



# Absolute Dance

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You are registering for a spot in a 10-month dance program starting in September and ending in June. You and/or your child are therefore responsible for that spot and the tuition until the end of the current season. The monthly installments are based on the yearly tuition divided into 10 monthly payments. The first payment is due upon registration and the last payment is due no later than June 1st, 2012. Please read the conditions below. If you have any questions, ask for assistance before signing the registration form.

Registration Fee: A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 (individual) or \$45.00 (family), as well as full tuition for the first month MUST BE SUBMITTED at the time of registration. The registration fee is non-refundable!

Summer Registration Fee: A non-refundable fee of \$15.00 (New student) or \$25.00 (New family) or \$5.00 (2010 -2011 student) or \$10.00 (2010 - 2011 family) as well as full summer tuition MUST BE SUBMITTED at the time of registration. Summer fees and tuition are non-refundable.

Monthly tuition: Please make all checks payable to Absolute Dance, LLC. There will be a service charge of \$35.00 for every returned or NSF check. If three (3) checks are returned, Absolute Dance will no longer accept checks and other means of payment will be required immediately. We have taken the yearly tuition and divided it into 10 equal monthly installments September - June. You are responsible for each of the 10 installments. Your spot in a class is not guaranteed unless you have paid tuition for that month. Due to the increasing demand for classes, we will no longer hold a spot without payment. Tuition is due on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. A \$10.00 late fee will be applied to all accounts not paid by end of business on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Your first tuition installment is due at registration. We have divided the yearly tuition into 10 monthly installments for your convenience. A 4% discount will be applied toward tuition paid by the semester: September - January and February - June or a 10% discount if paid in full by the start of classes.

A PINK CHRISTMAS: Each class will participate in this Holiday Show with proceeds benefitting breast cancer research. Last year we donated \$5,500.00. We hope to at least match that total this year! There will be an additional costume fee for each class your dancer is enrolled in. We have selected costumes that can be worn in the classroom post performance. Please see details to follow on exact prices.

Costume: Each year we will have a recital in June. There is a \$40.00 costume deposit / class due by November 15, 2011. The remaining balance will be due December 15<sup>th</sup>. We do our best to keep the costumes affordable. Your instructor will select a costume that is most appropriate for your group. You must also have the proper shoes for your class. Please let Absolute Dance know if you choose not to participate in the June recital and we will not order you a costume. Costume deposits are non-transferable and non-refundable. If you withdraw from a class you are still responsible for complete payment of that costume.

Picture Day: Each year in May we will have Picture Weekend. Group pictures are (mandatory) and Individual photos will be taken. Prices to be posted at a later date. This does not apply for summer schedule.

Class Placement: Class placement is at the discretion of the teachers. If you are a returning student we will place you accordingly. New students will be placed according to age first and ability second. If your placement is incorrect, we will move you accordingly.

BEGINNER - this level is for dancers with 0 - 3 years experience.

INTERMEDIATE - this level is for dancers with 3 - 6 years experience

ADVANCED - this level is for dancers with 5+ years experience

Dropping a class: If you discontinue class for any reason, it is your responsibility to inform Absolute Dance, IN WRITING. Notice of dismissal received any time of the month requires payment for the following month's tuition. All other months paid will be refunded within 30 days. There will be no refunds for classes after December 31, 2011 for any reason!

Financial Difficulties: Please communicate with us if you are having financial difficulties. Payment plans can be arranged if necessary. Should tuition payments ever fall behind two months or more, students will not be allowed into the classroom until payments are current.

### Expectations

Parents are expected to be at the studio as soon as their child's class is dismissed. If you are running late, please call 757.875.0550. Parents are also responsible for their child at any community event.

We ask that if you are waiting for your child in the lobby that you DO NOT ALLOW YOUR OTHER CHILDREN TO RUN AROUND AND BE LOUD. We have had too many disturbances in the past. Please keep your children occupied, quiet and out of the walkways.

Regular attendance is important to the students' and class' progress. However, a student may make-up a missed class by attending an extra class comparable to their own within 4 weeks of their absence. Perfect attendance will be recognized at the end of the dance year. (This does not include students enrolling after September 30<sup>th</sup>.)

Students are expected to be attentive and respectful in their classes. Inappropriate behavior will be discussed with the student and parent.

