

WELCOME TO STUDIO 56 DANCE CENTER!

OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE THE BEST DANCE EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE. BUT WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE. WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF EVERYONE INVOLVED: DANCERS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND YOU.

Please review this brief overview of the policies found in the Studio 56 Dance Center Handbook. (You will be given a copy of the handbook during your first week of class.)

Print the Release Form [HERE](#). (Due at your first class.)

DRESS CODE

Studio 56 Dance Center maintains a dress code to encourage concentration and a sense of inclusiveness (variations in attire can be distracting or contribute to feelings of inequality). Uniformity in dancewear also allows teachers to assess how well students are implementing technique and other important aspects of dance training.

- **STARS JAZZ/BALLET:** STARS leotard, pink convertible tights, pink leather ballet shoes. Hair should be pulled back from the face in a bun. (STARS Uniform is \$45, August 1st or at time of enrollment.)
- **TUMBLING/ACRO:** Girls: leotard and biker shorts, dance top and bikers, or a unitard. Boys: basketball shorts and a tshirt. Barefoot. Hair must be pulled back from face and neck.
- **HIP HOP:** Athletic attire only (no dance clothes). Clean tennis shoes
- **PRESCHOOL DANCE:** Any color leotard, pink tights, and pink leather ballet shoes. Hair pulled back away from face. Skirts are optional.
- **TINY TOTS:** Student: Any color leotard, pink tights, and pink leather ballet shoes. Hair pulled back away from face. Skirts are optional. Parent: athletic attire and a grip sock (yoga sock) or bare feet.

Studio Store: Studio 56 Dance Center offers dancewear and shoes for purchase. Visit the office to get fitted for leotards, tights, ballet shoes, biker shorts, jazz shoes, dance bags, studio t-shirts, and more! You can also check out our [online store](#) for quick shopping items like tights!

TUITION, EXPENSES

Monthly tuition does not include the annual registration fee, dancewear, shoes, costumes, recital tickets, or special events.

Registration Fee: An annual registration fee of \$45 per person or \$60 per family covers the cost of mailings, insurance, handbooks, rehearsals, and so on.

Registration fees are non-refundable, except for preschool students who are determined to be unready for dance. In which case, a credit may be issued for the following season.

Tuition: Full monthly tuition is due by the 1st of each month. Tuition is paid through automatic withdrawal from your credit or debit card on file. Tuition will be charged directly to your specified VISA, MasterCard, or Discover. We will accept cash, cashier's checks, or money orders for payment if received five days before the 1st of every month. *Please note: tuition is based on a seasonal cost and not by how many weeks are in each month. Tuition processes on the 1st of each month regardless of the day of the week or if it is a holiday.*

Late Fee: a \$25 late fee will automatically be added to the amount of those accounts with an inactive or declined card. In the event payment under this agreement is not made on time or in the manner required, the undersigned agrees to pay all cost of collection, including court costs, attorney fees, and any additional charges or collection agency fees which would be 35% of the balance assigned—with or without suit.

Checks: We will accept cashier checks, or money orders for payment if received five days before the 1st of every month. We do not accept personal checks, except in the event of a fundraiser. A \$25 returned-check fee will be added to all checks returned due to insufficient funds.

Class-Drop Policy: You must notify us by email (info@studio56dance.com) five days before the first day of the month, otherwise you will be liable for the next month's tuition charge. Tuition for classes cancelled after the month has begun will not be refunded. **We reserve the right to cancel classes or adjust the schedule at any time due to lack of enrollment.*

MISSED CLASSES

We cannot accommodate make-ups for missed classes.

ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE

Please be punctual. We encourage students to arrive five minutes early so they can be ready to start when class begins.

For their safety, children should be picked up immediately after class. A \$10 fee may be charged for every five minutes a child is late being picked up.

Parking lot safety/Dropping off and picking up:

- Please be sure to talk to your child about the safety of staying inside until their ride comes in to get them.

