

2023-2024 Studio Calendar

August 29th (Tues) Company Auditions 4:30pm-9:30pm September 6th (Wed) Open House/Registrations 5pm-7pm September 11th (Mon) Classes Begin and Quarter #1 Tuition and Registration Due *1st Quarter - Sept 11th thru November 5th* October 2nd - October 7th (Mon-Sat) Bring a Friend Week October 31st (Tues) – Halloween Studio Closed November 6th (Mon) Quarter #2 Tuition Due AND Holiday Show Fees Due *2nd Quarter - from November 6th thru January 28th* November 6th – 11th (Mon-Sat) Parent Visitation Week November 22nd – November 26th (Wed - Sun) Studio Closed for Fall Break December 9th (Sat) Holiday Spectacular Dress Rehearsal and/or Performances December 18th - Jan 1st (Mon-Mon) Studio Closed for Winter Break January 2nd (Tues) Classes Resume January 29th (Mon) Quarter #3 Tuition is Due AND Recital Costume Fees *3rd Quarter - January 29th thru March 31st* March 24th – March 31st (Sun-Sun) Studio Closed for Spring Break April 1st (Mon) Quarter #4 Tuition is Due AND Recital Performance Fee *4th Quarter #4 – April 1st – June 9th April 29th – May 4th (Mon-Sat) Costume Week & Parent Visiting Week May 24th - May 27th - Studio Closed for Memorial Day Weekend June 1st (Sat) Tentative Last Day of Classes June 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th (Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed) TENTATIVE Recital Dress Rehearsals June 7th, 8th & 9th (Fri-Sun) TENTATIVE Recital Performances June, July, & August Summer Classes and Camps

Special Calendar Notes:

We have scheduled in our calendar three different breaks, Fall Break, Winter Break and Spring Break where the studio is closed. We do close on Halloween as 90% of our students go trick or treating that evening. We also close for Memorial Day Weekend as most families go to the shore or have other plans. KICKS does not close for school in-service days or any additional holidays other than those listed above.

There is no need to make up any of the studio closings indicated on this calendar as KICKS' payment schedule takes these dates into consideration so they are not paid lessons.

In the case of inclement weather, please call the studio, check your email, or visit social media for information regarding cancellations (we make this decision by 3pm on a given inclement weather day). KICKS draws from more than four different school districts so we may not always follow the lead of your district.

Each day of the week has one "cancellation date" built into the full year schedule. Any additional cancellations may be made up in another comparable class.

Once we have confirmation from the High School Theatre, we can give you more definite dates of performances - Holiday Show we should know by September and June Show we should know by December.



COST BREAKDOWN:

Tuition payments are quarterly (4X per year). KICKS is a full year program and we expect our students to be present for all classes and performance. Therefore, we do not give credits for missed classes. However, we will offer makeup classes during the given season for any classes missed due to sickness, inclement weather, etc. Classes dropped without a written notification will be held responsible for any current balances. Tuition is non-refundable. If you decide to drop a class or discontinue for any reason, there will not be any refunds offered. For uncontrollable circumstances, we may be able to offer a credit to your account to use for future classes/camps. We accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Checks should be made payable to "Kicks Academy of Dance". Return checks will incur a \$25 bank fee. A \$25 late fee will apply to all outstanding tuition over 2 weeks late and every two weeks until paid in full. Other fees include our a one time annual Registration Fee (\$30 per dancer or \$50 per family), December Holiday Show Performance Fee (between \$30-125 per dancer - depending on how many routines/classes), June Recital Costume Fee (\$65-\$95 per costume), and our June Recital Performance Fee (\$50 per dancer - includes video digital download and medallion). There are other optional items that can be purchased such as performance shirts, flowers, spirit wear, etc. Tickets for each performance are sold separately. You are also responsible for all required shoes, tights, undergarments, stage makeup, and bun/ponytail/hair items.

TUITION RATES: Total hours per week per dancer = Quarterly payment amount

45 minutes = \$127	1 hour = \$172	1.5 hours = \$250	2 hours = \$325	2.5 hours = \$415	3 hours = \$500
3.5 hours = \$585	4 hours = \$670	4.5 hours = \$735	5 hours = \$790	5.5 hours = \$820	6 hours = \$839
6.5 hours = \$857	7 hours = \$874	7.5 hours = \$890	8 hours = \$905	8.5 hours = \$919	9 hours = \$932
9.5 hours = \$944	10+ hours = \$954				

ONE TIME ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE - \$30 per dancer for the year OR \$50 per family for the year

<u>OTHER POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL FEES:</u> (performance opportunities are optional but 99% of our students do participate)

Holiday Show Performance Fee (this includes a rented costume per class, theater rental, light and technician, sound equipment and technician, staff, etc.)	June Recital Costume Fee (a costume ordered from a costume company that is yours to keep)	June Recital Performance Fee (this includes a digital video download of the show, memorable medallion, theater rental, lights, sound, staff, etc.)	Administrative Fees (if necessary)
dancer for 2-3 routines/classes, \$100 per dancer for 4-5 routines/classes, and \$125 for + routines/classes (there are sibling discounts) - NO refunds - Tickets will cost \$15-\$20 eachbetween \$65-\$95 each (there are sibling discounts). NO refunds once costumes are ordered.		 \$50 per dancer (there are sibling discounts) - NO refunds on amounts paid Tickets will cost \$15-\$20 each You have the option to purchase show tee, teddy bear, flowers or program ads (cost TBD) 	- \$25 Returned check Fee - Late Fee of \$25 per two weeks you are past due

