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Student/Parent Rules and Policies

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Class Descriptions

Acrobatics is offered for students from the ages of 6 to advanced students. The beginner level focuses on basic floor tumbling such as front rolls, back bends, handstands, and other basic principles for advancement in the style. In the more advanced classes, students move from the basics on to more challenging acrobatic and tumbling movements.

Ballet is offered for all ages in different levels and is the main foundation for many dance forms. This class is offered in a combination form with tap for our younger dancers and progresses to our advanced levels. In each level, ballet fundamentals are the main focus with varying levels of difficulty.

Hip Hop is a cultural form of dance and has roots in African and Caribbean dance. It is a grounded dance form with its own language and body alignment. This class focuses on strength and conditioning associated mainly with Break dancing movements.

Jazz focuses on strength and conditioning as well as flexibility. It is form with similar movements to Ballet, but is upbeat and culturally similar to Hip Hop.

Contemporary is a class offered to students who have completed Level I Ballet or Jazz. Placement into class is given by teacher. This class focuses on the forms of Modern as well as Safety Release Technique which teaches dancers how to move in and out of the floor for injury prevention.

Tap is a rhythmic and percussive form of dance. The younger students focus on the understanding of how to make noises, loud and soft, with the metal plates on the bottom of their shoes and progress to challenging rhythmic combination of Tap steps in the advanced classes.

Class Schedule

The schedule is located at www.minthilldancecenter.com and is updated frequently when classes are filled.

Tuition

Tuition for the dance year 2023-2024 is displayed on a scale based on how many hours your child takes dance per week. Tuition is due the first of every month and the latest of the 5th of the month. Tuition discount of 50% is added to August for the short month. .

Hrs/Week	Tuition/Month	Hrs/Week	Tuition/Month	Hrs/Week	Tuition/Month
30 Mins	\$74	1 ¾ Hr	\$99.00	3 Hrs	\$124.00
45 Mins	\$79.00	2 Hrs	\$104.00	3 ¼ Hrs	\$128.00
1 Hr	\$85.00	2 ¼ Hrs	\$109.00	3 ½ Hrs	\$132.00
1 ¼ Hr	\$89.00	2 ½ Hrs	\$114.00	3 ¾ Hrs	\$136.00
1 ½ Hr	\$94.00	2 ¾ Hrs	\$119.00	4 Hrs	\$140.00

*For additional time, please add \$4 per 15 minutes.

Fees

Different fees are for different costs throughout the year. They are non-refundable and non-negotiable.

Payment: Tuition is due on the 1st of every month and is late after the 5th of the month. Payment is accepted via online portal ONLY by e-payment, debit card, or credit card. All registrations are done via our portal, by registering online you agree to e-payments/auto payments. Any payments that do not process by auto payment and are fees are not paid by the 5th of the month/5 days past the due date, a late fee of \$15 will be enforced to the account. Tuition is not prorated if a dancer misses class; dancers are encouraged to make up missed classes.

Registration Fee: \$50.00 per student. Registration fee is due at the time of enrollment and is non-refundable, non-transferable, and non-negotiable. If you withdraw from Mint Hill Dance Center and choose to return, you must pay another registration fee.

Late Fee: Tuition is due on the 1st of every month and is late after the 5th of the month. A late fee of \$15.00 will be administered with tuition past the 5th of the month and every 5 days after until payment of tuition/invoice is received. A late fee/declined card fee of \$15 will be applied to the account if a card is declined for any reason for payment.

1-Mint Hill Dance Center is not responsible for reminding the parent/guardian when tuition is due/payment is processed. This fee will be reflected on the parent portal and an email notification will be sent.

2- A child will not be allowed to participate in any classes or Mint Hill Dance Center events if tuition and/or other fees are not paid in full after 10 days following fee due date. We will notify the parent/guardian of this by the 10th day of the open fee. If a fee(s) is not paid in full after 30 days of the due date, the account will be reported to a collections agency.

Recital Fee: Due by December 15, 2024 and is based on amount of classes of dancer, second child is \$80. This fee covers the location for your child's recital location, medal, t-shirt, two free family tickets per dancer, and recital video. This fee is non-refundable, non-transferable, and non-negotiable. Please see below for class amounts:

1-2 Classes \$125
3-4 Classes \$145
5-6 Classes \$165
7-8 Classes \$200
9-10 Classes \$225

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Fees Continued

Costumes: Each student will receive a costume for each class that they participate. Costume balances will be added to your parent portal by October 15, 2024 or date of student enrollment if after October 15, 2024. Costume balances are due by December 15, 2024, NO EXCEPTIONS. The card on file will be charged for the remainder of amount on December 15, 2024. If a child decides to forgo participating in dance after October 15, 2024, there are NO REFUNDS, NO RETURNS, NO EXCEPTIONS, NON-NEGOTIABLE. Mint Hill Dance Center will inform the parent of when the costume is delivered to the studio so that they can pick up the costume(s). Costume invoices have to be paid before costumes can be given to student. Combo Class \$100, Level I Classes \$105.00 Costumes, Level II Classes \$110.00, Level III Classes \$115.00 plus tax per costume. Company class costumes \$125 per dance. Costume cost includes tights for dancer.

