



# Absolute Dance

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Welcome to the Absolute Dance Family!

You are registering for a spot in our dance program starting in September with regular classes ending in May. We reserve the first week in June for Recital Madness – a week of rehearsals leading up to our show in June. (Recital Date TBD). You and/or your child are responsible for that spot and the tuition until the end of the current season. The monthly installments are based on the yearly tuition divided into 10 monthly payments. The first and tenth payments, along with your \$50 registration fee, are due upon registration. This means your last payment is due no later than May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please read the conditions below. If you have any questions, ask for assistance before signing the registration form.

**Registration Fee:** A non-refundable fee of \$50 per dancer, as well as full tuition for the first and tenth payments **MUST BE SUBMITTED** at the time of registration. The registration fee includes a 2017 Absolute Dance Recital T-shirt that will be in at a later date. There is a spot to indicate desired size on your registration form. This registration fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

**Monthly tuition:** Please make all checks payable to Absolute Dance. There will be a service charge of \$35.00 for every returned or NSF check. If two (2) checks are returned, Absolute Dance will no longer accept checks and other means of payment will be required immediately. We are working to set up automatic payments using credit, debit, or bank account. Please look for future notification.

We have taken the yearly tuition and divided it into 10 equal monthly installments September – June. You are responsible for each of the 10 installments. Your spot in a class is not guaranteed unless you have paid tuition for that month. Due to the increasing demand for classes, we will no longer hold a spot without payment. Tuition is due on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. A \$10.00 late fee will be applied to all accounts not paid by end of business on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Your first and tenth tuition installments is due at registration. You will receive a 10% discount if paid in full by the start of classes.

The 2016/2017 dance season tuition rate is based on a class being 45 minutes. Hour classes are considered 1 where 1.25 hour classes are considered 2 (Tech Ballet classes):

1 = 50.00	5 = 175.00	9 = 295.00	13 = 415.00
2 = 85.00	6 = 205.00	10 = 325.00	14 = 445.00
3 = 115.00	7 = 235.00	11 = 355.00	15 = 475.00
4 = 145.00	8 = 265.00	12 = 385.00	16 = 505.00

**Dropping a class:** If you discontinue class for any reason, it is your responsibility to inform Absolute Dance, IN WRITING. Notice of dismissal received any time of the month requires payment for the following month's tuition. All other months paid will be refunded within 30 days. **There will be no refunds for classes after December 31, 2016 for any reason!**

**Financial Difficulties:** Please communicate with us if you are having financial difficulties. Payment plans can be arranged if necessary. Should tuition payments ever fall behind two months or more, students will not be allowed into the classroom until payments are current.

**A PINK CHRISTMAS:** Each class will participate in our Holiday Show on a Saturday TBD, with proceeds benefitting breast cancer research. There will be an additional costume fee for each class your dancer is enrolled in. We have selected costumes that can be worn in the classroom post performance. Many of the costume pieces remain the same year to year. This means that you may not always have to buy every costume new! Returning dancers must bring their costumes in for the front desk to approve before they can be exempted from buying a new piece. Please see A Pink Christmas letter for further details (to be passed out by the end of September.)

**Costume:** Each year we will have a recital in June. There is an \$85.00 costume fee /class due by November 16, 2016 All costumes not paid for by November 14<sup>th</sup> are considered late and will be \$100.00. Any costume NOT paid for by December 1<sup>st</sup> may not arrive in time for pictures or the recital, as well as the payment for tights (\$10.50/per pair) will be due December 1<sup>st</sup>. Your instructor will select a costume that is most appropriate for your group. You must also have the proper shoes for your class. Please let Absolute Dance know if you choose not to participate in the June recital, and we will not order you a costume. **Costume deposits are non-transferable and non-refundable.** If you withdraw from a class you are still responsible for complete payment of that costume.

**Picture Day:** Each year in the spring we will have Picture Weekend. Group pictures are mandatory and Individual photos will be taken. Prices, final dates, and times to be posted at a later date.

**Class Placement:** Class placement is at the discretion of the teachers. If you are a returning student we will place you accordingly. New students will be placed according to age first and ability second. If your placement is incorrect, we will move you accordingly.

BEGINNER – this level is for dancers with 0 – 3 years experience.  
INTERMEDIATE – this level is for dancers with 3 – 6 years experience  
ADVANCED – this level is for dancers with 5+ years experience

### Expectations

Parents are expected to be at the studio as soon as their child's class is dismissed. If you are running late, please call 757.875.0550. Parents are also responsible for their child at any community event.

We ask that if you are waiting for your child in the lobby that you **DO NOT ALLOW YOUR OTHER CHILDREN TO RUN AROUND AND BE LOUD**. We have had too many disturbances in the past. Please keep your children occupied, quiet and out of the walkways.

