



Thrive: The Essence of Dance LLC  
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## STUDENT HANDBOOK

*“We do not settle for mediocrity, but rather aspire passionately to reach our personal potential; that is, to Thrive. This is the essence of dance.”*

### A. General Information:

#### 1. Class Levels and Placement:

Class placement is determined by an evaluation. Certain technical expectations according to the Thrive standard must be met in order to progress to the next level; no matter how many years of training one might have. Levels are by technical proficiency and not by age. Students will be individually placed in classes that best suit their personal needs. These decisions are made in the best interest of the dancers to create a solid technical foundation. Dancers should expect repetition as a cornerstone to advancement.

### B. Dress Code:

#### 1. Dancewear:

- ✚ **CREATIVE MOVEMENT:** Black or pink leotard, pink tights, pink LACE FREE ballet shoes.
- ✚ **COMBINATION:** Black leotard, pink tights pink LACE FREE ballet shoes, black LACE FREE tap shoes.
- ✚ **BALLET:** Levels 1-5: Black leotard, pink tights, split-sole ballet shoes.
- ✚ **OTHER CLASSES:** Ballet attire or black tight fitted clothing- nothing loose or baggy.
- ✚ **HIP-HOP:** Open dress-code, please use discretion.

#### 2. Hair:

Hair must be sprayed back securely in a bun so it does not fall out and disrupt the class for ALL classes except hip-hop.

### C. Tuition, Payments, & Refunds:

#### 1. Payment Options:

- a. **Payment in full:** By September 10<sup>th</sup> (5% discount).
- b. **Two Installments:** One at time of registration and one February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c. **Monthly Auto-Pay:** (September-June): With your authorization, 10 payments will be automatically charged to your debit or credit card through our encrypted auto-pay processing system. Please see attached form. Cash or checks are *not* accepted for monthly payments.



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**2. Non-Sufficient Funds Policy:**

Accounts with insufficient funds will incur a \$25 fee. Students whose accounts are not up-to-date will not be able to participate in classes, performances, or receive costumes until the account is brought current.

**3. Refund Policy:**

Refunds will be granted up until October 12<sup>th</sup> less the cost of one month's tuition. You are responsible for the full year's tuition thereafter; whether or not student decides to withdraw.

**4. Referral Credits:**

Current Thrive dancers are eligible to receive \$50 towards the following year's tuition for every referral that registers for one full year at Thrive. Referral credits are unlimited.

***2018-2019 Dance Class Rates***

1 Class Weekly (45 min.- 1 hr.): \$600/year	75-90 Minute Class: \$800/year
2 Classes Weekly (45 min.- 1 hr.): \$1150/year	Drop-in (45 min. - 1 hr.): \$22/per class
3 Classes Weekly (45 min.- 1 hr.): \$1650/year	Drop-in (75 - 90 min.): \$25/per class
4 Classes Weekly (45 min.- 1 hr.): \$2200/year	<b><i><u>CREATIVE MOVEMENT \$99/Session!!!</u></i></b>
5 Classes Weekly (45 min.- 1 hr.): \$2600/year	Private Lessons: \$65/HR
Unlimited: \$3000/year	Private Voice: \$55/HR; \$30/ ½ HR
30 Minute Class: \$325/year	Adult Fitness: \$15/class; \$100 for 10

*\*Tuition remains the same regardless of absences and whether it is a long, five-week month or a short, three-week month. Tuition is per year– not per class!*

**D. Performance Fees:**

**✚ Nutcracker Fee**

All ballet classes will participate in our annual Nutcracker Ballet Performance. There is a \$110 (class) or a \$300 (lead/solo) fee which includes one costume RENTAL, extra rehearsals, choreography, and all associated administrative costs. Extra costume rentals will be priced at \$65/per costume for those in multiple classes/parts. \$60 deposits are due at the time of registration and balances are due by October 1st. The performance will be the first or second weekend in December.

**✚ Recital Fee**

All classes will participate in our year end recital. There is an \$80 per class recital fee which includes one costume. A 50% non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration, and balances are due in full by January 1<sup>st</sup>. The performance will be the first or second weekend in June.



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## E. General & Administrative:

### Thrive: The Essence of Dance - Policies & Code of Conduct:

- ❖ Bullying or gossiping will not be tolerated. Everyone is expected to be friendly, supportive, and welcoming to all of their peers and visitors in and outside of Thrive.
- ❖ Absolutely no cell phones, street shoes, food, or drink (other than water) in the classroom.
- ❖ Please arrive 15 minutes before class- students will not be allowed to take class 10 minutes after start time. Please do not text Persephonie minutes before class as she will not be able to respond.
- ❖ **Parents and Students:** Please do not interrupt teachers by phone or in person during class time. The best way to resolve an issue, question, or concern is to contact Persephonie via email.
- ❖ Disrespect to teachers or classmates will not be tolerated.
- ❖ Students and teachers shall not exchange personal contact information as this disrupts the professionalism and integrity of the student/teacher relationship.
- ❖ Students are not allowed to leave the building without written consent from a parent/guardian.
- ❖ We are a NUT-FREE environment.
- ❖ The best way to stay up to date with announcements, deadlines, and account information is via your account on Dance Studio Pro. Please email [office@thrivedancect.com](mailto:office@thrivedancect.com) with any questions.

*\*\*\*These rules have been implemented to make for a disciplined environment that facilitates optimal growth and concentration for the dancers.\*\*\**