Babysitting Fee: A child should not arrive to the studio more than 10 minutes before the scheduled class in which they are enrolled. A child should also not be left more than 10 minutes after his/her scheduled class. If situation does occur, parent will be charged a babysitting fee of \$15.00 for every 10 minutes child is at studio.

Open Invoices: A child will not be allowed to dance in class, Mint Hill Dance Center events, or recital until any open invoices are paid in full. NO REFUNDS, NO RETURNS ON COSTUMES, NO EXCEPTIONS, NON-NEGOTIABLE.

Late Recital Withdraw Fee: Parents must declare in writing that the student is withdrawing from recital before December 15, 2024. If declaring after December 15, 2024, a Late Recital Withdraw Fee of \$25.00 will be administered to the account.

Schedule Changes

- 1) Class Changes: A student may drop, add, and/or change classes depending on availability. Class changes will not be allowed after December 15, 2024 to guarantee correct recital costume and recital placement.
- 2) Withdrawal from all of a student's classes is considered withdrawal from the studio and notification to the studio is required. **A 30 day written notice is required from the parent and is required payment for a full month's tuition. Any remaining balance on the account will be settled at time of withdrawal. The card on file will be charged with remaining balance.**
 - a. **If you withdraw from Mint Hill Dance Center and choose to return, you must pay a registration fee at time of returning.**
 - b. **If classes that the student was enrolled in previous to withdrawing are full, the student cannot join those classes again. Holding of spots for students that withdraw is not an option. Class enrollment is first come, first served.**
 - c. **Not attending class does not constitute withdrawal. Tuition will continue to be billed until written withdrawal.**

Recital Policies

Recital is for the student to demonstrate what they have learned in the year and is expected to participate. If a student decides he/she would like to forgo performing in the annual recital, the student and parent must do so in writing. **If the student has more than one class, the student must forgo performing in all classes, which the student is enrolled.** This must be declared before December 15, 2024. Any Open invoices must be paid in full for the dancer to perform in recital.

Student Dress Code

For all technique classes, the attire is tan or ballet pink convertible/ transitional tights and a leotard of any color.

Below are exceptions for **cover-ups ONLY**:

Ballet: Ballet skirts, ballet wrap sweaters, and leg warmers.

Jazz, Tap, Acrobatics: Dance shorts, ballet skirt.

Contemporary/Modern: Dance Shorts, fitted long sleeved shirt, ballet sweater.

Hip Hop: Dance shorts.

Hair: Hair should be pulled off the face and secured in a **bun**. If hair is shoulder length or shorter, a pony tail or half up will suffice.

Jewelry: All jewelry should be removed before entering the studio. Includes necklaces, bracelets, anklets, earrings, rings, and any other jewelry.

Shoes listed below for Recreational:

-Combo Ballet: Capezio Daisy Style #205 Pink Combo Tap: Capezio Mary Jane Style #3800C Caramel or skin tone if available

-Ballet I: Capezio Daisy Style #205 Pink or Capezio Hanami Ballet Canvas #2037 or #2037C Pink

-Ballet II and III: Capezio Hanami Ballet Canvas #2037 or #2037C Pink

-Tap I, II and III: Capezio Flex Mastr CG16C or CG16 Black

-Jazz I, II, and III: Capezio E Series Jazz Slip On Skin Tone if available

-Hip Hop: Low Top Black Converse Sneakers (do not use outside of class)

-Contemporary: No shoes, barefoot.

-Acrobatics: No shoes, barefoot

Shoes listed below for Company Dancers:

-Contemporary: Half Soles Capezio Leather Pirouette match skin tone

-Tap: Bloch Jason Samuels Black

-Capezio E Series Jazz Slip On Skin Tone if available

-Hip Hop: TBA

-All dancers and parents must abide by MHDC dress code.

Personal Belongings: Please label all personal belongings, dance shoes, dance skirts, etc. Mint Hill Dance Center is not responsible for any lost items.

