



HANDBOOK

SEPTEMBER 2023 - JUNE 2024



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FUSION DANCE CENTRE PROGRAMS BY AGE

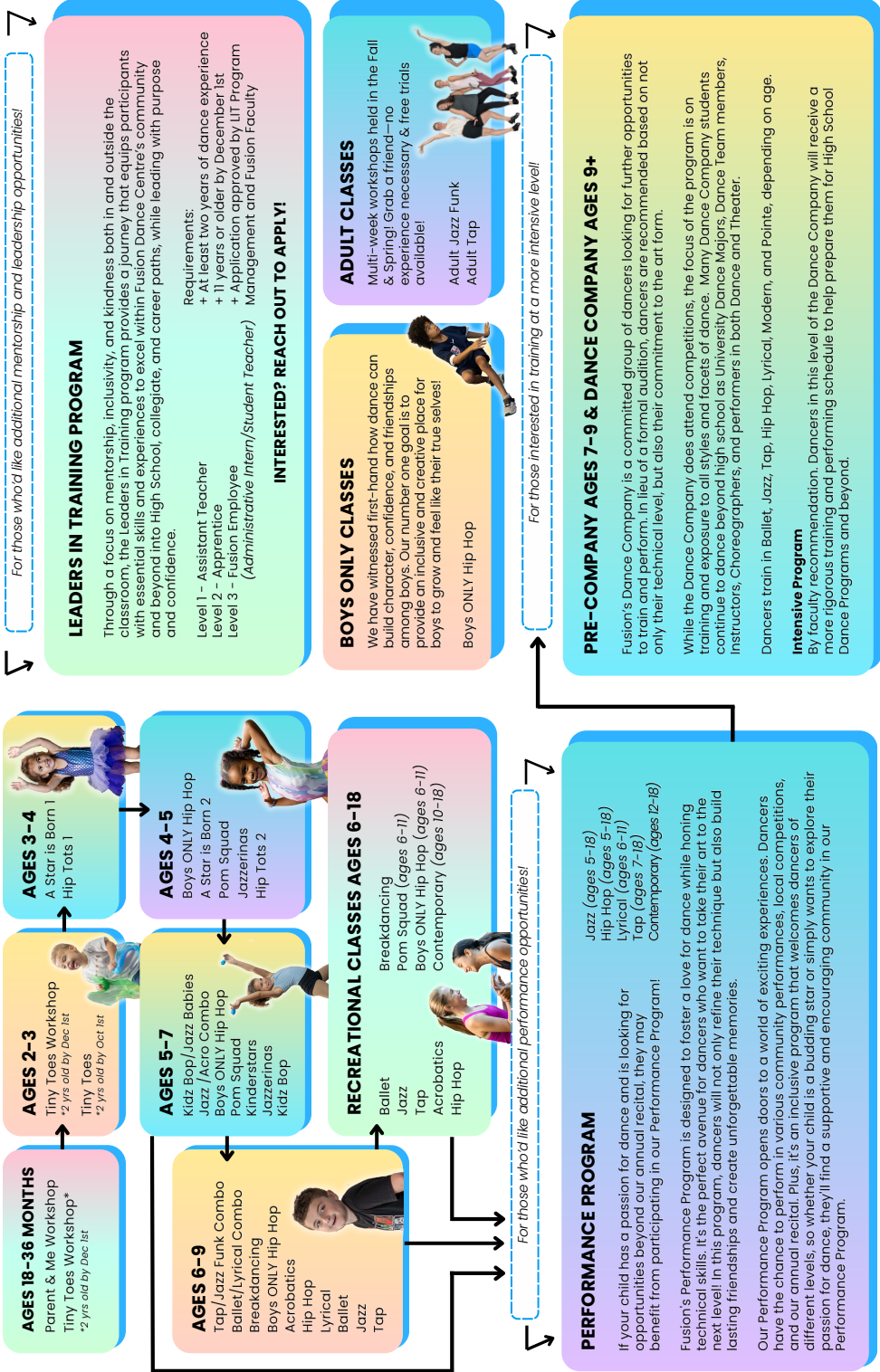


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Hello, Fusion Families!

