



2020-2021

Classes Begin: September 21, 2020

Tentative Recital Week: June 14-19, 2021

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ABOUT THIS HANDBOOK

For 50 years, our school has been a leader in dance education. We believe that our success comes as a result of providing solid training and quality service, as well as our underlying belief in the strength of our organization. We have created this handbook to offer our students and parents a clear understanding of their commitments and responsibility to the school.

Mission Statement:

To impart the knowledge and training of traditional and contemporary dance forms and to foster a dance spirit that promotes personal growth, creativity, respect, responsibility, and teamwork within a caring and nurturing environment.

Key contact information for Fairport Dance Academy:

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Front Desk:	Emily Brainard

FAIRPORT DANCE ACADEMY | 2020-2021 CALENDAR

- 21 Classes Begin
21 **Tuition #1 Due**
(September 21-October 15)

SEPTEMBER 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

MARCH 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

- 1 **Tuition #6 Due**
(March 1-25)
15 Costume Rental Fees Due
29 **Tuition #7 Due**
(March 29-April 22)

- 19 **Tuition #2 Due**
(October 19-November 12)

OCTOBER 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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APRIL 2021						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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- 15 Recital Fees Due
26 **Tuition #8 Due**
(April 26-May 20)

- 2 Production Student Costume Deposit Due
16 **Tuition #3 Due**
(November 16-December 17)
23-26 Thanksgiving Break - CLOSED

NOVEMBER 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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MAY 2021						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- 24 **Tuition #9 Due**
(May 24-June 17)
31 Memorial Day-CLOSED
Monday students will be
Offered a make-up class
For this day

- 21 Winter Breaks Begins - CLOSED

DECEMBER 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

JUNE 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

- 14-19 Tentative Recital Week

- 4 Classes Resume
4 **Tuition #4 Due**
(January 4-28)
11 Costume Balances Due




JANUARY 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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JULY 2021						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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- Summer Schedule TBD

- 1 **Tuition #5 Due**
(February 1-25)

FEBRUARY 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

-  School Closed
 Tuition Due Date
 Additional Due Dates

HOW TO REGISTER:

Registration is now open: Please register as soon as possible as classes will fill quickly.

Classes begin September 21, 2020

- Registration is open through December for most classes.
- Toddler & Me and Creative Movement accept new students through May
- You may only register for classes that are in the appropriate age range.
- **Students must be the class age by October 1, 2020**
- Registration for an account with an outstanding balance will not be processed until the balance is paid.
- Students should not register for Ballet and Pointe on the same day of the week.

Online Registration:

- 1) Go to www.fairportdanceacademy.com
- 2) Select the "Registration" tab at the top of the web page and click on the link for online registration.
- 3) Either create a new account/student or select current student log in. Follow the prompts and be sure to fill in all information.
- 4) After you request your classes, we post the registration and tuition charges to your account and send you a confirmation. You can then log into your account and make your payment with a credit or debit card, or mail in your payment.

Mail-In Registration: Mail your completed registration form, along with your registration payment of \$25.00 per family, to the Fairport Dance Academy as soon as possible. Classes fill very quickly.

NEW FOR 2020-2021 SEASON:

Virtual participation is available for all classes via ZOOM. See page for details.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we will not be having our regular shoe fittings at the dance school. We have teamed up with Discount Dance Supply to create an online dance store for our required dance shoes. To visit our online dance shop visit: <https://bit.ly/3gq5vDd>

Students age 3-6 in Creative Movement and Ballet & Tap Combo Classes will receive hand props to take home and bring to class. They will be able to keep these props.

Students age 11-18 and Pro 2, 3, 4, 5 will be required to bring a yoga mat or large towel to all classes for stretch, floor barre, etc.

New "Class Materials" Section in you online account. See page 14-16 for details.

Possible "Spring Session" in 2021: New ballet, tap and jazz classes may be added to the schedule after February if the schedule permits. These classes would not participate in the recital, but will have a smaller informal performance.

All families must sign the Waiver of Liability and Media Release on page 24 in order to participate in classes.