Medical Insurance

Mint Hill Dance Center does not carry or provide medical insurance for its dancers. Dancers must be covered by their family medical insurance. Mint Hill Dance Center is not responsible for injuries that have occurred due to participation. If injuries occur, it is understood that the dancer's family medical insurance is the only form of reimbursement.

Photography Release

Permission is given to Mint Hill Dance Center to use and publish for editorial, trade, advertisement, and other promotional purpose all photographic, video, and digital images of my child, including the child's name in conjunction with Studio and School Name. All parents who do not wish their child's image or name to be used in this manner must submit so in writing to Mint Hill Dance Center.

Class Behavior

Please be respectful of teacher/staff and the other students in the dance studio room. It is not fair for your child/student or you as a parent to interrupt class with disruptive actions.

- 1) Disruptive student behavior will not be tolerated. Any blatant disrespect towards teacher will result in child leaving class. If a student is sent out of class, a parent will be notified immediately or when picking student up. The third time a student is sent out of class for disruptive behavior, the student will be placed on suspension, allowed **only** to watch class for 2 weeks. Tuition will not be reimbursed.
- 2) Class times: Once the studio class door is closed, it will **NOT** be opened until the end of class unless a child has to use the restroom or emergency. Students should be on time! Opening and shutting of the classroom door disrupts class and the focus of the students.
- 3) Parent questions or concerns will be answered outside of class time. Class time is for your student to learn not for parent discussion. Please utilize studio email or phone for questions if you are unable to meet with teacher outside of class time, questions can be left at the lobby desk if the teacher is unable to meet with you. The teacher will respond promptly. Please do not approach teachers during class changes to ensure classes stay on time
- 4) Students are not allowed to bring friends to class to watch or participate unless it is Bring A Friend To Class Week. Friends cause a disturbance in the classroom.

Absences & Inclement Weather

Please try to have your student in class every week; dancers are placed in team building situations and are needed to grow as a group.

- 1) Inclement Weather: In case of inclement weather, Mint Hill Dance Center will generally follow the decisions of Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system. There will also be information regarding inclement weather via, on Facebook, and Instagram.
- 2) Illness: Parents are advised to keep their student at home for the following conditions: Runny Nose (especially green mucous), persistent cough, or sore throat, difficulty breathing, fever, infected skin or rash., itching of body or scalp, nausea and vomiting, and any other symptoms of illness that has not been mentioned above.
- 3) Missing Class: If a student will be missing multiple weeks of classes, please contact the studio and the information will be relayed to the instructor.
- 4) Make Up Classes: There are no refunds for missed classes. Missed classes can be made up at any time before May in an age appropriate class and it may be in a different style than what the student is taking.

Calendar of MHDC Important Dates

Important dates ranging from Studio Closings to Recital Dates, etc. will be emailed monthly in the Monthly Newsletter. This is tentative and can change at any point. We will inform you of any changes to the calendar. Helpful Hint: Place dates in personal calendar.

*Calendar subject to change at any time. Parents/Guardians will be notified of calendar change.

*Other tentative events: Competition Team Dates, Convention Dates, and others. MHDC will inform you of these dates as they become available.

Company Competition Team

MHDC Competition Team is for the student who is interested in a more vigorous and challenging dance experience. With our instructors experience in dance competitions, MHDC's competition team standard is a leap above the rest. Competitions are a great way for a dancer to be challenged and witness the amazing ability of dancers who will also attend the competitions. If you are interested in the Competition Team, please ask for more information.

Summer Camps

Mint Hill Dance Center has week long summer camps for ages 3 to 18 which consist of themed dance weeks. Students will have an enriching summer experience at MHDC filled with laughter and fun. Please check www.minthilldancecenter.com and ask when in the studio for updated dates. There are no refunds for missed days in Summer Camps.

Summer Classes

Classes during the summer are a pay-per-class or unlimited class package. The classes during the summer are a great way for dancers to keep up with their technique as well as to try out new dance styles. Summer Class Schedules are updated before the summer every year and can be found on www.minthilldancecenter.com.

Private Instruction

Mint Hill Dance Center offers private instruction for all ages in a variety of dance styles. Please contact the studio for prices and availability.

Helping Hands

MHDC is committed to creating well-rounded dancers by way of community service. We believe to create strong human beings, we cannot only teach through physical strength, but strength in the form of giving. We are dedicated to helping in the community through different fundraising events and in a variety of charities. MHDC has donated to Make- A- Wish Foundation, Relay for Life for American Cancer Society, American Heart Society and many more. If you or your dancer would like to sponsor a community service endeavor, please contact MHDC.