If necessary, young students may have parents in the room during the first week or two. Observing the class at other times is not allowed. (Students often become distracted if others are in the room.) We want to keep the students comfortable so they will do their best. We will have a special parents' observation week in December and a Costume Week in the spring.

A newsletter will be passed out monthly, so check your child's bag for any notes. Please read the newsletters carefully, as they are often the quickest means of communicating with all of the parents at once. We will also have information posted on the bulletin board in the lobby or on the doors. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the director immediately for further assistance. This year we will also e-mail all correspondence, as well as post updates on our website: <http://www.absolutedancecell.com>

## SAFETY

- Gum, food and drinks are not allowed in the dance rooms.
- Jewelry is not allowed during class.
- Students must wait inside the lobby for their parents after class.
- Please reinforce to your children that if you are not there at the end of class to stay with the receptionist.
- Running is not allowed. Dancers must be extra cautious while wearing tap shoes.
- No one is allowed in the dance room without an instructor who is prepared to start class.
- Dance shoes are not to be worn outside, except for special performances. Outside shoes are not to be worn in the dance rooms.
- Each parent is responsible for his or her child at any community event.

## Class Attire

In order for the teachers to ensure proper placement and technique, students must be dressed properly for class. If your child is not in the appropriate attire they will not be able to take their class. Hair must be secured either in a ponytail, braids or preferably, a bun. A bun is required for all ballet classes. Dance shoes must have names in them and may be worn indoors only. Dance shoes & dancewear can be purchased at our studio store, Absolute Dancewear.

Combination Classes - For students ages 3&4, 4&5 and 5&6. The hour-long class consists of tap and ballet or tap and jazz. The young dancers really enjoy the variety and are introduced to two (2) forms of dance. Attire: Solid color leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes and black buckle patent leather tap shoes. Above the knee ballet skirts are allowed. NO FORMER DANCE COSTUMES ALLOWED.

- Ballet - Students will learn barre work, center floor and traveling exercises. Emphasis is on body alignment, musicality and terminology. Attire: Solid leotard, pink tights, pink leather ballet slippers. Above the knee ballet skirts are allowed. **Hair must be in a bun.** No tanks, tees, pants or shorts allowed! Only proper ballet skirts and leotards will be acceptable.
- Pointe - Students will focus on barre and center floor exercises. You must be enrolled in an upper level ballet class before being considered for enrollment in pointe. Dancers on pointe must have a minimum of years of ballet training. The teacher may consider your child for pre-point class participation at an earlier age. This class will be part of the point class; however, your child may not wear point shoes. She will wear her ballet shoes and execute exercises that will prepare her for point in the future.
- Lyrical - A combination of Ballet and Jazz techniques that uses the natural flow of the body while dancing to traditional and contemporary music. Attire: Solid color leotard, suntan or pink tights, and tan Pedini shoes.
- Jazz - These classes are for dancers age 5 and older. This class focuses on jazz dancing, while incorporating flexibility, strength and proper dance technique. Attire: Solid leotard, black or suntan tights or jazz pants and tan or black split-sole jazz bootie (ask the desk).
- Tap - These classes are for dancers of all ages, concentrating on basic exercises, precision and strong rhythmic skills. Attire: Solid leotard, black or suntan tights or jazz pants and black tap boots or Mary Janes (ask the desk).
- Hip-Hop - Hip-Hop classes are for dancers age 8 and older. Hip-Hop is a "street style" type of dance which does not incorporate strict dance technique. Attire: Dance top and baggy pants or jazz pants, black jazz sneakers.
- Adult Classes - Beginning level classes are available in tap, ballet and jazz. Please wear comfortable workout gear. Appropriate footwear for each discipline is required.

WE PREFER YOU BUY YOUR DANCE SHOES AT ABSOLUTE DANCE. THAT WAY YOU WILL BE GUARENTEED A GREAT FIT AND THE PROPER SHOE FOR RECITAL! IF YOUR SHOE IS WRONG YOU MUST PURCHASE THE CORRECT SHOE FROM ABSOLUTE DANCE FOR RECITAL!

Please do not wear dance shoes outside.

***This will ruin your shoes and scratch the dance floors!***

**LOOK FOR THE 2011 - 2012 CALENDAR IN SEPTEMBER!**