

THE DANCE
COMPLEX

RECREATIONAL HANDBOOK



2021-2022

RECREATIONAL DANCE AT THE DANCE COMPLEX

MISSION STATEMENT

Our purpose is to create and develop young artists with strong character and integrity. We believe in the collaboration of art and excellence in technique to ultimately help students reach their highest possible individual potential.

WELCOME TO TDC!

We are thrilled that you have chosen us to meet your child's dance education needs. At TDC, we pride ourselves on creating a healthy and fun dance environment with skilled and professional instructors. Our state of the art facility will provide dancers with a safe and engaging environment for dancers to flourish and foster their love of dance. Our students enter our facility as young, impressionable artists and become disciplined, self-confident, and responsible people.

**ALL
CLASSES
BEGIN AS
OF
SEPT. 11TH
2021**



BACK TO DANCE NIGHT

**Sunday,
August
29th 4-7pm**

**Calling All TDC Dancers for
our OPEN HOUSE!**

We will once again be hosting our Back to Dance Night at the end of summer!

This event is always a highlight for our dancers.

Feel free to stop by at any point during this timeframe. We will be only allowing a very small number of families in the studio at a time for tours. Most of our event will be held in the parking lot.



- The Cookie Company - custom cookies
- Step 'n' Stretch will be joining us for shoe fitting
- Ice Cream Truck
- Tour TDC
- Photo backdrop

**REGISTER FOR
FALL TODAY!**
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WHAT YOUR DANCER NEEDS TO HEAR THE MOST FROM YOU:



I Love...
TO
... watch
you
DANCE

The word "I Love..." is written in black cursive. The word "TO" is in large pink capital letters. The words "watch you" are in black cursive. The word "DANCE" is in large, bold, multi-colored capital letters (pink, blue, green, yellow, purple). There are black outline hearts with dashed lines radiating from them, positioned between "I Love..." and "TO", and between "TO" and "watch".

RECREATIONAL CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Tiny Tots (18 months-3 years)

Dancers work on establishing basic coordination, rhythm and exploring dance in a fun and introductory way. Dancers perform ONE dance, with ONE costume in our Spring Spectacular recitals.

Monthly Tuition Cost: \$49.00/month

Costume Costs: 1 costume payment, \$65.00

PRESCHOOL (3-5 Years)

Dancers learn basic technical terminology for both tap and ballet in an engaging and fun environment. Dancers perform TWO dances, with TWO costumes in our Spring Spectacular recitals.

Monthly Tuition Cost: \$55.00/month

Costume Costs: 2 costume payments, \$80 each

Kindergarten-1st Grade

Dancers learn technical elements and choreography in the styles of tap, ballet, and jazz in an engaging and fun environment. Dancers perform TWO dances, with TWO costumes in our Spring Spectacular recitals.

Monthly Tuition Cost: \$60.00/month

Costume Costs: 2 costume payments, \$80 each

2nd-3rd Grade

Dancers learn technical elements and choreography in the styles of tap, ballet, and jazz in an engaging and fun environment. Dancers perform THREE dances, with THREE costumes in our Spring Spectacular recitals.

Monthly Tuition Cost: \$65.00/month

Costume Costs: 3 costume payments, two payments are \$80, the third is \$75

4th-5th Grade

Dancers learn technical elements and choreography in the styles of tap, lyrical, and jazz in an engaging and fun environment. Dancers perform THREE dances, with THREE costumes in our Spring Spectacular recitals.

Monthly Tuition Cost: \$65.00/month

Costume Costs: 3 costume payments, two payments are \$80, the third is \$75

6th-8th Grade

Dancers learn technical elements and choreography in the styles of tap, lyrical, and jazz in an engaging and fun environment. Dancers perform THREE dances, with THREE costumes in our Spring Spectacular recitals. This class will also have the option to participate in a competition in the spring.

Monthly Tuition Cost: \$65.00/month

Costume Costs: 3 costume payments, two payments are \$80, the third is \$75

RECREATIONAL CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

9th-12th Grade

Dancers learn technical elements and choreography in the styles of tap, lyrical, and jazz in an engaging and fun environment. Dancers perform THREE dances, with THREE costumes in our Spring Spectacular recitals. This class will also have the option to participate in a competition in the spring.

Monthly Tuition Cost: \$65.00/month

Costume Costs: 3 costume payments, two payments are \$75, the third is \$70

Recreational Hip Hop

Dancers learn basic technical elements and choreography in the style of hip hop in an engaging and fun environment. Dancers perform ONE dance, with ONE costume in our Spring Spectacular recitals.

