

# Dance Fusion Studios

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## YOUTH PROGRAMME HANDBOOK - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

### FEES:

The **2017/18 Youth Programme** runs from September to June, and students are expected to commit to the full year. The fees for each class will vary depending on the level, length of class, and number of classes. We offer discounts to students taking multiple classes and a family discount for siblings. The total fees are split into four payments. The first is due at registration, along with a \$30 registration fee. The next three payments are due November 1st, February 1st, and April 1st. Payment can also be made for the whole year at time of registration. All prices include HST. We accept cash, cheques (made out to "Dance Fusion Studios"), or e-transfers (sent to info.dancefusionstudios@gmail.com). No refunds will be given on fees paid but post-dated cheques can be returned.

### DRESS CODE:

Students must be in their dance uniform to participate in class. We have a dress code for our youth classes for several reasons: it allows teachers to see the dancer's body (it's hard to tell if a dancer is going to hurt their knees if we can't see their legs), it gives the dancers a sense of professionalism and team spirit, and it is required for dance exams. The detailed uniform for each class is listed below. Please keep your dancer's hair out of their face. Hair doesn't have to be in a bun, but it should be pulled back – it's far more comfortable, and a lot easier to dance in. Upon registration, students will receive either one bodysuit and pair of tights (colour according to dress code below) or one dance tee-shirt. Extra tights, bodysuits, or tee-shirts can be purchased (see office for more details). Costs for dance shoes are supplemental. There is a small selection of used dance shoes on sale at the studio and we would be happy to take your outgrown shoes on consignment.

### GIRLS REQUIRED DANCEWEAR:

**Infant, Starlite, & Pre-Primary Ballet:** pink tights & pink bodysuit, pink leather ballet shoes (OPTIONAL: pink ballet skirt)

**Grade 1 to 4 Ballet:** pink tights & peacock blue bodysuit, pink leather ballet shoes (OPTIONAL: pink or black ballet skirt)

**Highland:** beige tights & peacock blue bodysuit, black highland ghillies - Primary Highland may wear black ballet shoes instead (OPTIONAL: black dance shorts)

**Jazz:** beige tights & peacock blue bodysuit, black jazz shoes - Primary Jazz may wear black ballet shoes instead (OPTIONAL: black dance shorts)

**Modern:** footless beige tights & peacock blue bodysuit (OPTIONAL: beige sole shields or half soled shoes, black dance shorts)

**Tap:** beige tights & peacock blue bodysuit, black tap shoes

If your dancer prefers to be in a more gender-neutral uniform for highland, jazz, or tap, they can wear the studio's uniform tee-shirt & black leggings for class (but the bodysuit and tights are still required for their exam).

### **BOYS REQUIRED DANCEWEAR:**

**Ballet:** white t-shirt & black leggings or dance tights, black leather ballet shoes

**Highland:** black leggings & peacock blue tee-shirt, black highland ghillies - Primary Highland may wear black ballet shoes instead

**Jazz:** black leggings & peacock blue tee-shirt, black jazz shoes - Primary Jazz may wear black ballet shoes instead

**Modern:** black leggings & peacock blue tee-shirt (OPTIONAL: beige sole shields or half soled shoes)

**Tap:** black leggings & peacock blue tee-shirt, black tap shoes

At the teachers' discretion, appropriate warm-up wear can be worn for the beginning of class when it is needed.

### **RULES & REGULATIONS:**

- The dress code is to be followed for all classes.
- Chewing gum is not permitted in class.
- No food or drink in the studios except water bottles.
- Any items left in the studios will be placed in the Lost & Found in the changing area. Unclaimed items in the Lost & Found will periodically be donated.
- No outdoor shoes are permitted in the studios or changing area.
- Students should be on time for class so that they are properly warmed up. If you are late, please enter quietly. If you know that you will be absent, please let your teacher know or call the office.
- Studio doors will be kept closed during classes to reduce noise and allow students to concentrate on the lesson. Parents are invited to watch class the last week in December at Open House.
- Students may post videos or photographs of themselves on the internet but not without the approval of other students in the videos or photographs.
- The studio will not reimburse for classes missed or for cancellations due to inclement weather or other reasons beyond our control.

### **STUDIO CLOSURES:**

- Thanksgiving - Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>
- Holiday Season - Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> to Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Family Day - Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>
- March Break - Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>
- Easter - Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> to Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Victoria Day - Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> to Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

**RECITAL:**

Our end-of-year recital is usually held on the second Sunday in June. We rent a local theatre for the event and each class performs a choreography on stage. Costumes are ordered or made by a local seamstress. We use part of the class fees to cover some of the costume costs (no refunds will be provided if your child is unable to participate in the recital or if their class does not order a costume). This keeps the additional expense to approximately \$25-\$50 per costume, due at the end of February. Recital tickets generally go on sale in mid-May and cost \$20 for adults, \$15 for children/students/seniors, and \$10 for DFS dancers. More information will be sent closer to the date.

**EXAMS:**

Dance examinations are held in the spring through the British Association of Teachers of Dancing for students that have attained the proper level. Students are not required to take exams but it is a good way to track progress and working on the syllabus helps provide a clear goal for the class. For the most part, we do not charge extra for exams, however highland students that wish to take multiple exams may need to cover the cost.

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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