



# PARENT HANDBOOK

**22<sup>ND</sup> SEASON**  
**SEPTEMBER 2025 – JUNE 2026**

**Questions?**  
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# FUSION DANCE CENTRE PROGRAMS BY AGE

For those who'd like additional mentorship and leadership opportunities!

**AGES 18-36 MONTHS**  
 Parent & Me

**AGES 2-3**  
 Tiny Toes  
 \*2 yrs old by Oct list  
 Tiny Toes Workshop  
 \*2 yrs old by Dec list

**AGES 3-4**  
 A Star is Born 1  
 Hip Tots 1

**AGES 4-5**  
 Boys ONLY Hip Hop  
 A Star is Born 2  
 Pom Squad  
 Jazzerinas  
 Hip Tots 2

**AGES 5-7**  
 Kidz Bop/Jazz Babies  
 Boys ONLY Hip Hop  
 Pom Squad  
 Kinderstars  
 Jazzerinas  
 Kidz Bop

**AGES 6-9**  
 Tap/Jazz Funk Combo  
 Ballet/Lyrical Combo  
 Breakdancing  
 Boys ONLY Hip Hop  
 Acrobatics  
 Hip Hop  
 Lyrical  
 Ballet  
 Jazz  
 Tap

**RECREATIONAL CLASSES AGES 6-18**  
 Ballet  
 Jazz  
 Tap  
 Acrobatics  
 Hip Hop  
 Breakdancing  
 Pom Squad (ages 6-11)  
 Boys ONLY Hip Hop (ages 6-11)  
 Contemporary (ages 10-18)

For those who'd like additional performance opportunities!

**PERFORMANCE PROGRAM**  
 If your child has a passion for dance and is looking for opportunities beyond our annual recital, they may benefit from participating in our Performance Program!  
 Fusion's Performance Program is designed to foster a love for dance while honing technical skills. It's the perfect avenue for dancers who want to take their art to the next level. In this program, dancers will not only refine their technique but also build lasting friendships and create unforgettable memories.  
 Our Performance Program opens doors to a world of exciting experiences. Dancers have the chance to perform in various community performances, local competitions, and our annual recital. Plus, it's an inclusive program that welcomes dancers of different levels, so whether your child is a budding star or simply wants to explore their passion for dance, they'll find a supportive and encouraging community in our Performance Program.

## LEADERS IN TRAINING PROGRAM

Through a focus on mentorship, inclusivity, and kindness both in and outside the classroom, the Leaders in Training program provides a journey that equips participants with essential skills and experiences to excel within Fusion Dance Centre's community and beyond into High School, collegiate, and career paths, while leading with purpose and confidence.

### Requirements:

- + At least two years of dance experience
- + 11 years or older by Dec 1st (for Level 1)
- + Application approved by LIT Program Management and Fusion Faculty

Level 1 - Assistant Teacher

Level 2 - Apprentice

Level 3 - Fusion Employee

(Administrative Intern/Student Teacher)

## INTERESTED? REACH OUT TO APPLY!

**For all Fusion Dancers!** We're proud to offer the **National Honor Society for Dance Arts**, a prestigious program recognizing excellence in dance, leadership, and academics. Through service projects, performance, and community involvement, dancers earn points toward induction. NHSDA celebrates your dedication to dance, builds your college resume, fosters leadership, and connects you to a nationwide network of dancers. **Fusion is proud to sponsor 2 chapters: Junior Chapter (grades 6-8) and Senior Chapter (grades 9-12).** For more details, visit [www.dance/hnhsda](http://www.dance/hnhsda)

## BOYS ONLY CLASSES

We have witnessed first-hand how dance can build character, confidence, and friendships among boys. Our number one goal is to provide an inclusive and creative place for boys to grow and feel like their true selves!

Boys ONLY Hip Hop

## ADULT CLASSES

Experience the joy and progress of dancing all season long. Grab a friend —no experience necessary & free trials available!

Hip Hop

Tap (Beg + Int/Adv)

For those interested in training at a more intensive level!

## PRE-COMPANY AGES 7-9 & DANCE COMPANY AGES 9+

Fusion's Dance Company is a committed group of dancers looking for further opportunities to train and perform. In lieu of a formal audition, dancers are recommended based on not only their technical level, but also their commitment to the art form.

While the Dance Company does attend competitions, the focus of the program is on training and exposure to all styles and facets of dance. Many Dance Company students continue to dance beyond high school as University Dance Majors, Dance Team members, instructors, Choreographers, and performers in both Dance and Theater.

Dancers train in Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Modern, Pointe, Contemporary, Acrobatics, and Movement Theory depending on age.

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Hello, Fusion Families!

Welcome to our 22nd Season of Dance!

We are thrilled to have you embark on this exciting new year with us, and we want you to know that you've chosen a dance studio that values your busy family's needs.

Everything you'll need to know for this Dance Season is laid out in this handbook, including closings, events, and studio insider tips!