Monthly Tuition Cost: \$55.00/month

Costume Costs: 1 costume payment, \$75

3-5 Year Boys

Dancers learn technical elements and choreography in the styles of tap and hip hop in an engaging and fun environment. Dancers perform TWO dances, with TWO costumes in our Spring Spectacular recitals. This class may also have the option to participate in a competition in the spring.

Tuition is FREE!

Costume Costs: 2 costume payments, \$70 each

6-8 Year Boys

Dancers learn technical elements and choreography in the styles of tap and hip hop in an engaging and fun environment. Dancers perform TWO dances, with TWO costumes in our Spring Spectacular recitals. This class will also have the option to participate in a competition in the spring.

Tuition is FREE!

Costume Costs: 2 costume payments, \$70 each

9 & Up Boys

Dancers learn technical elements and choreography in the styles of tap and hip hop in an engaging and fun environment. Dancers perform TWO dances, with TWO costumes in our Spring Spectacular recitals. This class will also have the option to participate in a competition in the spring.

Tuition is FREE!

Costume Costs: 2 costume payments, \$70 each

TUITION, FEES & DISCOUNTS

REGISTRATION FEE

Each dancer pays a Registration Fee at the start of the dance season. For Recreational and Pre-Competition dancers, the 1st dancer in each family is \$55, 2nd dancer is \$45, or \$120 max for a family of 3+ dancers. This fee includes: admission to Back to Dance Night, Recital Shirt, access to edited recital music, as well as admission to several studio social events throughout the year.

Families with Competition dancers do not count towards the 2nd child discount for Registration Fees.

RECITAL FEE

We had such incredible feedback about our recital swag for our dancers this past season that we have decided to do it again! This year we will be charging a recital fee that will cover the cost of: a recital program message from you to your dancer, a full-color copy of the recital program yearbook, a recital bear, and a swag bag full of goodies! Normally these items would all be sold separately and would be much more expensive. This fee is \$37 and will be due February 20th.

MONTHLY TUITION

Tuition is due on the 5th of each month from September through May or June, depending on when recital is. All tuition payments for the year are spread equally among the months of the dance season, so each month is a consistent rate. Upon registration, you must pay your registration fee to secure your spot. After registration, all monthly tuition payments are due on the 5th of the month. You will receive a monthly invoice on the 1st of each month. All payment options are listed below.

TUITION, FEES & DISCOUNTS

AUTOPAY

Each account at TDC is required to be enrolled in our autopay program. If you wish to utilize a different form of payment, please make sure to make a payment either in person or online PRIOR to payment deadlines.

Check, Cash, Alternative Credit or Debit Card

While all accounts are required to have a credit card on file for autopay, you have the option to make sure this card is never charged as long as your account is paid in full before the two autopay dates each month. To ensure no charges are incurred for items due on the 5th of the month, payment must be made on or before the 4th of that same month. To ensure no charges are incurred for items due on the 20th of the month, payment must be made on or before the 19th of that same month. Alternative payment types other than using your card on file for autopay include cash, check, a different credit card, or debit card. If you do not use an alternative payment method clearing your balance by the date it is due, we will use the card on file to process your balance. Using your card on file, payments are run regularly on the 5th and 20th of each month through the autopay process. Some charges may be run out of cycle, but you would be made aware of these before committing to them.

NSF, DECLINED CARDS, & PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

In the event that your credit card or check does not process for payment successfully, you will be notified via email and will be given a timeframe in which you must provide an alternative form of payment that will process successfully.

In addition, the following fees will be charged to your account, all of which must be included in the payment to bring your account current; \$50 late fee due to your payment not being received according to the required payment date, a \$25 NSF fee if your check does not process successfully.

If you do not present payment within that stated timeframe, TDC reserves the right to pull dancer(s) from class, competitions, recital, and/or withhold costumes/rhinestones/accessories.

REFUNDS

IMPORTANT: No refunds of any kind will be given for any fees that have been paid throughout the year. This includes all costume payments, tuition, registration fees, recital tickets, and apparel.

MILITARY DISCOUNT

We have an incredible appreciation for the sacrifices and dedication of those families who have a parent who serves in the military. As a token of our gratitude, we offer a 15% discount for families with a parent who is in the service. Please present a valid military ID at the Front Desk in order to receive your discount. Discounts are only given on regular tuition. Only one discount may be used per account.

COSTUME PROCESS & FEES

GIRLS COSTUMES

In the fall, dancers are measured for their recital costumes. All costumes are age appropriate and will make your dancer feel like a star on stage! Costumes are ordered over Thanksgiving Break. All costume charges must be paid before then. Costumes not paid for before Thanksgiving will not be ordered. We cannot guarantee that any costumes ordered late will arrive in time for Picture Week. The costume companies that we source from can sometimes take 2-6 months to manufacture a costume depending on their current timeline.

Costume fees for female students include up to 2 pairs of tights per class.

