

2023-2024 Platinum Dance Center Recreational Dance Handbook

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Platinum Dance Center Mission:

Our mission is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our students to explore their potential, while encouraging collaboration and creativity. Our experienced instructors are dedicated to helping our students reach their fullest potential, both in dance and in life. Our goal is to create an environment where your dancer can feel supported while also being challenged. We want our students to leave the studio feeling inspired and empowered.

Recreational Program Goals:

- 1. To teach dance to students in the following genres: ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, acrobatics, hip hop, musical theatre jazz, and contemporary dance.
- 2. Instruction will focus on proper terminology, anatomy and physiology, body placement, strength training and learning the functionality of body movement.
- 3. To foster a love of learning and performing through creating choreography, watching classmates perform, and learning how to be a confident performer, culminating with our annual recitals at the end of each season.
- 4. To provide an beginning-to-intermediate level dance education to students ages 3 to 18.
- 5. To build lasting friendships in the studio.

Platinum Dance Center Policies:

Attendance: Attending class is of the utmost importance to continue to learn, develop, build strength, and advance through dance education. Students need to have consistent attendance. Your child's attendance will be monitored each week. Should your child need to miss class, please submit an "Absence" through the Parent Portal. This will send notification directly to your child's teacher to let them know how/why your dancer will be out.

<u>Communication</u>: One of the keys to the success of our students at PDC is communication between the studio owner, administrative staff, and parents. We highly encourage parents to bring any comments, questions or concerns forward. You can expect PDC to have regular and consistent communication with our dance families via monthly newsletters and social media posts. Please make sure you read these and are kept up to date on studio news.

<u>Dress Code:</u> Each class has a set dress code, which can be found at the end of this handbook. Dress codes will be strictly enforced. Dancers dance how they dress; therefore, your child must be in proper dance

attire within the dance studio. **There are absolutely NO street shoes permitted inside our studios.** Students must have their hair secure and away from their face for classes.

Enrollment: Once you enroll your child in their dance class(es), they are enrolled for the duration of the session, which ends with our recital in May. You will be required to register again for summer dance classes, as well as classes for the next full dance season. It is the expectation that your child will continue to come to class until the recital. You must contact PDC to change or drop your enrollment – "no-show" does not constitute as a drop.

Etiquette: Etiquette within PDC will always remain professional and respectful, between dancers, parents, and staff. Dancers will be expected to listen, be respectful, take corrections, and maintain a positive attitude while in class. We will not tolerate talking back, poor body language, bullying, negativity and other unacceptable behaviors from our students or their parents. All families and students are expected to treat the facility with respect by cleaning up after themselves and letting a staff member know of any maintenance needs.

<u>Insurance</u>: PDC does not carry medical insurance for our students. It is required that all students be covered by their own family insurance policy. Parents are required to sign a liability release prior to enrolling their child in dance classes at PDC.

<u>Social Media/Photos</u>: PDC will frequently use Instagram and Facebook to run promotional advertisements, post photos and/or videos from classes, remind parents of upcoming events and other uses as deemed appropriate. Your child may be photographed and used on social media. If you wish that your child's photo NOT be used for promotional purposes, please contact the front desk.

<u>Timeliness</u>: It is expected that your child will arrive on time and prepared for dance at their designated class start time. Please make sure your child has used the restroom prior to the start of class. If your child needs to change clothes once they get to the studio, please give them enough time to do so before class begins. Additionally, please make sure you pick up your child on time from the studio. Dancers are not permitted to leave the building without a parent or guardian, and we cannot guarantee supervision if you are late to pick them up.

Financial Commitment:

2023-2024 Recreational Monthly Tuition

# of hours per week	Monthly Cost	Each Additional Dancer
30 mins – 1 hour	\$50.00	\$45.00
1 hour – 2 hours	\$87.50	\$78.75
2 hours - 3 hours	\$124.00	\$111.60
3 hours - 4 hours	\$158.00	\$142.20
4 hours - 5 hours	\$190.00	\$171.00
5 hours - 6 hours	\$212.00	\$190.80
6 hours - 7 hours	\$241.00	\$216.90
7 hours – 8+ hours	\$262.00	\$235.80

Example: Susie takes 3 hours per week, and her little sister Molly takes 2 hours per week. Susie's tuition is \$124.00 and Molly's is \$78.75 for a total of \$202.75.

Registration fee: There is an annual \$45 non-refundable registration fee per student, up to \$150.00 per family.

<u>Technique privates</u>: PDC is proud to offer technique private lessons with any of our instructors. Dancers can schedule a private lesson by visiting our website and going to the "Programs" page. Private lessons are \$40 for 30 minutes or \$70 for 60 minutes. You must be a registered student at PDC to request a private lesson.