We hope that having this information in one central place ensures you can easily navigate your family's dance journey, allowing you to sit back, relax, and witness your child's progress and joy.

Please reach out if you have any questions—we are so excited to dance together this year!

— *Fusion Dance Centre*

## STUDIO CONTACT

✉ office@fdc.dance

☎ (908) 620-1000

Office Hours:

**M-F** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Sa-Su:** 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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# FUSION'S CORE VALUES



## INCLUSION

Every family, student, faculty, and staff member are **valued and appreciated**. We teach kindness and respect inside and outside of the classroom. Everyone has a home at Fusion, where we **celebrate individuality and creative expression**.



## COMMUNITY

At the heart of Fusion you will find a warm, welcoming family that **supports and uplifts** each of its members. This is a second home for our students who create **friendships and memories** to last a lifetime.



## PASSION

The foundation of our studio is the **love for what we do**. Our dedicated teachers are **grateful** for the opportunity to impact the lives of our students every day.



## COLLABORATION

Our faculty and staff **work together** to create the best possible experience for our dancers and families. Inspiring students to communicate and share ideas **teaches the life-long benefits of teamwork**. Together Everyone Achieves More!



## POSITIVITY

Challenges and adversity are **opportunities for growth**. By staying **optimistic** and teaching with encouragement and **positive reinforcement**, students gain the **confidence to achieve their goals** and pursue their dreams!

# STUDIO POLICIES

## Payments

- All accounts are required to have a Visa or MasterCard saved on file. We will automatically process your monthly tuition installments on the 1st of every month. If you prefer to pay with cash, check, or another card, simply do so before the 1st of the month.
- If your card is declined, you will be asked to update your card information or provide another method. A \$15 late fee will be charged for payments received after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- Tuition is based on the full dance season and already accounts for holidays and snow days. Payments remain the same each month—whether a month is long or short, during school breaks, or over vacations—because the total is calculated for the year and divided into equal installments.

## Withdrawals & Cancellations

- To withdraw from a class, you must notify us at [office@fdc.dance](mailto:office@fdc.dance) before the 1st of the month. You are responsible for all tuition and fees through the date of withdrawal.
- Registration fees, tuition paid, costume payments, and Performance Program/Dance Company performance installments are non-refundable.

## Make-up Classes

- Each class is guaranteed 30 sessions per season, with two snow days built into the calendar. No make-up class is needed for studio closures due to scheduled holidays; these are already factored into our season planning.
- Missed a class? Text or email us to schedule a make-up.

## Behavior Code

- A strict behavior code for dancers and parents will be followed, which includes absolutely no inappropriate touching, hitting, yelling, or bullying of the other students, parents, staff and faculty. Any student or parent who does not adhere to this rule will immediately be dismissed from the studio.



Read Our  
Full Policies



# DRESS CODE

Our professional staff is focused on teaching dance through proper body alignment, injury prevention, and technical progression. Therefore, we stress proper dance attire at all times. The dress code is very cost effective and makes Recital costumes extra special!

All shoes, dancewear, and Fusion-logo items are available at the Fusion Boutique for your convenience!

## HAIR



**For all Preschool and Recreational classes,** hair must be pulled back and off the face.

**For all Performance Program and Dance Company technique classes,** hair must be securely fastened in a bun.

## ATTIRE



**Fusion's Dress Code varies by class and by age.** Please use the QR code below to view the requirements for each of your dancer's classes. Remember, no jeans in any class!

## SHOES



Specific shoes are chosen for each class based on the support they give for children's delicate bones that are appropriate to age and level. **Please note that there are NO STREET SHOES permitted for any dance classes.**

Did You Know? **We have a fully stocked dance shoe and dancewear boutique – ONE STOP for all your needs!** Shoe fittings are available year-round with an appointment.

**Book A Shoe Fitting Online**



**View 22nd Season  
Dress Code**

## DON'T FORGET!

Dance shoes should never be worn outside of the studio. **Please have your dancer commute in street shoes and change into their dance shoes upon arrival.** We appreciate your assistance in protecting our dance floors! *(Plus your child's dance shoes will last longer!)*

# TIPS FOR THE BEST EXPERIENCE



**Fusion does not have a water fountain or vending machines. Please send your dancer with a labeled water bottle.** *Limited edition Fusion drinkware and Auto-Top bottles for kids are available at the Fusion Boutique!*



Classes will start and end on time. **Dancers should be dropped off no more than ten minutes before the start of class.** Upon arrival, dancers should change into their dance shoes, use the bathroom, and line up outside of their assigned studio.



**Fusion has two single-occupancy restrooms located in the front of the building, including one with a changing table.**



**There is a large rear parking lot with an entrance to the studio that can be accessed via a driveway on either side of the building.** *Please note that the driveway nearest to Fusion is Enter Only. To exit onto W Westfield Ave, please continue to the further, wider driveway.*



**Please add our studio closings to your phone!** All scheduled closings for the year can be found on Page 6. *Don't forget to RSVP to our Parties & Events, too! Visit Page 7 to see the FDC Party Crew's plans for this season.*



**We share important studio updates by email and occasionally by text, so we encourage you to stay subscribed to both.** If you have unique communication needs, our office team is happy to help you find the best way to stay in the loop.



