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STUDENT HANDBOOK 2023-2024

"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. ****Ballet must be taken to enroll in a contemporary/lyrical class****

B. Dress Code:

1. Dancewear:

- **CREATIVE MOVEMENT:** Black or pink leotard, pink tights, pink LACE FREE ballet shoes.
- **COMBO CLASS:** Black leotard, pink tights pink LACE FREE ballet shoes, tan LACE FREE tap shoes.
- **BALLET:** Levels 1-7: Black leotard, pink tights, split-sole ballet shoes.
- **JAZZ:** Ballet attire or black form-fitted clothing and tan jazz shoes
- **OTHER CLASSES:** Ballet attire or black form-fitted clothing- nothing loose or baggy.
 - **TAP** (Levels 4+): Black tap shoes
- **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 August 1st (5% discount with check or cash).
- b. **Two Installments:** One at the time of registration and one on February 1st.
- 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. 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 12th less the cost of one month's tuition. You are responsible for the full year's tuition thereafter; whether or not the 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.

2023-2024 Dance Class Rates

1 Class Weekly: \$725/year	Drop-in (45 min. - 1 hr.): \$40/per class
2 Classes Weekly: \$1375/year	<u>CREATIVE MOVEMENT \$125/Session!!!</u>
3 Classes Weekly: \$1975/year	Private Lessons: \$80/HR
4 Classes Weekly: \$2600/year	
5 Classes Weekly: \$3000/year	
Unlimited: \$3250/year	

****Tuition remains the same regardless of absences. Tuition is per year not per class, and all holidays and days off are accounted for in the yearly price.****

D. Performance Fees:

- **Nutcracker Fee**

All ballet classes will participate in our annual Nutcracker Ballet Performance. There is a \$125 (class) or a \$325 (lead/solo) fee which includes one costume RENTAL, extra rehearsals, choreography, and all associated administrative costs. Extra costume rentals will be priced at \$70/per costume for those in multiple classes/parts.. 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 \$85 per class recital fee which includes one costume. Combo classes will have a \$170 recital fee as they will have two costumes/dances. All balances are due in full by January 1st. 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 with any questions.

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