2020-2021 CLASS SCHEDULE

CORE CLASSES: BALLET, TAP & JAZZ CLASSES

Age	Class	Day/Time	Class Length	Teacher
1-2	Toddler & Me	Tuesday 4:30-5:15 pm	45 minutes	Kelsey
3-4	Creative Movement	Tuesday 4:45-5:30 pm	45 minutes	Kelly
3-4	Creative Movement	Thursday 4:45-5:30 pm	45 minutes	Kelly
4-5	Ballet & Tap Combo age 4-5	Monday 4:30-5:30 pm	1 hour	Kelly
4-5	Ballet & Tap Combo age 4-5	Wednesday 4:30-5:30 pm	1 hour	Kelly
5-6	Ballet & Tap Combo age 5-6	Monday 4:30-5:30 pm	1 hour	Nicole
5-6	Ballet & Tap Combo age 5-6	Monday 5:30-6:30 pm	1 hour	Kelly
5-6	Ballet & Tap Combo age 5-6	Wednesday 4:30-5:30 pm	1 hour	Desiree
5-6	Ballet & Tap Combo age 5-6	Thursday 4:35-5:35 pm	1 hour	Brianna
7-8	Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo age 7-8	Monday 5:00-6:30 pm	1 ½ hours	Brianna
7-8	Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo age 7-8	Wednesday 5:30-7:00 pm	1 ½ hours	Kelly & Cheryl
7-8	Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo age 7-8	Thursday 4:30-6:00 pm	1 ½ hours	Desiree & Lauren
9-10	Ballet age 9-10	Monday 4:30-5:30 pm	1 hour	Desiree
9-10	Tap age 9-10	Monday 5:30-6:00 pm	30 minutes	Desiree
9-10	Jazz age 9-10	Monday 6:00-6:30 pm	30 minutes	Desiree
9-10	Ballet age 9-10	Thursday 5:40-6:40 pm	1 hour	Desiree
9-10	Tap age 9-10	Thursday 6:40-7:10 pm	30 minutes	Desiree
9-10	Jazz age 9-10	Thursday 7:10-7:40 pm	30 minutes	Desiree
11-13	Ballet age 11-13	Tuesday 5:20-6:20 pm	1 hour	Robin
11-13	Tap age 11-13	Tuesday 6:20-7:20 pm	1 hour	Robin
11-13	Jazz age 11-13	Tuesday 7:20-8:20 pm	1 hour	Kelly
11-13	Jazz age 11-13	Thursday 5:35-6:35 pm	1 hour	Brianna
11-13	Ballet age 11-13	Thursday 6:35-7:35 pm	1 hour	Lauren
11-13	Tap age 11-13	Thursday 7:35-8:35 pm	1 hour	Kelsey
14-18	Jazz age 14-18	Monday 6:30-7:30 pm	1 hour	Natalie
14-18	Ballet age 14-18	Monday 7:30-8:30 pm	1 hour	Kelsey
14-18	Tap age 14-18	Monday 8:30-9:30 pm	1 hour	Kelsey

ELECTIVE CLASSES

Age	Class	Day/Time	Class Length	Teacher
14-18	Belly Dance	Tuesday 6:35-7:35 pm	1 hour	Nicole
14-18	Belly Dance	Wednesday 8:30-9:30 pm	1 hour	Nicole
14-18	Belly Dance	Thursday 7:00-8:00 pm	1 hour	Nicole
13-18	Choreography	Wednesday 8:30-9:30 pm	1 hour	Erin
13-18	Contemporary	Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm	1 hour	Natalie
6-8	Hip Hop age 6-8	Wednesday 4:30-5:30 pm	1 hour	Rizpah
9-12	Hip Hop age 9-12	Tuesday 4:35-5:35 pm	1 hour	Rizpah
9-12	Hip Hop age 9-12	Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm	1 hour	Rizpah
13-18	Hip Hop age 13-18	Tuesday 5:35-6:35 pm	1 hour	Rizpah
11-13	Lyrical	Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm	1 hour	Kelly
14-18	Lyrical	Wednesday 7:30-8:30 pm	1 hour	Natalie
14-18	Lyrical	Thursday 8:00-9:00 pm	1 hour	Kelly
13-18	Modern	Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm	1 hour	Erin
13-16	Pointe 1 and Pointe 2	Tuesday 7:35-8:35 pm	1 hour	Lauren & Robin
17-18	2021 Senior Class	Thursday 8:00-9:00 pm	1 hour	Rick

ADULT CLASSES

Recital participation is not required
Additional Adult Classes may be added during the season.
If you have any Adult class requests, please let Nicole know.

