca or Capezio CANVAS split sole shoes and pink tights.

Boys wear Black ballet shoes

(Hair must be pulled back in a bun and no loose jewelry)

ALL LEVELS for all styles other than ballet wear <u>Tan tights</u> and shoes are listed below:

BOYS- mini-seniors wear tight fitting SOLID COLOR athletic clothing (shoes required for all styles other than little movers)

Jazz- Capezio tan slip on "E-Series EJ2" OR Bloch "Neo-flex"

Acro-Bloch tan colored "Pulse jazz shoe"

Lyrical- Canvas Capezio Hanami Pirouettes

Tap-Mini level: Black velcro or snap tap shoes

Junior level: Tan Buckle Tap shoes

Intermediate&Teen levels: "Respect" Bloch Tap OR Black tie tap shoes

Senior level: Chloe & Maud Tap OR Jason Samuels

- ** Hair must be pulled back and tightly secured for ALL classes
- ** NO loose jewelry or hoop earrings
- ** DANCE SHOES ARE ONLY TO BE WORN IN THE STUDIO, STUDENTS WILL NEED A SEPARATE PAIR OF SHOES TO WALK INTO THE STUDIO IN
- ** ALL dancers MUST follow the full dress code to participate in class by the 18th of August 2025 (unless previously discussed with the teacher) if your dancer is not in proper dress code they may still attend class but will be asked to not participate and instead observe that class until they have the proper attire. Please see us if there are any questions or concerns!

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance is important in each class! If your dancer is not there they may start to fall behind and will not have as many opportunities to practice their technique, choreography for dances, etc. **Please make every effort to have your dancer in class whenever possible!**

Please email us at 8countacademyofdance@gmail if you know beforehand that your dancer will not be attending class.

There will be no refunds for missed classes.

Refunds will also not be offered for arriving late to class

• The last day to withdraw from a class is <u>January 5th</u> <u>2026</u> for the 2025-2026 season. We will begin recital dances by this date and your dancer will be given a spot in the dance. If you have given the studio a 2 weeks notice before the date listed

above you will only be responsible for the rest of that month's tuition in full and your dancer will not have to participate in the recital.

If your dancer decides they no longer want to be a part of the class AFTER the date listed above you will still be responsible for paying the RECITAL FEE as well as the COSTUME FEE (this is because the costumes will have already been ordered and dancers have already been placed in the recital dance) AND the remaining balance of tuition.

TUITION & FEES

Registration Fee

• There is a \$15 registration fee due for each dancer registered.

Other fees:

Picture day: we will have a picture day held at the studio with KT Photography.
 Dancers will get individual AND group photos in all costumes. The photographer will release prices to us to share with parents prior to picture day. The exact date is to be determined, but will most likely be on a Friday in May.

Tuition is due the 1st of EACH month

NEW THIS YEAR- each family is required to keep a card on file with us however it is NOT required to enroll in autopay.

You are able to pay before the 1st and on the 1st, every payment AFTER the 5th will have a \$15 late fee. If we do not receive payment by the 7th of the month we will automatically withdraw the Tuition from the card on file along with the late fee. Each Family will be given the option to participate in Autopay and have your monthly tuition automatically withdrawn from the card on file on the 1st of each month. You will sign the bottom of this form during the first week of class to consent to the autopay option if you choose.

- Tuition payments can be made through the invoice sent in an email. It may also be paid in person with card, check or exact cash.
- There will be a NON-TRANSFERABLE/ NON-REFUNDABLE recital fee of \$75 per family, This fee goes towards 2 Complimentary tickets (per family not per dancer) and the facility. This Fee will be due by March 9th 2025 NEW THIS YEAR: This fee must be paid by cash or check.
- After the 2 complimentary tickets per family included in your recital fee, each ADDITIONAL ticket is \$10.
- <u>Each Dancer</u> is required to purchase a "Finale" recital tshirt this fee is \$25 and is due along with the recital fee <u>March 10th 2025</u>
- There will also be a NON-TRANSFERABLE/ NON-REFUNDABLE costume fee (NEW THIS YEAR THIS FEE MUST BE PAID IN CASH OR CHECK), we will do our best to keep costumes under \$60 for our Little mover and Mini Combo Classes and \$75 for Junior level-Teen level this is per costume and each style your dancer is registered for will have a costume (Mini combo classes will only have one costume fee). There will be a \$5 tight fee per pair of tights needed for each dancer added on to the costume fees. This fee will be due <u>November</u> 23rd 2025
- <u>if your dancer drops out after this date costume fees will NOT be</u> <u>refunded. The costumes will already be ordered and your dancer</u> <u>owns that costume.</u>
- Classes are held once a week and prices are per family
 - 45 mins a week- \$55/month
 - 1 hour a week- \$65/month
 - 1.5 hours a week-\$85/month
 - 1.75 hours a week-\$100/month
 - 2 hours a week- \$115/month

- 2.5 hours a week-\$135/month
- 2.75 hours a week- \$150/month
- 3 hours a week-\$165/month
- 3.5 hours a week-\$185/month
- 3.75 hours a week-\$200/month
- 4 hours a week-\$220/month
 - Unlimited hours package- \$235/month

IMPORTANT DATES

August 4th 2025: First Day of Classes

<u>August 25th -28th : Bring a Friend Week (excludes all competition class times)</u>

<u>September 29th-October 2nd : FALL BREAK NO CLASSES</u>

November 26th & 27th: THANKSGIVING BREAK NO CLASSES

<u>December 15th-18th</u>: Holiday Dress Up Week!

December 22nd-January 1st: WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES

January 5th: Classes resume

February 9th-12th: Valentines Dress Up Week!

March 16th-19th: ST Pattys Dress Up Week!

March 30th-April 3rd: SPRING BREAK NO CLASSES

June 8th-11th: last week of classes

<u>June 13th: RECITAL DAY</u>

Sign below once you have read and understand/agree with all the statements in this
handbook:
PARENT SIGNATURE
DATE OF SIGNATURE
Sign below if you consent to keeping a card on file with 8 Count Academy of Dance LLC
through the "Square" App to be charged on the 1st of every month for Tuition purposes as
well as any other fees listed above in this handbook from the dates of September 1st 2025
-June 1st 2026.
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