



PARENT HANDBOOK

23RD SEASON
SEPTEMBER 2026 – JUNE 2027

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FUSION DANCE CENTRE PROGRAMS BY AGE

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

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.fusiondance/nhsda

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!

Ballet
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.

AGES 3-4

A Star is Born 1
Hip Tots 1

AGES 4-5

A Star is Born 2
Pom Squad
Jazzerinas
Hip Tots 2

AGES 2-3

Tiny Toes
2 yrs old by Oct 1st

AGES 5-7

Kidz Bop/Jazz Babies
Acrobatics
Pom Squad
Kinderstars
Jazzerinas
Kidz Bop
K-Pop

RECREATIONAL CLASSES AGES 10-18

Contemporary
Lyrical (ages 10-11)
K-Pop (ages 10-12)
Pom Squad (ages 10-12)
Boys ONLY Hip Hop (ages 10-12)

AGES 18-36 MONTHS

Parent & Me

AGES 6-9

Tap/Jazz Funk Combo
Ballet/Lyrical Combo
Breakdancing
Boys ONLY Hip Hop
Acrobatics
Pom Squad
Hip Hop
Lyrical
Ballet
Jazz
Tap
K-Pop

PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

If your child loves dance and wants performance opportunities beyond our annual recital, Fusion's Performance Program may be the perfect fit!

Dancers strengthen their technique, build friendships, and create lasting memories while performing at community events, local competitions, and our annual recital. Open to dancers of varying levels, the program offers a supportive environment to grow and explore their passion for dance.

CLUB FDC

For Fusion Dancers Taking 3+ Classes! Club FDC celebrates dancers who make Fusion a big part of their week! Open to dancers ages 6+, members receive age-based perks such as exclusive Fusion gear, boutique discounts, special workshops, performance opportunities, event tickets and more. Club FDC includes three levels: Level 1 (ages 6-10), Level 2 (ages 11-13), and Level 3 (ages 14+). Learn more at www.fusiondance.clubfdc

For those who'd like additional performance opportunities!

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Hello, Fusion Families!

Welcome to our 23rd 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

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Office Hours:

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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, MasterCard, or Discover card saved on file. We will automatically process your monthly tuition installments on the first of every month. If you prefer to pay with cash, check, or another card, simply do so before the first 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 10th 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 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. No make-ups after May 1st due to Recital preparations. Limit 5 make-ups per class.
- 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 23rd 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 is available in 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.*

23RD SEASON CALENDAR

Our calendar ensures **each 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.

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Mon, Sep 14th
First Day of Classes

Mon, Sep 21st
Closed, Yom Kippur

Tues, Nov 3rd – Sun, Nov 8th
Closed, Election Day/Teacher Convention Week

November						
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Tues, Nov 24th – Sun, Nov 29th
Closed, Thanksgiving Break

Tues, Dec 22nd – Sun, Jan 3rd
Closed, Winter Break

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Mon, Jan 18th
Closed, Martin Luther King Jr Day

Wed, Feb 10th – Tues, Feb 16th
Closed, Presidents' Day Recess

Mon, Mar 22nd – Tues, Mar 30th
Closed, Spring Break

March						
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Wed, Apr 21st – Thurs, Apr 22nd
Closed, Fusion Teacher Professional Development

Spring, Dates to Be Announced
Recital Dress Rehearsals & Photos

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Mon, May 31st
Closed, Memorial Day

Spring, Dates to Be Announced
Fusion's 23rd Annual Recitals
David Brearley High School,
Kenilworth, NJ

SCHEDULE / TUITION FAQ

Why does each month's installment cost the same, even when some months have fewer classes?

Tuition for the full season is divided into 9.5 equal installments, so you always know what's due — no matter how many classes fall in a given month.

23RD SEASON EVENTS

SAT, AUG 29TH



SAT, SEPT 26



SAT, OCT 24TH



SUN, OCT 25TH



*HELD INDOORS FOR
SAFETY AND EXTRA FUN!

SAT, JAN 23RD



FRI, FEB 12TH



SAT, APR 17TH



Fusion events are for everyone—come join the fun, make new friends and create memories that last.

**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 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 & FIT SERVICE

Payment due October 15. Your dancer's costume cost will be emailed before your account is charged.

Includes the costume, required tights or socks and accessories, plus measuring, size selection, steaming, fittings, all alterations, exchanges and stage-ready preparation.

Preschool Classes: \$125

All Other Classes: \$135–\$175

Payments are non-refundable.

Costumes cannot be ordered without payment; late orders may incur additional shipping fees. *Questions? Please contact 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** – 2027 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. Our team steams, bags, and organizes with brand new tights/socks, accessories, and labels before distributing 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 23rd Annual Recitals, held at David Brearley High School in Kenilworth, NJ!

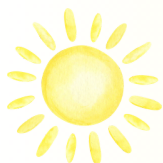
Custom Birthday Parties

**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



**2027 CAMP DATES & THEMES WILL
BE ANNOUNCED IN THE FALL.**

BE READY TO REGISTER EARLY!



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