Age	Class	Day/Time	Class Length	Teacher
ADULT	Adult Tap	Tuesday 7:35-8:35 pm	1 hour	Kelsey

PRODUCTION PROGRAM REQUIRED CLASSES

Classes for students enrolled in our competitive dance program
See Program Description on page

Age	Class	Day/Time	Class Length	Teacher
PRE-PRO	Pre-Production Ballet & Choreography	Tuesday 4:40-6:10 pm	1 ½ hours	Cheryl & Nicole
PRE-PRO	Pre-Production Tap & Jazz	Thursday 4:30-6:00 pm	1 ½ hours	Juliannah
PRO1	Pro 1 Ballet	Monday 5:30-6:30 pm	1 hour	Kelsey
PRO1	Pro 1 Jazz	Monday 6:30-7:30 pm	1 hour	Kelsey
PRO1	Pro 1 Tap	Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm	1 hour	Desiree
PRO2	Pro 2 Ballet	Tuesday 5:35-6:35 pm	1 hour	Kelsey
PRO2	Pro 2 Jazz	Tuesday 6:35-7:35 pm	1 hour	Kelsey
PRO2	Pro 2 Tap	Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm	1 hour	Kelsey
PRO3	Pro 3 Tap	Monday 6:30-7:30 pm	1 hour	Nicole
PRO3	Pro 3 Jazz	Monday 7:30-8:30 pm	1 hour	Natalie
PRO3	Pro 3 Ballet	Wednesday 7:30-8:30 pm	1 hour	Cheryl
PRO4	Pro 4 Ballet	Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm	1 hour	Cheryl
PRO4	Pro 4 Tap	Tuesday 7:30-8:30 pm	1 hour	Nicole
PRO4	Pro 4 Jazz	Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm	1 hour	Erin
PRO4	Pro 4 Modern	Wednesday 7:30-8:30 pm	1 hour	Erin
PRO5T	Pro 5T Ballet	Monday 7:30-8:30 pm	1 hour	Cheryl
PRO5T	Pro 5T Modern	Monday 8:30-9:30 pm	1 hour	Erin
PRO5T	Pro 5T Jazz	Thursday 7:00-8:00 pm	1 hour	Rick
PRO5T	Pro 5T Tap	Thursday 8:00-9:00 pm	1 hour	Nicole
PRO5W	Pro 5W Modern	Monday 7:30-8:30 pm	1 hour	Erin
PRO5W	Pro 5W Ballet	Monday 8:30-9:30 pm	1 hour	Cheryl
PRO5W	Pro 5W Tap	Wednesday 7:30-8:30 pm	1 hour	Nicole
PRO5W	Pro 5W Jazz	Wednesday 8:30-9:30 pm	1 hour	Natalie

PRODUCTION ELECTIVES

Age	Class	Day/Time	Class Length	Teacher
PRO5	Pro 5 Lyrical	Monday 6:30-7:30 pm	1 hour	Erin
PRO4/5	Pro 4/5 Pointe	Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm	1 hour	Cheryl

Class Attendance Policy

All students are expected to attend their regularly scheduled classes. Each class offers a step forward in the educational process. A missed class could leave a child one step behind the other students. It is important for children to feel completely confident with the choreography at the year-end performance. Missing class could result in frustration for the students and their teachers and classmates. **Please schedule your other activities around your scheduled class times.**

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & REQUIREMENTS:

Toddler & Me (Age 1 ½ -3 with Adult): This is the perfect introduction to movement and dance for your child. In this class, you and your child will learn to love dance together. Students and adults should wear comfortable clothes and bare feet or ballet shoes. This class has open enrollment throughout the school year. This class is open for registration September – May and does not participate in the recital. Last week of classes is May 17, 2021

Creative Movement (Ages 3-4) Is a Pre-Ballet and Modern dance program that offers a new experience for the young child in learning body awareness, self-assurance, self-esteem, coordination, flexibility, and more! Pre-Ballet technique, skipping, leaping and movement concepts like: fast/slow, high/ low, etc. and fun class themes like: “Beach Day” or “Seasons” that tie the classes together. This class does not participate in the recital. There are 2 informal “performances” for friends and family at the dance school. Usually in December and May. This class is open for registration September-May and does not participate in the recital. Last week of classes is May 17, 2021 Students can wear bare feet or ballet shoes.

Ballet & Tap Combo (Ages 4-6): 30 minutes of tap and 30 minutes of ballet

Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo (Age 7-8): 30 minutes of tap, 30 minutes of ballet & 30 minutes of jazz

Ballet (Ages 9 & Up): is a highly technical form of dance with its own vocabulary based on French terminology. It has been globally influential and has defined the foundational techniques used in many other dance genres and cultures. Students age 11-18 and Pro 2, 3, 4, 5 will be required to bring a yoga mat or large towel to all classes for stretch, floor barre, etc.