Costumes are ordered with growth of the dancer in mind, and we do understand that sometimes costumes will need alterations. When costumes arrive they are hung and steamed, then tried on each dancer. Necessary alterations are noted and costumes are sent home with dancers in labeled garment bags. We will provide info for available times to come in and have your costume altered if necessary once Picture Week gets closer. All alteration costs are covered in your costume charges you paid.

CLASS	# Costumes	Due Sept. 20th	Due Oct. 20th	Due Nov. 20th
Tiny Tots	1	\$65	-	-
Preschool	2	\$80	\$80	-
K-1st Grade	2	\$80	\$80	-
2nd-3rd Grade	3	\$80	\$80	\$75
4th-5th Grade	3	\$80	\$80	\$75
6th-8th Grade	3	\$80	\$80	\$75
9th-12th Grade	3	\$80	\$80	\$75
Hip Hop	1	\$80	-	-
3-5 Boys	2	\$70	\$70	-
6-8 Boys	2	\$70	\$70	-
9 & Up Boys	2	\$70	\$70	-

DRESS CODE & ATTIRE

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Dancers should arrive to class dressed and prepared.

Girls: Dancers may wear leotards, dresses, tutus, tights, dance shorts, dance tops, or leggings. Dancers should be able to move easily and without restriction. Please do not wear street clothes to class. Tights may be in your individual skin-tone, pink, or black.

Boys: Dancers may wear shorts, tanks, or athletic shirts. Dancers should be able to move easily and without restriction. Please do not wear baggy street clothes to class.

Hip Hop: This is the one exception where dancers may wear street clothes, however please make sure that they can still move around easily.\

PRACTICE SHOES

All shoes can be purchased at Step'n'Stretch stores. TDC proudly works with Step'n'Stretch to provide our dancers with all of their dance shoe needs. There is a convenient location near Ridgedale Mall in Minnetonka.

Step'n'Stretch will be present at TDC's Back To Dance Night at the end of the summer to fit and sell dance shoes and attire.



SPRING SPECTACULAR RECITALS

DATE & REHEARSALS

Our dance season goes out with a bang in our end of the year Spring Spectacular Recitals! All dancers perform in at least one recital; some classes are asked to perform in multiple shows if necessary in order to have all siblings in the same show. Any classes that will be asked to perform more than once will be notified by October. Our more detailed recital information with dates and venue information, will be released at the end of September. We plan to hold our shows at Maple Grove Senior High. District 279 will confirm with us in the fall for specific dates.

TICKETS

This year we will once again be using an online ticketing service that will allow you to purchase tickets through a link in the comfort of your own home! Ticket Pre-Sales will take place in the spring. After Pre-Sales ticket prices will increase. More information will be available once ticket sales get closer.

GENERAL SHOW INFORMATION

Each year, our show has a unique theme, our song and costume choices for our recreational dances relate to this theme. Our shows are a mix of our Recreational, Pre-Competition, Competition, and special needs classes. We can't wait for you to see what we have in store! This past season, we were scheduled to hold our shows at Maple Grove High School. It is our hope that we will be there again for the 2021-2022 season. As soon as we confirm location and dates, we will let you know. We plan to hold our shows in June.

Tiny Tots will hold their shows at the studio where we will create a stage and show setting.

Our recreational shows are an enjoyable length at 1-2 hours max.



DANCE PICTURES

In the spring, we bring in a photographer to capture your dancer in his/her full costume. Class/team photos are taken for each costume, as well as individual photos, for those who wish to have them taken.

Individual photos are taken once a deposit is placed. This deposit acts as a gift card or credit to be used towards any photo purchases that you wish to make. Our schedule for photos will be released as soon as we have a date booked. September is the latest that we would release this date.



CLASS CELEBRATIONS

Dancers will have class parties for Spooktacular Week, Christmas, Valentine's Day and the End of The Year. Please see information below for specific information on each celebration.

Boo Bash: We will hold a studio-wide celebration with food trucks, Halloween costumes, and a trunk-or-treat. Look for more details coming soon.

Spooktacular Week: Dancers may wear Halloween costumes to class. Younger dancers will do an informal performance of Halloween dances they have learned. We may be making amendments to this celebration as needed.

Christmas Parties: This year, we are reimagining our Holiday experience for our students and will be doing "Red Carpet Christmas" class parties. This event will be similar to our "Red Carpet Recital" event that we have held previously. More info to come as we continue to plan this new event.

Valentines Parties: Dancers may dress in festive attire and may bring a store bought treat to share with classmates at the end of class. We may be making amendments to this celebration as needed.

**A LIST OF
IMPORTANT
DATES FOR THE
YEAR WILL BE
RELEASED
UPON THE
START OF THE
SEASON IN THE
FALL**