Additional fees:

- Payment for classes is due on the first of every month. If a payment is declined, parents will be immediately notified and have 24 hours to update their payment on file and pay their balance. If payment is not made in-full by the 3rd, a \$15.00 declined payment fee will be applied.
- Any payment for classes made after the 5th of the month will incur a \$5/day late fee, with a maximum of \$50. If payment is not made in full by the 15th of the month, **dancers will not be permitted to take class or attend rehearsals.**
- All dancers participating in our Spring Recitals will be required to pay a Recital Fee when due (est. \$75/dancer). Platinum Dance Center is very proud of the professional productions we put on each spring. Your recital fee includes two tickets to the recital, a recital t-shirt and digital download of the recital.
- All dancers participating in our Spring Recitals will be required to pay for a costume for <u>each class in</u> which they are enrolled. Costume fees range from \$60-90/costume, depending on the age of your dancer.
- Tights and shoes are not included in the total costume cost. These are separate and will be required to be purchased by each dancer's family.
- Additional Recital Tickets: \$15-\$18

Annual Recital Information

Saturday, May 18, 2023 TCC's Turner Auditorium Shows at 10:00A, 2:00P and 6:00P

Dress rehearsals: Friday, May 17, 2023 @ TCC

Dress Codes:

All dancers need to come to class properly dressed for dance class. Dancers should not wear street clothes or denim to class. Hair should always be pulled back and secure away from the face.

Discover Dance:

Ladies: Any color leotard or dance dress, pink tights, pink canvas ballet shoes.

Gentlemen: Black dance pants or shorts, and white shirt and black ballet shoes.

Ballet/Pre-Pointe/Pointe - All Ages:

Ladies: Black leotard (any style), pink tights. Ballet skirts are optional. Hair must be in a secure bun.

Gentlemen: Black dance pants and white short-sleeve shirt.

Mini Shoes: Any brand canvas ballet shoes.

Elementary/Tween/Teen Shoes: Sansha "#1 PRO" Canvas, in ballet pink (for girls) and black (for boys).

Tap - All Ages:

Ladies: Any color leotard or fitted tank top, shorts or leggings, tights are optional.

Gentlemen: Shorts and solid-colored shirt.

Mini/Elementary shoes: Theatricals Child "Split Sole" in black

Tween/Teen shoes: Bloch Adult "Tap Flex" in black

Jazz/Jazz Funk/Musical Theatre - All Ages:

Ladies: Any color leotard or fitted tank top, shorts or leggings. Tights optional but recommended with shorts.

Tan jazz shoes.

Gentlemen: Dance pants or shorts and solid-colored shirt, black jazz shoes

Mini/Elementary Shoes: Theatricals "Ultimate Competition" Leather Jazz Shoes

Tween/Teen shoes: Bloch Adult "Super Jazz" Slip-On Jazz Shoes

Lyrical/Contemporary-All Ages:

Ladies: Any color leotard or fitted tank top, shorts or leggings. Tights optional but recommended with shorts.

Gentlemen: Dance pants or shorts and solid-colored shirt.

All ages/genders: Capezio "Pirouette II" Canvas Lyrical Shoes

Acro - All Ages:

Ladies: Any color leotard or fitted tank top, shorts or leggings. Barefoot.

Gentlemen: Shorts and solid colored shirt. Barefoot.

Hip Hop - All Ages:

All dancers: Whatever the dancer is comfortable in to move - shorts, leggings, t-shirt, tank top, leotard are all permitted.

Shoes: Tennis shoes that are reserved JUST for the studio and not worn outside. Footwear for recital will be determined at a later date.

Adults:

All dancers: Whatever the dancer is comfortable in to move - shorts, leggings, t-shirt or tank top are all permitted.

2023-2024 Season Calendar

August 21, 2023	First day of fall semester	
September 4, 2023	Labor Day – STUDIO CLOSED	
October 1, 2023	Recital Fees Due - \$75/dancer	
October 23-28, 2023	PDC Spooktacular – Wear your costume to class	
October 31, 2023	Halloween – STUDIO CLOSED	
November 11, 2023	Veteran's Day – STUDIO CLOSED	
November 15, 2023	Costume deposit due – 50% of total fee	
November 20-25, 2023	Thanksgiving Break – STUDIO CLOSED	
December 16, 2023	Last day of fall semester	
December 17, 2023 – January 6, 2024	Winter Break - STUDIO CLOSED	
January 8, 2024 First day of spring semester		
January 10, 2024	January 10, 2024 Costume balances due – outstanding fees	
January 15, 2024	MLK Day – STUDIO CLOSED	
March 11-16, 2024	Spring Break – STUDIO CLOSED	
May 17, 2024	Dress Rehearsals	
May 18, 2024	Spring Recitals	
May 19-June 2, 2024	Semester Break – STUDIO CLOSED	
June 3, 2024	Summer 2024 Dance Starts	
June 7-9, 2024	4 2024-2025 Company Auditions	