



BETTY JO'S DANCE CENTER

Policies and Information 2024-2025

PHILOSOPHY

Betty Jo's Dance Center has remained dedicated to delivering exceptional dance classes that support the overall development of the child for almost 50 years. Our classes are led by caring and compassionate instructors in a family friendly environment that fosters curiosity and exploration.

We believe that dance education cultivates positive self-esteem, enhances physicality, improves coordination and encourages artistic expression.

REGISTRATION

- Class registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- A placement audition at June Summer Intensives is required for registration in competition Company/Team classes (Platinum Program).
- The registration fee is due upon enrollment for school year seasons. Registration fee: Returning Students- \$20.00 per returning family; New Students- \$30.00 per family.

TUITION

- Tuition is due on the 1st of each month and is done through our Auto Pay system.
- All families must have a credit card on file or pay tuition for the year in advance.
- There are 8 tuition payments for the school year— First payment is due upon registration and the remaining payments October - April. Tuition payments remain the same regardless of the number of classes in the month.
- All accounts must be current to participate in performances or dance competitions.
- **Notice to discontinue must be received by the final day of the month. Please note that once installment tuition is processed on the first of the month, no refunds will be issued.**

MAKE-UP CLASSES

- Regular attendance contributes to both the advancement and overall enjoyment of dance lessons.
- There is no credit for missed classes.
- Students may make up any missed classes in another class of their same age group or appropriate color level.
- Platinum Program students must make up more than three absences in preferably a ballet class or another class of the appropriate color level.

COMMUNICATION

- Our primary form of communication with parents and guardians is via email. Information and reminders will be emailed to all families.
- Please check the digital bulletin board at the front desk for important announcements and reminders that have been sent via email. Schedules and information sent are also available on the Parent Page of the website.
- There will be periodic email updates from instructors to parents regarding general progress in each of their classes. Please contact the office if you have specific issues or questions for an instructor regarding your child. Instructors are not to be contacted by parents or students through their personal email or phone.

DANCE ATTIRE

- **Creative Movement:** Comfortable clothing and socks or ballet slippers (no shoes please).
- **3 & 4 yrs., K & 1st and 2nd/3rd grade Classes:** Any solid color of leotard or dance dress, footed tights, pink ballet and tan tap shoes (tan jazz shoes for 2nd/3rd) and hair in a ponytail or bun.
- **Ballet Classes:** One piece black leotard, color coded Bloch brand skirt (please see Dress Code for specifics), pink tights, pink ballet shoes, ballet sweater optional and hair in a bun.
- **Jazz and Musical Theater:** One piece black leotard, pink or tan tights, black fitted jazz shorts, tan jazz shoes and hair in a bun or ponytail.
- **Lyrical and Contemporary:** One piece black leotard, pink or tan tights, black fitted jazz shorts, tan half-sole shoes and hair in a bun or ponytail.
- **Tap:** One piece black leotard, pink or tan tights, black shorts or leggings, tan buckle tap shoes (black oxford tap for Purple/Pink and most companies) and hair in a bun or ponytail.
- **Hip Hop:** Comfortable clothes that you can move in and clean white sneakers.
- **Kick Team:** One piece black leotard, pink or tan tights, black fitted jazz shorts, black or tan jazz shoes and hair in a bun or ponytail.

Shoes, tights & leotards may be purchased from the Dance Center throughout the year.

RECITAL, WINTER SHOW and NUTCRACKER

- Our performances provide an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their dance experience with a stage performance.
- The Winter Show will be held on a Sunday in December at the Ives Auditorium, Bloomington and will include students from 3 yrs. old to 3rd grade.
- The Nutcracker is available to dancers in Kindergarten and up by audition only. The Nutcracker performances are open to all and will be on two Sundays in December at the Ives Auditorium.
- The annual full school recital is held in May at Eastview High School auditorium.

RECITAL COSTUMES

- The annual full school recital is each year in May.
- Recital Costume Fee: \$80.00 (for 3 years - 3rd grade) \$85.00 (4th grade and up) per enrolled Open Division class. 50% of the costume fee is due October 1st with your tuition payment and 50% with the November 1st tuition payment.
- **You must submit a written notification to the office by October 31st if your child will NOT be dancing in the Spring recital and you do not want a costume order to be placed for your child. Once paid the November 1st tuition payment is non-refundable.**
- We regret to inform you that costumes cannot be refunded or returned after the November 1st ordering deadline. Please note that our costumes are not tailor-made, and parents/guardians may need to make some adjustments or assemble them to ensure a proper fit for their child. Any necessary alterations are the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

CLASS OBSERVATION

- Parent observation week for classes from 3 yrs. old to 3rd grade will be held in November and March.
- We ask that parents remain in the waiting areas during non-observation times. You are not required to stay in the building during class.
- Please supervise young siblings in the common areas.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

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