Welcome to our 20th Season of Dance!

We are thrilled to have you embark on this milestone 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 easy place ensures you can easily navigate your child'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

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☎ (908) 620-1000

Office Hours:

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

Sa 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 tuition payment 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 by some chance the payment fails, you've got until the 10th of the month to complete your tuition payment. After the 10th, a \$15 late fee will be added to your account.
- Recital Costume Payments will be charged on October 15th. You will be notified of the price prior to being charged. Costumes are a one-time payment and include the costume, a pair of tights, and all the accessories!
- For participating Performance Program and Dance Company dancers, Installment Payments will be automatically charged on 9/15, 10/15, 1/15, and 2/15.

Withdrawals & Cancellations

- To withdraw from a class you must notify us at 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, Costume Payments, and Performance Program/Dance Company Installments are non-refundable.

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!

Shoes, dance wear, and Fusion-logo items are available at the Fusion Boutique for your convenience!

HAIR



Ballet, Jazz, Modern, and Lyrical classes:

Hair must be pulled off the face and in a BUN.

All other classes:

Hair must be pulled off the face and in a PONYTAIL.

DRESS



Fusion's Dress Code varies by class and by age. Please use the QR code below to view your dancer's. 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.**



View 20th 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 20th Anniversary water bottles and Auto-Top bottles for kids available at the Fusion Boutique!*



Dancers should be dropped off no more than five minutes prior to the start of class. Upon arrival, dancers should change into their dance shoes 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 turn back 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.*



Please do not unsubscribe to our email and text message reminders or mark as spam. If you have unique communication needs, please speak to the office.



Make sure to grab a *FREE Proud to be a Fusion Dancer* car magnet from the office in order to participate in our monthly tuition giveaway (\$75 value). As our Team spots you with the car magnet around Union County, we will enter your license plate number into our monthly drawing! Winner announced on the 15th of the month before.

20TH SEASON CALENDAR

Fusion's calendar has inclement weather closings allotted for each day of the week. If we go beyond the allotted closings, make-up classes will be scheduled.

As a reminder, Fusion's tuition is calculated based on the full dance season and broken down into 9.5 "monthly" payments.

SEPTEMBER

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Mon, Sep 11th

First Day of Classes

Mon, Sep 25th

Closed, Yom Kippur

Tues, Oct 31st

Closed, Halloween

NOVEMBER

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Tues, Nov 7th – Sun, Nov 12th

Closed, Election Day/Teacher Convention

Tues, Nov 21st – Sun, Nov 26th

Closed, Thanksgiving

JANUARY

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Wed, Dec 20th – Tues, Jan 2nd

Closed, Winter Break

Mon, Jan 15th

Closed, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wed, Feb 14th – Mon, Feb 20th

Closed, President's Day Recess

MARCH

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Tues, Mar 26th – Sun, Apr 7th

Closed, Spring Break

Mon, Apr 22nd – Tues, Apr 23rd

Closed, Passover

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Fri, May 24th – Mon, May 27th

Closed, Memorial Day Weekend

Spring TBD

Dress Rehearsal

Fri, June 7th – Sun, June 9th

20th Annual Recital

20TH SEASON EVENTS

SAT, SEP 23RD



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SAT, OCT 28TH



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SUN, OCT 29TH



FREE W/RSVP

SAT, DEC 9TH



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SUN, DEC 10TH



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SAT, JAN 20TH



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SAT, MAR 9TH



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SUN, MAR 10TH



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SAT, APR 20TH



FREE W/RSVP

SAT, MAY 5TH



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SAY YES TO
ALL THE FUN—
RSVP NOW!



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 is 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** – 2024 Recital Schedules & 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
- **June 7th–9th** – 20th Annual Recital, David Brearley HS



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



FUSION SUMMER CAMP

2024 CAMP DATES & THEMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN FEBRUARY. BE READY TO REGISTER EARLY BEFORE SPOTS FILL!



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