

2025-2026 Dancer/Parent Contract

Please read the following information thoroughly!



I. The Dancing School is committed to maintaining an accepting, non-competition, and family-friendly atmosphere. We do not tolerate bullying or intolerance of any kind. We want all dancers and families to feel welcome and comfortable in our studio and functions. If at any time, we feel like an individual is violating these ideals and disrupting the atmosphere, they will be asked to withdraw with no refunds given.

II. Monthly Lesson Payments are due on the first lesson of the month for the entire month. There are nine tuition payments total per season; registration in a class is for the entire season unless previously discussed with Miss Jillie. No credit will be given for student absences. September lessons are combined with June to equal one month, to be paid in September. You may pay with:

- Exact cash in an envelope marked with name of student, amount and description of payment in the **indoor** studio mailbox.

- Check marked with name of student, amount, and description of payment in the **indoor** studio mailbox, no envelope needed. Make checks payable to: The Dancing School

- Using the online portal system at thedancingschool.biz. This system takes multiple types of payments including cards and automatically incurs a 5% processing fee.

The password to access the portal for this season is TDS2025

If you pay the entire year by October 4th, you will receive a \$20 discount. Throughout the year, you may be subject to additional rehearsal/recital fees as they arise. No payments are to be made to the outdoor mailbox. Late payments may be subject to a \$15 late fee

III. Costume Deposits are due by December 12, 2025. Same methods of payment are available, just detail which funds are being allocated to which payment. Costume deposits may be paid all at once, or in smaller payments from September-December. Costume deposits may not be full payment for all costume fees, and remaining balances are totaled and due in spring. Additional costume fees may be added after the deadline. Payments made to the original deposit made after the due date may be subject to a \$15 late fee. Fundraisers go towards costumes.

IV. A single \$5 rehearsal fee is due per family in June to cover the cost of rehearsal space. All fees, tuition, and costume payments must be paid in full for a dancer to be allowed to perform.

V. Health- Students are expected to stay home from class if they are sick or exposed to any contagious illness. It is mandatory that each student bring their own individual water bottle for class. There is a bottle filler in the studio. If any major health concern arises in the community, it will be assessed per health department guidelines.

VI. Attendance- Dancers **must** be at 70% of classes and all mandatory rehearsals following the first of the year to be able to participate in recital. Dancers **must** sign in each week to maintain accurate attendance records. Dancers with excessive absences may be required to pay a fee for a private lesson to continue participation. This ensures success and fairness for all dancers.

VII. Etiquette- students and families are expected to be respectful to The Dancing School employees, other dancers, and families, and patrons of the Plaza. No one may sit in the studio during class. The waiting room must be QUIET; the number of people waiting must be kept to a minimum. No unmonitored children that are not waiting for a class or ride may be left in the waiting room- including friends and siblings. No street shoes on the dance floor. Please avoid arriving excessively early and pick up children promptly. TDS staff will do their best to monitor class changes but it is a parent's responsibility to ensure that students enter and exit the studio safely. Parents who plan to stay during their dancers' class should park in the center/far parking spaces. The spaces directly in front of the door are for drop off and pick up only. No parking in handicap spaces without an appropriate permit. No dancer is permitted to wait outside. Restrooms are for dancers only, no disruptions will be allowed during class. Students must check in upon arrival by sanitizing hands, marking themselves "here" and taking any papers addressed to them. Announcements will be listed on the sign-in board.

VIII. Gold- "Gold" is an incentive system. When a dancer meets a goal, or goes above and beyond during class, a teacher may tell them to put their name on a piece of "gold." Once a month, two dancers will be drawn to win a prize. Previous gold winners can win again this year!

IX. Solos are offered to juniors and seniors only. Due to staff/rehearsal cost, a one-time solo fee of \$100 is due per soloist by November 25.

X. Schedule- Your child is expected to be on time to class at their designated time in their proper attire. Lessons meet every week unless otherwise noted. No credit will be given for tardiness or absence. Dancers not properly dressed may be asked to sit and watch class.

***If a student must miss class, a family member **must** text Miss Jilli at (330) 501-3447 or through the Remind app no more than one hour before the class start time.**

*In the event that a class is canceled, you will be notified via Remind, and information will be posted on the social media pages. You **will not** receive an individual call or text. School cancellation **does not** imply dance cancellation.