**Share your love of dance everywhere you go** with a FREE "Proud to be a Fusion Dancer" car magnet! When friends you've inspired join the Fusion family, our **Referral Program** rewards you with tuition credits. *See the office for details.*

# 22ND SEASON CALENDAR

Our calendar ensures every class meets 30 times per season, with extra days built in for weather-related closings. If closures go beyond those allowances, we'll schedule make-up classes.

September						
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**Wed, Sep 10th**  
First Day of Classes

**Mon, Sep 22nd – Wed, Sep 24th**  
Closed, Rosh Hashanah

**Wed, Oct 1st – Thurs, Oct 2nd**  
Closed, Yom Kippur

November						
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December						
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**Fri, Oct 31st**  
Closed, Halloween

**Tues, Nov 4th – Sun, Nov 9th**  
Closed, Election Day/Teacher Convention

**Wed, Nov 26th – Sun, Nov 30th**  
Closed, Thanksgiving

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**Tues, Dec 23rd – Sun, Jan 4th**  
Closed, Winter Break

**Mon, Jan 19th**  
Closed, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Thurs, Feb 12th – Tues, Feb 17th**  
Closed, President's Day Recess

March						
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**Mon, Mar 30th – Sun, Apr 5th**  
Closed, Spring Break

**Mon, May 25th**  
Closed, Memorial Day

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**Spring – Dates to be announced**  
Recital Dress Rehearsals & Photos

**Spring – Dates to be announced**  
Fusion's 22nd Annual Recitals

**Monday, June 1st**  
Closed, No Classes

**Monday, June 8th**  
Last Day of Classes

# 22ND SEASON EVENTS

SUN, SEPT 7TH



SAT, SEPT 20th



SAT, OCT 25TH



SUN, OCT 26TH



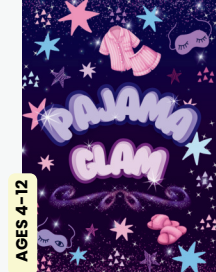
SAT, JAN 24TH



SAT, FEB 7TH



SAT, MAR 14TH



SUN, APR 26TH



**SAY YES TO  
ALL THE FUN—  
RSVP NOW!**



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✦  
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Fusion events are for everyone—come join the fun, meet new people, and make memories that last.

# RECITAL 101

**Participation in Recital is optional but highly encouraged as dance is a performing art, and most dancers do participate!**

Recital is like the “graduation ceremony” of the year where the combination of weekly dance technique, focused performance skills, and hard work are celebrated on the big stage! It is a special day for families and dancers to take pride in how far their child has grown and to create memories that they will look back on fondly in future years.

## COSTUME PAYMENTS

**Due: October 15th.** The cost of your dancer's costume will be emailed to you before your account is charged. *Costume Payments are non-refundable.*

**Includes:** Costume, a new pair of tights, all accessories—everything they need for stage!

**FYI:** Costumes will not be ordered without payment, and late orders may be subject to additional shipping charges.

Questions about costume payments? Please speak to the office!

## COSTUME & RECITAL TIMELINE

- **September–October** – Teachers begin planning music and dance themes for each class.
- **October** – Fusion's Costume Team begins measuring dancers in class.
- **October 15th** – Costume payments due.
- **October – November** – Final costume selections are made. Dancers are sized according to measurements and thousands of costumes are ordered!
- **December–February** – Costumes are made in factories across the country.
- **January** – 2025 Recital Information & Handbooks are highlighted & mailed to your home.
- **January – April** – Dancers are hard at work learning their recital choreography!
- **March** – Costume deliveries begin. Fusion's Costume Team organizes all the costumes by class to try on.
- **March–April** – Costumes are tried on in class and exchanged for different sizes if needed. Then they are steamed, bagged, organized with brand new tights, accessories, and labels before being distributed to you!
- **May–June TBD** – Dress Rehearsals, photos. Dancers are performing their dances in front of fellow student audiences to gain support and confidence.
- **Date TBD** – Fusion's 22nd Annual Recitals, held at David Brearley High School in Kenilworth, NJ!



# Custom Birthday Parties

**ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGES AT  
INVITE-THE-WHOLE-CLASS PRICES.**



*"The staff had every detail planned out perfectly, and the kids were kept busy the whole time! On our end, we really only had to show up and enjoy the day!"*

- JESSICA W



## SUMMER

### Camps & Classes



**2026 CAMP DATES & THEMES  
WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE  
FALL. BE READY TO REGISTER  
EARLY BEFORE SPOTS FILL!**



SEASON ✕ SINCE 2004  
SINCE 2004 ✕ 22ND SEA  
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EASON ✕ SINCE 2004 ✕ 2  
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