

THE DANCE STUDIO  
GENERAL POLICIES 2018-2019  
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**TUITION FEE SCHEDULE 2018-2019**

45 Minute 18 months to 36 months - Creative Movement Class payments)	\$50/\$500 (10
One Hour class meeting once weekly payments)	\$57/\$570 (10
Prep Classes - One hour twenty minute class meeting once weekly payments)	\$72/\$720 (10
Prep Comp Classes-One hour thirty-minute class meeting once weekly payments)	\$76/\$760 (10
Boys classes – 45 Minute class meeting once a week (discount w/sibling) payments)	\$50/\$500 (10
Adult Classes – Ladies Jazz & Tap – Men’s Class	see schedule

**REGISTRATION FEE:** There is a registration fee of \$25 per student or \$40 per family.

**TUITION FEES:** Tuition payments are broken down into 10 monthly payments (due September 1st thru June 1<sup>st</sup>) with the first and last month’s payment due the 1st class of the new dance season. All other tuition payments are due the first day of each month. All competition group tuition payments are also broken down into 10 monthly payments (September 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 1st). The school does not deduct for illness, vacation or absences. Monthly statements are sent only if your payments are delinquent. Payment may be made by check, cash, credit/debit card or online. There is a 5% discount on yearly tuition if paid by September 30, 2018 using cash or check.

Any lesson payments made after the month in which they are due will automatically incur a late charge. If monthly payments are not met, the school reserves the right to withhold services until payment is made.

Enrollment is for the full 10-month term. Proper notification is required for withdrawal of the student at any time. Without notification, you will continue to be charged for classes.

There is no refund on registration, monthly tuition, or costume deposits (once costume and/or materials have been purchased/ordered) if you choose not to complete the year.

**AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS:** If you have signed up for recurring billing on your account, your card will be charged the 1st of every month, for all charges due that month. In September, all recreational students will be charged for first and last months tuition.

**FAMILY DISCOUNTS:** The Dance Studio offers family discounts for members of the same family. The first student (highest value) pays full price. The second student receives a 15% discount on

tuition, and the third from the same family gets a 50% discount on tuition. There are also special discounts for brothers who have a sister enrolled and adults who have a child enrolled. Discounts are on tuition only.

**LOBBY:** We ask all parents to remain in the front lobby. We will call all classes from the front lobby and all teachers will bring younger classes back to the front lobby when class is finished. Our back lobby area is for our dancers only. We ask all parents to remain in the front lobby for the safety of all dancers.

**BATHROOM:** Please remind your dancer to use the restroom prior to class. It becomes a huge distraction for the entire class when dancers are leaving during instruction.

**DANCER REGISTRATION:** Please note that we do not allow dancers to dance in a class level above their age. Any dancer is welcome to dance down a level if they choose.

**PREP COMP CLASSES:** All prep comp classes will attend 2 regional competitions in the spring. These competitions are required for all dancers that have registered for the prep comp classes. These fees will be charged to your account if you choose to participate in the prep comp class. The competition fees are non-refundable.

If your child's teacher feels that they are behind the level of the class, your dancer may be asked to transfer to another class. The prep comp classes are held at a higher level and we want to make sure that all dancers are progressing at a comfortable rate.

**ATTENDANCE:** Good attendance is key to both individual and class progress. Please notify the studio in advance if you must miss class.

**DANCE TROPHIES:** Trophies are awarded annually at your dancer's final show. The "number of years" your child has danced transfers from other studios and is a cumulative "total number of years" for the trophy.

**PROPER ATTIRE:** Female dancers are expected to wear dancewear to class to enable the instructors to see bodylines for correct body placement. Dancewear is defined as: leotard/tights/crop top/booty shorts/jazz pants. Hair should be pulled back and secured. Male dancers should wear shorts and shirts (not baggy) or fitted sweat clothing.

**TEACHER CONTACT:** If you would like to speak to a staff member regarding your dancer please e-mail [misskara5678@gmail.com](mailto:misskara5678@gmail.com) and we will set up a meeting at your convenience. We kindly ask you not to grab the instructor in-between classes, as they usually have another class to teach.

**PICTURES:** Pictures will be taken during your dancer's class time for most students in mid to late April at the studio. Schedules will be sent out in early March.

**SPRING PERFORMANCE:** Each Spring, dancers participate in a fully costumed and lighted production showcasing the year's accomplishments. The event is a very professionally staged production that the students look forward to with excitement and anticipation each year. The recreational dancers perform their 1, 2, or 3 dances plus the opening and finale in 2 of the 7 shows. More information will be distributed at a later date. Every effort is made to pair multiple dancers from the same family in at least one common performance.