Tap (Ages 9 & Up): is a type of dance characterized by using the sounds of tap shoes striking the floor as a form of percussion. The sound is made by shoes that have a metal "tap" on the heel and toe.

Jazz (Ages 9 & Up) is a performance dance technique and style that emerged in the early twentieth century. Jazz dance may refer to vernacular jazz or Broadway or theatrical jazz that emerged with jazz music. Students age 11-18 and Pro 2, 3, 4, 5 will be required to bring a yoga mat or large towel to all classes for stretch, floor barre, etc.

Belly Dance (Ages 14 & Up) Learn muscle control and fluidity while toning the core, encouraging good posture, improving flexibility, and gaining body confidence. In this class you will learn the basic movements and isolations as well as the posture and styling of belly dance. Have fun and discover muscles you never knew you had! No previous dance experience necessary. We will begin each class with a comprehensive warm up, review and develop belly dance technique, work on travelling movements and brief sequences of choreography.

Choreography (Ages 13-18) Students will explore the dance elements such as space, level, focus, and form through exploratory and improvisational exercises. Then, through group collaboration with instructor supervision, the class will create a dance for the recital. Students may also be asked to teach their combinations/creations to other classes in the school. Students age 11-18 and Pro 2, 3, 4, 5 will be required to bring a yoga mat or large towel to all classes for stretch, floor barre, etc.

Contemporary (Ages 13 & Up) Contemporary dance is a style of expressive dance that combines elements of several dance genres including modern, jazz, lyrical and classical ballet. Contemporary dancers strive to connect the mind and the body through fluid dance movements. Students age 11-18 and Pro 2, 3, 4, 5 will be required to bring a yoga mat or large towel to all classes for stretch, floor barre, etc.

Hip Hop (Ages 6 & Up) refers to street dance styles primarily performed to hip-hop music or that have evolved as part of hip-hop culture. It includes a wide range of hip hop styles.

Lyrical (Ages 11 & Up) Lyrical is a fluid and graceful style of jazz that incorporates ballet and modern techniques. Students age 11-18 and Pro 2, 3, 4, 5 will be required to bring a yoga mat or large towel to all classes for stretch, floor barre, etc.

Modern (Ages 13 & Up) Modern dance is often considered to have emerged as a rejection of, or rebellion against, classical ballet. Modern dance pioneers disregarded ballet's strict movement vocabulary, the particular, limited set of movements that were considered proper to ballet, in the search for greater freedom of movement. Students age 11-18 and Pro 2, 3, 4, 5 will be required to bring a yoga mat or large towel to all classes for stretch, floor barre, etc.

Pointe (Ages 13 & Up) Pointe technique is the part of classical ballet technique that concerns *pointe work*, in which a ballet dancer supports all body weight on the tips of fully extended feet within pointe shoes. Pointe work is performed while wearing pointe shoes, which employ structural reinforcing to distribute the dancer's weight load throughout the foot, thus reducing the load on the toes enough to enable the dancer to support all body weight on fully vertical feet.

Pointe Requirements:

Students ages 13 and up who are interested in taking Pointe classes for the following dance season should:

- Have progressed to the Intermediate level of Ballet.
- Understand that you must take a Ballet class plus the additional Pointe class. Both classes cannot be scheduled on the same day.
- Attend all classes with a serious attitude.

Pointe dancing is not for everybody. Sometimes your physical anatomy will prevent you from going on pointe. It is imperative that pointe students make a serious commitment and have a positive mental attitude, which allows them to take constructive criticism. The student should also be responsible for demonstrating these corrections consistently throughout her training. Students age 11-18 and Pro 2, 3, 4, 5 will be required to bring a yoga mat or large towel to all classes for stretch, floor barre, etc.

Production Program: The FDA Production Program is designed for serious dance students ages 9 and up, with good attendance, great attitudes and a strong desire to learn. These classes challenge the more serious student, and concentrate on the execution, perfection and precision of dance technique advancement. These classes participate in local dance competitions. Students should have completed at least one year of a one-hour ballet class and have tap and jazz experience to begin this program. Students age 11-18 and Pro 2, 3, 4, 5 will be required to bring a yoga mat or large towel to all classes for stretch, floor barre, etc.

Senior Class (Graduating Class of 2021): This class is for our graduating Senior students who have been dancing with us for several years. To take this class you must also take at least one technique class in: ballet, jazz, lyrical or modern. Class will learn: a Senior class dance for the recital and additional dances for possible community performances. These Seniors should submit a Senior Biography and Senior Photo for the Recital Program, and a baby photo and senior photo for the recital slide show by May 1, 2021. Students age 11-18 and Pro 2, 3, 4, 5 will be required to bring a yoga mat or large towel to all classes for stretch, floor barre, etc.

