

DANCE SPECIALTIES STUDIO POLICY 2024-2025



PAYMENT - Classes are to be paid in full on a monthly basis. Payments are due the first class of each month, no later than the 10th. *If not paid by the 10th, a \$5.00 late fee will be added.*

Tuition will be broken up into 9 monthly payments, equaling 4 weeks per month. If there are more or less than 36 weeks (9 months at 4 weeks per month), this will be included in September's payment, which is the first month due. Payments will be evenly distributed from October to May. Account balances for the season must be paid in full by June 1st, 2025, in order to perform in the recital.

Tuition will be posted before the 1st of each month. Payments can be made through the portal online or in the studio. Payments on the portal will have a convenience fee added (e-check or credit card) while cash or check payments in the studio will not. There is a \$30 bounced check fee for all returned checks. Also, there will be a \$5 ACH failure fee for all e-checks that failed to process.

MULTI-CLASS DISCOUNT – There is a discount given on tuition for multiple classes taken. This discount is per family, which means the discount is based on the number of classes total registered:

- 3-4 classes – 10% discount
- 5 classes – 15% discount
- 6 classes – 20% discount
- 7+ classes – 25% discount

AUTO-PAY – You may choose to enroll in auto-pay through our online portal. This means that you will not have to worry about thinking about monthly tuition each month. If at some point you no longer want to continue with auto-pay, there is an option to opt out. If for some reason you need extra time to pay for a certain month, please contact Miss Megan directly.

If you sign up for auto-pay, tuition will be automatically debited from your account the first Friday of the month. If the 1st lands on a Friday, we will pull auto-pay payments the following Friday (the 8th of the month).

Please note that costume fee's will automatically be added to November's auto-pay unless otherwise requested.

CLASS FEE - \$10.50 per ½ hour class (\$42 per month) and \$12.50 per 45-minute class (\$50 per month). The same fee will be due each month even if there are 3, 4, or 5 weeks per month, except in September. There will be no payment due for the month of June. *There are no refunds on classes missed.* Account balances for the season must be paid in full by June 1st, 2025, in order to perform in the recital.

COSTUME FEE - Fee must be paid in **full** by November 9th, 2024. Starting January 1st, 2025, there will be a \$10 fee *per month* added to your total costume fee *per dancer* if not been paid or payment arrangements haven't been made. There are no full-refunds after costumes have been ordered in mid-December 2024. If a refund is possible, it will be determined on the costume company used and what their cancellation policy is as to how much can be returned. Once the costumes are shipped, there is no refund possible.

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Please check at the desk or in your portal for amount if you are unsure.

Costume fee breakdown:

1 Subject Class = \$85.00

2 Subject Class = \$125.00

3 Subject Class = \$165.00

Hawaiian/Hip-Hop Combo Class = \$135.00

Tahitian II's: \$28.00 – only if it exceeds the budget of the costume

*Estimated cost of costumes. If it exceeds this, we will discuss with parents.

**Recital tights are not included in the costume price.*

Recital Tights are available at the front desk year-round:

Child Sizes: Footed - \$12.00 per pair

Convertible - \$13.00 per pair

Adult Sizes: Footed - \$14.00 per pair

Convertible - \$15.00 per pair

Plus Sizes: Footed - \$16.00 per pair

Convertible - \$17.00 per pair

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS – If you need more time to pay for either tuition or costumes, a payment arrangement may be made with Miss Megan

directly. If the arrangement is not maintained, late fees will be re-instated. Account balances for the season must be paid in full by June 1st, 2025, in order to perform in the recital.

Tentative REHEARSAL: Saturday, June 7th, 2025

Tentative RECITAL: Sunday, June 8th, 2025

PLEASE KEEP BOTH DAYS OPEN

CLASS OBSERVATION – We will be opening our viewing window throughout the year so parents and siblings may watch.

FAMILY/HOLIDAY DAYS - The studio will be closed during the following:

Halloween: Thursday, October 31st.

Thanksgiving: Wednesday, November 27th thru Sunday, December 1st

Christmas Break: Sunday, December 22nd thru Sunday, January 5th

Spring Break: Sunday, March 23rd thru Sunday, March 30th

Memorial Day Weekend: Saturday, May 24th thru Monday, May 26th

Picture Days: 1 Tuesday & 1 Wednesday during May of 2025

Recital Prep-day: Friday, June 6th

ATTENDANCE POLICY – Please arrive on time for class. If you are going to miss or arrive late, please contact us to let us know. You may either call, send a message on BAND, or Facebook message. It is essential that students are in class throughout the year, so it does not hold the class back in learning new material. If attendance falls above 8 classes missed throughout the dance year, they may not be allowed to perform in the recital. *No make-up classes are held for missed classes.*

SICKNESS – If you are sick, or feeling unwell, please stay home to help prevent the spread of any sickness. If the dancer comes to class presentably sick, or with pink eye, or not feeling well, we will kindly ask a parent to come collect the dancer. We want to preserve our dance space as a safe space for kids to come and dance so please help us keep everyone healthy.

SNOW DAYS - If classes are cancelled due to inclement weather, a **BAND** post will be made as well as an update to our **Facebook** page and an **e-mail**. If you are unsure, please send a message through one of our communication sources. Otherwise, classes are still in session. We will allow 1 snow day throughout the year. If there is more than 1, we will set up a make-up class.

ACCEPTABLE CLASSROOM ATTIRE - Leotard (any style), tights (any color), leggings, shorts, tank-top or t-shirt, and sweaters are accepted (no hoodies please). Hair must be pulled up out of face. *No jeans or jeggings are allowed.* Please refrain from wearing jewelry that will hang or that will get caught easily.

Shoe Requirements

Ballet: Pink full-sole leather ballet shoes recommended. Pink is preferred color.

Jazz: Black leather jazz shoes. *(Not required in combo class)*

Tap: Black tap shoes. Velcro preferred for ones still learning to tie shoes.

Hip-Hop: Black jazz shoes for classes 9 and older. Students under 9 may wear either black jazz shoes or their ballet shoes.

Pointe: Pink pointe shoes. **(Approval needed before sewing on ribbons)**. Shoes must be purchased in a dance store for proper fitting. Please make an appointment with the store before heading in.

Combo Classes with Ballet/Jazz or Ballet/Hip-Hop: Only ballet shoes required.

Boys: Black shoes for any style.

Hawaiian: There will be no shoe required for Hawaiian. Poi balls and a sarong must be purchased for this class. These will be available for purchase at the beginning of the dance year.

Poi Balls: \$24.00

Sarong: \$14.00

Here is a list of sites and store you can visit to find shoes, dancewear, and more:

Online:

Discount Dance Supply: www.discountdance.com

Studio code: TP60965

Dance Wear Solutions: <https://www.dancewearsolutions.com/>

Amazon: www.amazon.com

Recommended brands to search for: Stelle, Bloch, Capezio

In Store:

Target, Walmart, Dance World (Livonia), Bee's Ballet to Blades (Westland), or Dancer's Boutique (Ann Arbor)