*Lessons begin the week of **September 15, 2025** unless otherwise communicated.
No lessons on the following days (subject to change):

| <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> |
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| | | | | October 31* |
| | | November 26 | November 27 | November 28 |
| December 22 | December 23 | December 24 | December 25 | December 26 |
| December 29 | December 30 | December 31 | January 1 | January 2 |
| | | | | April 3 |
| April 6 | April 7 | April 8 | | |
| May 25 | | | | |

Mandatory -Text @dancinggg to 81010 to receive reminders for the studio!

Event Weeks! Subject to change. More information will be provided.

Watch Week- Parents can come watch class! October 13-17

Halloween Costume Week- Wear Halloween costumes! October 24, and 27-30

Bring a "Dude" to Dance Day- November 19-21, 24-25

Holiday Party- Wear pajamas! December 15-19

Bring "Ma'am" to Dance Day- March 27, March 30-31, April 1-2

Beach Party- Bring a beach towel and sunglasses! June 1-5

Mandatory Important 2026 Dates- must attend all to perform in recital

Tuesday, May 27 - Finale Practice (Location TBA) Subject to change

Tuesday, June 9 - Dress Rehearsal @ Packard Music Hall - TBA

Thursday, June 11- Spacing Rehearsal (Location TBA)

Friday, June 12 - Recital @ Packard Music Hall

TDS intends to host "The Beat," which is late February or early March. We are also hoping to participate in a YSU basketball game, perform at Shepherd of the Valley nursing home, and possible other events. More information will be provided as soon as it is available.

IV. Dress code- dancers **MUST** adhere to the following dress code for their own professionalism and safety. Please put names on all shoes and bags. Your classes are highlighted. Dancers not properly dressed will not be allowed to participate.

Ballet/Pointe- **leotard only** with supportive undergarments. Tights, tight shorts, skirts, or leggings permitted but optional. Hair tied back in a bun or ponytail. No tops are permitted to be worn over the leotard. **Split sole pink ballet slippers, strings tucked in, and pointe shoes** for pointe.

Acro/Tumbling- **leotard** or **tight-fitting dancewear**, including leggings, tight shorts, tight tanks, or tops, or dancewear bra top. Hair tied back in a bun or ponytail. No baggy shirts or pants, sweatpants, sweatshirts, hoodies, jeans, or jeggings. **Bare feet. *It is unsafe to tumble in improper attire**

Combo Classes/Tap/Musical Theater/Baton- **leotard** or **tight-fitting dancewear**, including leggings, tight shorts, tight tanks or tops, or dancewear bra top. Hair tied back in a bun or ponytail. No baggy shirts or pants, sweatpants, sweatshirts, hoodies, jeans, or jeggings. **Black tap shoes, Split sole pink ballet slippers with no strings, black u-buckle character shoes for musical theater, nude canvas half soles for baton**

Jazz/Lyrical/Modern- **leotard** or **tight-fitting dancewear**, including leggings, tight shorts, tight tanks or tops, or dancewear bra top. Hair tied back in a bun or ponytail. No baggy shirts or pants, sweatpants, sweatshirts, hoodies, jeans or jeggings. **Nude canvas half-sole shoes. Bare feet for modern.**

Hip-Hop- **non-restrictive dancewear** including leotards, leggings, shorts, tanks, t-shirts, dancewear bra tops, sweatpants. Hair tied back in a bun or ponytail. No hoodies, jeans, or jeggings. Hip hop dress code is not acceptable for other classes. **Black high top sneakers- the same as last year.** Sneakers must ONLY be worn for dance class and must not be worn outside. These shoes can be donated for other students to wear. New shoe orders will be placed in December.

Boys- **non-restrictive dancewear** including pants, shorts, tees, or tanks. No hoodies, jeans, or jeggings. Appropriate shoes for class. **Black tap shoes** for tap. **Black high top sneakers** for hip hop. Hip hop shoes will be ordered as part of costume if necessary. Sneakers must not be worn outside.

No jeans, dangling jewelry, or gum during any classes as a safety precaution. Hair cannot be down.