TUITION RATES PER STUDENT

Tuition does not include the registration fee, recital fee, dancewear, shoes, costumes, or recital tickets

Tuition Rates for each student are determined by the following scale:

Class Hours Per Week	Monthly Payment
45 minutes	\$45.00
1	\$52.00
1½	\$77.00
2	\$102.00
2½	\$122.00
3	\$142.00
3½	\$162.00
4	\$182.00
4½	\$202.00
5	\$222.00
5 ½	\$242.00
6	\$262.00
6 ½	\$282.00
7	\$302.00
7 ½	\$322.00
8	\$342.00
8½	\$362.00
9	\$382.00

A Family Discount of 10% will be applied to each child's monthly tuition rate if your children take a total of 6 to 9 dance classes per week. If they take a total of 9 ½ to 12 hours per week, the discount will be 15% per child. If they take 12 ½ hours or more, the discount will be 20% per child.

Missed Classes: Tuition is not refundable for missed classes.

Dropped Classes: Tuition is not refundable for the payment period during which a student chooses to drop a class.

Tuition Payments

Tuition payments can be made online, in person at the dance school or mailed to: Fairport Dance Academy, 1 Victoria Place, Suite 140 Painesville, OH 44077

We accept cash, checks and all major credit cards.

Check payments should be made payable to: Fairport Dance Academy.

A \$35.00 fee will be charged to your dance school account for any checks returned to the school for insufficient funds.

Monthly statements will be mailed out each month at least one week before tuition is due.

Any student with an overdue balance of more than 60 days will not be allowed into class until payment in full is received. Contact Nicole for payment issues.

Tuition Auto Pay: Families can choose to automatically pay their tuition fees and other fees each month with a credit or debit card set up. You need to sign up for Auto Pay each year. If you were signed up for Auto Pay last year, and want to continue Auto Pay, please sign up again this season. See form on page 23.

ADDITIONAL FEES

1. Registration Fee

The registration fee of \$25 per family covers the cost of printing, mailing and processing of mail-in and online registration, insurance, and hand props for class. Registration fees are not refundable.

2. Recital Costumes

Costuming our students for the spring recital a huge expense. To make this more affordable for our dancers, we require each student to buy only one costume (which they keep). Additional costumes will be provided by the dance school, and a small rental fee will be charged for each borrowed costume. The dance school will also do the fitting, altering, steaming and bagging of all costumes and accessories for each student. Recital tights will be included with costumes that students purchase at a discounted price. Students who rent costumes only will be responsible for purchasing their tights from the dance school before the recital. Costume balances are due January 11, 2021. **Average Costume Price \$60-\$80**

3. Costume Rental Fee

To help cover the huge expense of costuming our dancers for the spring recital, students will be charged a rental fee of \$15.00 for each borrowed costume owned by Fairport Dance Academy. Costume rental fees will be due by March 15, 2021. Rental fee covers costume alterations, steaming and accessories of borrowed costumes. **Students MUST return all borrowed costumes after their last recital performance.**

4. Recital Fee

Each recital participant will be charged a \$40.00 recital fee. The recital fee covers the purchase of extra recital costumes, props, set materials, music copywrite dues, sound technician, lighting, etc. Recital fees are due by April 15, 2021.

Production Students ONLY Costume Deposit

A \$50.00 costume deposit (for Production students only) is due by November 2, 2020. This deposit is for the competition costumes we need to order in December and will go toward the costume you will purchase.

DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS

NEW FOR 2020-2021 REGISTRATION IN SEPTEMBER

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we will not be having our regular shoe fittings at the dance school.

We have teamed up with Discount Dance Supply to create an online dance store for our required dance shoes.

Online Fairport Dance Academy Store Website: <https://bit.ly/3gg5vDd>

You can also purchase dance apparel, bags, etc. on their website. We did not specify any dance apparel.

Tights are always available at the dance school to purchase at any time.

Contact Nicole with any questions you have about ordering shoes.