**COSTUME PAYMENTS:** Costumes for the spring performance are purchased by each student. There are no refunds on costume deposits once costumes are ordered. Ordering begins in December to ensure costume arrival in April. All costume balances and tuition payments must be current before costumes will be distributed. Costume payments are made in two installments. The first one due on October 1 and the second due on November 1 with accessory balances billed in late April. Costume fees are non-refundable once costumes are ordered or by December, 31 2018, whichever comes first. The amount of each fee is listed below:

CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS	2 Costumes	2 Deposits @ \$65 each
ALL ONE HOUR CLASSES	2 Costumes	2 Deposits @ \$65 each
ALL PREP AND PREP COMP CLASSES	3 Costumes	2 Deposits @ \$140 each
ADULT CLASS	1 to 2 Costumes	1 Deposit @ \$125

**SHOE REQUIREMENTS:**

CM/Preschool/Kind/1st Grade Classes:	White leather taps \$41	Pink Ballets \$19.50
2nd/4th Prep and Prep Comp Classes:	721 Tan Tie Taps \$76	Tan Jazz Shoes \$38
	Pink Leather Ballet \$19.50-\$24.75 (2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> )	
	½ Ballets \$23 (4th)	
5th/7th Prep Comp Classes:	Black CG19 Taps \$69	Tan Jazz Shoes \$38
	½ Ballets \$23	
Senior High Prep Comp Classes:	Black CG19 Taps \$69	1/2 Ballets \$23
	Tan Jazz Shoes \$38	
Boys Group:	Black Tap Shoes	Black Jazz Shoes \$40
Adult Class:	Shoes to be determined by costume	

**\*\*Tap and Ballet shoes are taxable - Prices subject to change\*\***

**USED SHOES:** All tap and jazz shoes purchased at The Dance Studio may be turned in to be resold, when your dancer out grows them. Funds will be directly credited to your account. We DO NOT resell brands we do not sell. If jazz shoes have been purchased USED- they should not be placed again in the used shoe program.

**FUNDRAISING:** We do a fundraiser mid-September for the purpose of defraying costume costs. This fundraiser includes poinsettias, wreaths, cookie dough, wrapping paper/gift brochure. Participation is optional.

**Policies listed below apply strictly to all dancers that are participating in the 2018-2019 Northern Force Dance Company – Competition division.**

**CHARGES TO ACCOUNTS:** You will be able to charge dancewear/shoes/tights etc. to your account only if your account status is current and on recurring billing.

**IN STUDIO MASTER CLASSES/CONVENTIONS/COMPETITIONS:** Northern Force Dance Company will schedule master classes with nationally renowned guest artists for all NFDC competitive dancers. These mandatory classes involve a separate fee. Conventions which are held locally are open to all NFDC students in accordance with age levels of each individual convention. Convention costs average between \$200-\$275 per convention. All Senior Force, Teen Troupe, Teen Force, Pre-Teen Force, Junior Force, Pre Junior Force, Petites will be required to attend a minimum of 1 convention during the 2018-2019 dance season. Fees for required master classes must be paid whether you attend the class or not, as the fee is based upon participation by all group members.

**SOLOS/DUOS/TRIOS/SMALL GROUPS:** There are opportunities for dancers to participate in solos/duos/trios and small groups, which will require additional class time, costumes, shoes, class fees and entry fees. Selection is at the discretion of the NFDC staff.

**COMPETITIONS:** All 2019 regional competitions are required for each dancer. The schedule for next spring will be out in August and we ask that you schedule all spring break plans around this schedule. By committing to Northern Force, you are committing to the 4 regional competitions that we attend each spring. Please note we do not get a schedule from the competitions until 7-10 days prior to the event. We will not know which day your dancers will dance so we ask that you please schedule any travel plans after the competition is completed. Thank you!

**TIME COMMITMENT:** Most NFDC groups meet 3 days per week throughout the year. As we get closer to competition and with master teachers and choreography in the fall, extra rehearsals may be scheduled. All group members need to attend extra practices if the group is to perform at its best. Good attendance is key to both individual and group progress. We reserve the right to limit participation of students with excessive absences. Senior dancers: please note that work is not an excused absence. Please schedule work commitments around your dance schedule. Any ballet classes missed by Senior/Teen dancers must be made up. Please make sure you sign in at the front desk for your make-up class to ensure that it is credited.

**SHOE REQUIREMENT:** All dancers need ballet shoes for ballet class. Any dance shoes you have will be fine for jazz. Tap shoe requirements will be based on group placement. Once costuming has been determined we will size all dancers for the correct shoes next winter. All performing group dancers are required to purchase correct shoe styles for competition.

**PROPER ATTIRE:** Ballet Class - female dancers in Mini Force and older must wear a solid color BLACK leotard with pink tights and pink ballet shoes. Peanut Force - Tiny Force may wear any

solid color leotard (does not have to be black) with pink tights and pink ballet shoes. Hair needs to be pulled back into a bun. Male dancers should wear a t-shirt/tank and shorts. All other classes- female dancers may wear any type of dancewear. No baggy clothing. Instructors must be able to see bodylines in order to determine correct body placement. Hair should be pulled back away from face.

**NATIONAL TRIP:** Each year we travel with our performing group members (this is not a mandatory trip). The decision on dates and location is announced in August.

**FUNDRAISING:** Fundraising is available to all performing group members. The purpose of the fundraising account is to help defray travel, convention/master class and competition fees along with costuming and shoes. Participation in all fundraising activities is completely optional. You may participate in all activities or just those of interest to you. Please e-mail [northernforcedome@gmail.com](mailto:northernforcedome@gmail.com) for info on the US Bank Stadium, Target Field, and TCF Bank Stadium fundraising program.