

LEAPING, LOVING, SMILING AND DANCING

SPENCER YMCA STUDIO OF DANCE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Here at the Spencer YMCA Studio of Dance, it's not just about our end of the year show. We want our dancers to focus on creativity and technique. Our instructors provide a comprehensive approach, considering each dancer's individual needs. Students may choose from Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip-Hop, Pom, and Company Team. Our methods allow them to reach progressive skill levels so they can advance each year. Welcome to all girls and boys ages 2yr old through high school!

When do classes start? When should we show up? What time is my dancer's class?

Dance classes start on Tuesday, September 5th. We recommend showing up approximately 5-10 minutes early on the first night of class. The dance schedule for the season is posted on our website www.spencerymca.org/dance.php, our Facebook page, and on our bulletin board in the commons area.

What should my child wear to class on the first night?

For your first class it is fine for your dancer to just wear comfortable tight fitted clothing and bare feet if he or she does not have proper dance shoes and dancewear, yet. You can then purchase the proper dancewear and shoes for your specific class once you are enrolled. The YMCA Studio of Dance has sizing kits available to help get the perfect fit for shoes. We also have tights and leotard ordering available. If your dancer needs to order shoes, please let the staff know when you enter the building on your first night of class as we will be handling this that night.

Is there a Dress Code? Why does my child have to conform to a specific dress code?

For proper dance education, it is important that all students dress in the appropriate attire for each specific class. Ballet, in particular, involves very detailed body movements and placement. Having all students dressed to a standard makes it possible for the instructor to more easily notice incorrect positions and movements to make the appropriate corrections before any "bad habits" are formed. Dress codes also promote focus and a stronger work ethic in class to ensure your dancer is getting the most out of his or her dance classes!

The Dress Code may be found on our website if there are specific questions about what your child should wear to class.

What is my monthly tuition fee? When is it due?

For the convenience of our families and to ensure continuous financial support of our dance program, fees will be withdrawn from your checking or savings account on a monthly basis by ACH, Debit Card or Credit Card. Fees will be withdrawn on the 10th of each month starting in September with the final draft in May. All tuition, costume deposits and fees are nonrefundable. A \$25 fee will be applied for any NSF transaction. You may also pay in full. Please contact the Dance Director or the YMCA's Business Service Department for billing questions.

Can I watch my child's dance class?

Class observation will be limited. This rule is in place so dance classes go uninterrupted. If parents want pictures of class or want to observe their child, please ask in advance for instructor's approval. We don't want a distraction to students. Our studio is equipped with closed-circuit video cameras to allow parents to observe class when it is convenient for them.

Friends and siblings are welcome to attend dance classes during Bring-A-Friend week. However, all other classes are intended for registered students ONLY. Friends and siblings should observe from the lobby only and should not enter the classroom while class is in session.

Can my child bring water or a drink? How about a snack?

Please bring a water bottle to class for drink breaks!!! Water is necessary for dancers to stay hydrated during class. It takes time away from our learning when we have to take drink breaks at the fountains. Food and pop are not allowed in the studio classrooms. Healthy snacks may be consumed during breaks and in between classes. Please do not allow your child to bring messy food items.

What is the class format on the first night? Will the student's be participating in a regular dance class? What should we expect?

Just like any other educational facility, it is beneficial to the students and parents, as well as the staff, to become acclimated to their new surroundings, new schedules, etc. Our first night of class will serve as an orientation night where we will introduce the instructor and other students in the class, discuss the rules and expectations, and finally – DANCE! The first night of classes is a great time for instructors to evaluate their class.

Can we still register for other classes? Are discounts available for multiple classes?

Class registration is open until a class is completely full or until December 1st. There is only a discount available to members of the YMCA. There are scholarship applications available at the front desk for those who need assistance. Our tuition fees can be found on our website, but when in doubt – contact our office!

If you have any other questions or concerns, please discuss them with the Dance Director when it does not interfere with class. We are always interested in improving our dance program and every suggestion will be taken into consideration.

For more information or questions, please contact the YMCA Dance Director, Erin Elliott at 712-262-3782 or email eelliott@spencerymca.org.