PAYMENT DUE DATES :

upon registration OR by 9/11/23 Fee - Due 11/6/23 Costume Fees - Due 1/29/23 Performance Fees - Due 4/1/23
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SPECIAL DISCOUNTS :

Sibling Discounts - 20% off 2 nd child's tuition and fees, 30% off 3 rd child's tuition and fees, and 40% off 4th child's tuition and fees (all sibling discounts will be applied to those fees that are of equal or lesser value) Annual Discounts - 10% Annual Discount when paying for a full year's tuition on or before July 1, 2023 8% Annual Discount when paying a full year's tuition on or before August 1, 2023 5% Annual Discount when paying a full years tuition on or before Sept 11, 2023	SPECIAL Discount Notes - - There are NO refunds for any reason. Therefore, if you are paying the annual tuition, make sure your dancer is committed to the entire year! If you are not sure if your dancer can do this, do NOT pay annually!! - The discount deadlines are firm and can not be adjusted. Please make note of all deadline dates.
<i>Early bird discount -</i> FREE registration (a \$30-\$50 value) when registered and 1st quarter (or annual) payment made by July 1, 2023	



Dress Code

We want all of our dancers to feel comfortable and confident to ensure they learn & dance their best at all times. The following items can be purchased on your own at the *Brandywine Dance Shoppe* in Wilmington, DE (tax free), *Danceline* in Paoli, *Swan Dancewear* in Narberth, *Definitely Dance* in Exton and *Motions* in Drexel Hill. Please respect the following dress code. Contact us if you have any questions.

Toddler & Me AND Enchanted Dance – *Girls* - Pink leather full sole ballet slippers, leotard (any color or style), pink tights, optional ballet skirt, and hair pulled back preferably into a bun. *Boys* – Comfortable clothing that can easily be moved in and black ballet shoes. Parent or guardian should wear comfortable clothes and shoes that they can easily move in and/or sit on the floor.

Fundamental levels – *Girls* - Pink leather full sole or split sole ballet slippers, leotard (any color or style), pink tights, optional ballet skirt, black patent leather tap shoes for tap or tan slip on jazz shoes for jazz, hair pulled back preferably into a bun. *Boys* – black pants, a fitted Tee (any color), black ballet shoes, black oxford tap shoes or black slip on jazz shoes.

Combo, Select and Advance Levels:

Jazz, Musical Theatre and Stretch & Tech - Fitted clothing such as leotards, tank tops, leggings, shorts etc., tan/caramel slip-on jazz shoes, hair pulled back into a ponytail or bun.

Ballet and Pointe/Pre-Pointe levels - *Girls* - Pink split sole ballet slippers (canvas or leather), pink pointe shoes (NOT for Pre-Pointe!), leotard (any color or style), pink or salmon tights, optional ballet skirt, hair must be pulled back into a bun. *Boys* – black pants, a fitted Tee (any color) and black ballet shoes.

Lyrical - Fitted clothing such as leotards, tank tops, leggings, shorts etc., Capezio Nude Pirouettes (turners), hair pulled back into a ponytail or bun.

Contemporary - Fitted clothing such as leotards, tank tops, leggings, shorts etc., bare feet, and hair pulled back into a ponytail or bun.

Tap - Fitted clothing such as leotards, tank tops, leggings, shorts etc., Black Oxford Tap Shoes, hair pulled back into a ponytail or bun.

Hip Hop - Comfortable and appropriate clothing, sneakers (preferable all black), hair pulled back into a ponytail.

Acro - Comfortable and tight fitting clothing, bare feet, hair pulled back into a ponytail or pigtails.

* Special Note - For the Combo Ballet/Lyr & Jazz/Hip Hop - dancers must have lyrical shoes and jazz shoes *

Other Attire Notes & Helpful Hints

<u>Be Prepared:</u> Whenever possible, students should be dressed and ready upon arrival at the studio. It is preferred to use a dance bag, bookbag, or duffle to hold all your items. We also recommend bringing a refillable water bottle labeled with your name.

Shoe Wear: Dance shoes should only be worn indoors and street shoes should never be worn on the dance floor. This will ensure a long life for your dance shoes and allow us to maintain clean classrooms for our students.

Hair & Accessories: Hair should be secured off the face & neck; into a bun, braid or ponytail. Large or distracting hair pieces should be avoided.

Label Everything: Be sure shoes are approved by the studio, first) To avoid mix-ups or lost shoes, please be sure to use a permanent marker to write your child's full first name and last initial inside every shoe and dance item. Please do not write names on the outside/bottom of shoes.

<u>Cold Weather Notes:</u> Ballet sweaters, legwarmers, or other extra items may not be worn during class. Dance rooms are always warmer than the lobby and students also get warmer once they begin moving. T-shirts or turtlenecks may be layered under their leotard during winter months.

The Bottom Line: Do not wear underwear under dance clothes. It would be much like wearing underwear with a bathing suit. For a streamline look and for ease of movement, tights are considered underwear for dancers.

<u>Safety:</u> Never chew gum while dancing. Large jewelry should also not be worn during classes. Please do not bring valuable items that if lost are stolen can not be replaceable.