Regular attendance is important to the students' and class' progress. However, a student may make-up a missed class by attending an extra class comparable to their own within 4 weeks of their absence. Perfect attendance will be recognized at the end of the dance year. (This does not include students enrolling after September 30<sup>th</sup>.)

Students are expected to be attentive and respectful in their classes. Inappropriate behavior will be discussed with the student and parent. If necessary, young students may have parents in the room during the first week or two. Observing the class at other times is not allowed. (Students often become distracted if others are in the room.) We want to keep the students comfortable so they will do their best. We will have a special parents' observation week and a Costume Week in the spring.

Email is our primary mode of communication, so please be sure to provide an address you check regularly on your registration form. Please read email carefully, as it is the quickest means of communicating with all of the parents at once. We will also have information posted on the bulletin boards in the lobby or on the doors. Notes and memos may be sent home with students, so please check your dancer's bag regularly. **YOU MAY FIND IT HELPFUL TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE INFORMATION BOARD, IN OUR LOBBY, AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK. ☺**

### SAFETY

- Gum, food and drinks are not allowed in the dance rooms.
- Jewelry is not allowed during class.
- Students must wait inside the lobby for their parents after class.
- Please reinforce to your children that if you are not there at the end of class to stay with the receptionist.
- Running is not allowed. Dancers must be extra cautious while wearing tap shoes.
- No one is allowed in the dance room without an instructor who is prepared to start class.
- Dance shoes are not to be worn outside, except for special performances. Outside shoes are not to be worn in the dance rooms.
- Each parent is responsible for his or her child at any community event.

### Class Attire

In order for the teachers to ensure proper placement and technique, students must be dressed properly for class. If your child is not in the appropriate attire they will not be able to take their class. Hair must be secured either in a ponytail, braids or preferably, a bun. A bun is required for all ballet classes. Dance shoes must have names in them and may be worn indoors only. Dance shoes & dancewear can be purchased at our studio store, Absolute Dancewear.

Combination Classes - For students ages 3&4, 4&5 and 5&6. The hour-long class consists of tap and ballet or tap and jazz. The young dancers really enjoy the variety and are introduced to two (2) forms of dance. Attire: Solid color leotard, solid color tights, pink ballet shoes and black buckle patent leather tap shoes. Above the knee ballet skirts are allowed. **NO FORMER DANCE COSTUMES ALLOWED.**

- Ballet - Students will learn bar work, center floor and traveling exercises. Emphasis is on body alignment, musicality and terminology. Attire: Solid BLACK leotard, solid ballet pink tights, pink leather ballet slippers. Above the knee ballet skirts are allowed. **Hair must be in a bun.** No tanks, tees, pants or shorts allowed! Only proper ballet skirts and leotards will be acceptable.
- Lyrical - A combination of Ballet and Jazz techniques that uses the natural flow of the body while dancing to traditional and contemporary music. Attire: Solid color leotard, suntan, black or pink tights, and tan pedini shoes or foot thongs (depends on level)
- Jazz - These classes are for dancers age 5 and older. This class focuses on jazz dancing, while incorporating flexibility, strength and proper dance technique. Attire: Solid leotard, black, pink or suntan tights or jazz pants and tan or black split-sole jazz bootie (ask the desk).
- Tap - These classes are for dancers of all ages, concentrating on basic exercises, precision and strong rhythmic skills. Attire: Solid leotard, black, pink or suntan tights or jazz pants and black or tan tap boots or black Mary Janes (ask the desk).
- Hip-Hop - Hip-Hop classes are for dancers age 8 and older. Hip-Hop is a "street style" type of dance which does not incorporate strict dance technique. Attire: Dance top and baggy pants or jazz pants, black jazz sneakers.
- Contemporary - This style employs systems and methods found in modern dance as well as ballet and Jazz. You will be expected to dance out of your comfort zone for beautiful musicality. Solid leotard and black, pink or suntan tights with booty shorts and bare feet.
- Adult Classes - Beginning level classes are available in tap, ballet and jazz. Please wear comfortable workout gear. Appropriate footwear for each discipline is required.

**WE PREFER YOU BUY YOUR DANCE SHOES AT ABSOLUTE DANCE. THAT WAY YOU WILL BE GUARENTEED A GREAT FIT AND THE PROPER SHOE FOR RECITAL! IF YOUR SHOE IS WRONG YOU MUST PURCHASE THE CORRECT SHOE FROM ABSOLUTE DANCE FOR RECITAL!** Please do not wear dance shoes outside. *This will ruin your shoes and scratch the dance floors!*