

Dance Fusion Studios

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YOUTH PROGRAMME HANDBOOK - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

FEES:

The 2018/19 Youth Programme runs from September 4th to June 22nd, 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. A registration fee of \$30 is due upon registration. The class fees can be split into four payments: the first due at registration, along with a \$30 registration fee, and the next three on November 1st, February 1st, and April 1st. 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 (colour according to dress code below). 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 Ballet: pink tights & pink bodysuit, pink leather ballet shoes (OPTIONAL: pink ballet skirt)

Pre-Primary & Primary Ballet: pink tights & pink bodysuit, pink skirt, pink leather ballet shoes

Grade I to IV 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)

Tap: beige tights & peacock blue bodysuit, black tap shoes (OPTIONAL: black dance shorts)

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. (Please note that the bodysuit & tights are still required for the exam.)

BOYS REQUIRED DANCEWEAR:

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

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

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

Tap: black leggings or dance tights & peacock blue tee-shirt, black tap shoes

At the teachers' discretion, appropriate warm-up wear may 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/waiting 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/email 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 5th to Monday, October 8th
- Holiday Season - Saturday, December 22nd to Friday, January 4th
- Family Day - Monday, February 18th
- March Break - Monday, March 11th to Saturday, March 16th
- Easter - Friday, April 19th to Monday, April 22nd
- Victoria Day - Friday, May 17th to Monday, May 19th

RECITAL:

Our end-of-year recital will be held on Saturday, June 22nd, 2019. We have rented a theatre at the Shenkman Arts Centre (245 Centrum Blvd) for the event and each class performs a choreography on stage. Costumes are ordered by the studio. 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 \$30-\$60 per costume. The exact price will be shared with you in January and payment is due by the end of February. Recital tickets generally go on sale May 1st and typically cost \$25/adults, \$15/students & seniors, \$5/kids under 5 yrs. They are sold by the Shenkman Arts Centre box office and are available online, by phone, or in person. Please note that it is assigned seating and all patrons entering the theatre must have a ticket.

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. There is no additional fee for exams.

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

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