- Small children need to be picked up inside the lobby after class unless it is a class that we walk out at the end of the class..
- **West Murray Studio:**
 - Please drop student at the East door and keep traffic moving.
 - If you are in the pick up circle please pull forward to the west side of the building to allow growth in the line
 - [Click here](#) to view the West Murray pick up video
- **East Murray Studio:**
 - DO NOT park in the driveway. It stops traffic on the main road.
 - Please wait for your child on the south curb only.
 - NO STUDENTS should be crossing the street.
 - [Click here](#) to view the East Murray pick up video

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- At the end of younger classes we will be walking the children out front where they will need to be picked up curbside.
- They will remain with a staff member until a parent/pick up person comes.
- At this time we will assist them to your car.
- Please be on time, our staff needs to return to class promptly.
- If you need to come in to pick up your child please park accordingly to help the curbside pick up run smoothly
- PLEASE inquire with your teacher if your child's class falls into our walk out policy..

CLASSROOM OBSERVATION

Observing classes can be a distraction for dancers and teachers alike. So, to keep everyone focused, parents may observe during the last week of each month through our two-way window. Please stay for a short period of time to allow everyone the opportunity to see.

All we ask is that you please...

- **Do not disrupt the class**
- **Do not bring infants or other children**
- **Keep talking to a minimum and silence your cell phone**

If you wish to view a class outside of observation week, please make special arrangements with the school director.

Newsletters and Calendar

Monthly Newsletters and important updates are emailed to all addresses on file. The same newsletters and updates are emailed to you and posted on our [parent portal](#) under newsletter and calendar. We work hard to make the dance experience organized and fun. Keeping you informed is one of our primary goals. Please read all newsletters and other school information.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCES

Performances are an exciting part of our program! Our Preschool and STAR dancers will have opportunity to perform at Christmas and all of our dancers will perform in our Year-end Recital.

HOLIDAY: We participate in an annual benefit concert, "Dance For Life." All performers will pay \$40 performance fee, due October 1st. STAR dancers will wear their class uniform as the base of the costume.

YEAR-END RECITAL: An important aspect of dance training includes learning through performance. Our year-end recital offers students a professionally directed performance that allows them to present the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress.

More information on our recital will be sent home in February. Performance updates will be posted on the RECITAL PAGE in the portal.

Performance Package: We have created an all-inclusive package that takes care of everything for you. We feel that this eliminates surprise expenses and makes for a much more enjoyable recital experience. The Performance package includes:

- **Costume purchase**
- **Recital fee (one per family)**
- **Professional Video (one per family)**
- **Professional Recital picture (includes a class and individual image)**
- **Recital t-shirt and shorts (This is the costume for the finale, dad dance and for students that participate in summer parade.)**
- **Tights (for preschool and Stars dancers only)**
- **Accessory or hair piece (if applicable)**
- **Dress Rehearsal "Good Luck" gift**
- **Recital participation award**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES

Bring-a-Friend Week: The last week in September and the last week in January is "Bring-a-Friend Week." Students may bring a friend (similar in age) to experience a fun class designed for them and their guests. Students' friends attend class free of charge during this week.

Summer Program and Camps: Each summer, Studio 56 Dance Center offers summer programs and camps for both current and new students. A complete brochure of all summer programs will be distributed in February. We suggest early registration as these programs do sell out, especially the camps.

Studio Rental: The studio is available for rental for meetings, rehearsals, and other activities. Tables, chairs, sound systems, and microphones are also available upon request. Whether you're planning a one-time, weekly, or monthly event, give us a call to determine whether we can accommodate your group or activity.

Birthday Parties: We offer several birthday party options for both boys and girls. Parties are themed and can be dance related or not. Most birthday parties are scheduled for Friday or Saturday afternoons or on Sundays; however, limited space is available during the week. Please contact the office for a complete brochure or visit the [BIRTHDAY PARTIES](#) page on the website for details.

WELCOME TO STUDIO 56 DANCE CENTER! We look forward to an exciting, rewarding season with you!