REQUIRED APPAREL FOR CLASS:

Female Dancers:	Dancers should wear a leotard and tights (any color) for all classes. Attached skirts, fitted dance shorts (not gym shorts) also okay. Production Students: black leotards only and tights Appropriate shoes for class – see list below
Male Dancers:	Comfortable, athletic clothing. Shorts and t-shirt, etc. Contact the studio or Nicole for shoe requirements.
Hip Hop Dancers:	Comfortable, athletic clothing. Clean sneakers (have not been worn outside).
Adult Dancers:	Comfortable, athletic clothing. Appropriate shoes for class – see list below
Belly Dancers:	Form fitting tank top and pants/leggings Hip Sash/Scarf optional. No shoes required
Toddler & Me: & Creative Movement:	Comfortable clothing or leotard and tights (any color). Dance skirt okay. Pink Ballet Shoes or bare feet

REQUIRED SHOES FOR CLASS:

BALLET SHOES: Required for all ballet classes

Width Information	average width is C. Narrow feet should order A or B, Wide feet should order D or E
Size Information	Child sizes run similar to street shoe sizes. If you would like to allow for growing room, consider ordering ½ size larger than street shoe sizes Adult Sizes: order 2 sizes smaller than street shoe size (example: I wear a size 9 ladies shoe, I order a size 7 adult ballet shoe)
Ballet Students Age 3-13	Bloch "Dansoft" Leather Full Sole Ballet Shoes Color: pink S0205G = child sizes toddler – 1.5 widths B C D E S0205L = sizes 2 – 8.5 adult widths A B C D E
Ballet Students Ages 13-18	Bloch "Prolite II" Leather Split-Sole Ballet Shoes Color: pink S0208L = sizes 2 – 8.5 adult widths B C D

TAP SHOES: Required for all tap classes

Width Information	average width is M. Narrow feet should order N or M, Wide feet should order W
Size Information	Child and Adult sizes run similar to street shoe sizes. If you would like to allow for growing room, consider ordering ½ size larger than street shoe sizes
Tap Students Age 4-10 and Pre-Production	Capezio "Mary Jane" Buckle Strap Tap Shoe Color: Black Leather (NO PATENT LEATHER) 3800C = child sizes toddler – 2.5 widths M N W 3800 = sizes 3-10 adult widths M W
Tap Students Age 11-18	Capezio "Cadence" Tap Shoes Color: Black CG19: sizes 4-14 adult M W

JAZZ SHOES: Required for all jazz classes

Width Information	Adult sizes available in M and W width Child sizes available in M width
Size Information	Child and Adult sizes run similar to street shoe sizes. If you would like to allow for growing room, consider ordering ½ size larger than street shoe sizes
Jazz Students Age 7-18	Bloch "Pulse" Jazz Shoes Color: Tan S0470G = child sizes 10-1.5 width M S0470L = sizes 4-11.5 adult widths M W

LYRICAL & CONTEMPORARY SHOES: Required for all lyrical and contemporary classes

Age 13-18	Bloch Eclipse Leather Lyrical Shoes: S0609 Color: Nude
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MODERN SHOES: Required for all modern classes

Age 13-18	Bare Feet Or Dance Paws: DP1
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POINTE SHOES: Required for all pointe classes

Age 13-18	New pointe students should wear their ballet shoes to class until Pointe shoe fittings are scheduled in the late Fall. Returning pointe students can either visit Dancer's Pointe to be fitted in new shoes or wear their ballet shoes until Pointe shoes fittings are scheduled in the late Fall.
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Please do not purchase Payless, Target or other discount store shoes made of vinyl, patent leather, or synthetic materials.

Students should carry their dancewear, shoes, and other belongings in a dance bag. Please print your child's name on the bag, or on a luggage tag, as well as on all of its contents.

Dancewear is to be kept in good repair and laundered on a regular basis.

Watches, jewelry, and safety pins should not be worn to class.

Dance shoes should never be worn outside.

Female students should wear their hair tightly secured and styled away from the face. A neat bun, braid or pony tail is preferred.

Students are expected to observe good personal hygiene habits. Deodorant is required for students age 10 and older. When hormones start to kick in, many times it is the younger students whose body odor is the most offensive. To prevent an embarrassing situation, please supply your child with deodorant for dance class.

RECITAL INFORMATION

We are so excited because 2021 will be the Fairport Dance Academy's 50th Recital!

**Please reserve the week of June 14-19, 2021 for our annual dance recital.
We plan to only have one week/weekend of recitals this year.**

Due to COVID 19, we do not have our typical, detailed two week recital plans. We do plan to have an in-person recital in 2021. We will continue to monitor the COVID 19 recommendations and regulations this season and make our plans accordingly. As soon as we have a plan that is safe for our dancers and our audience, we will let you know. We are looking at both outdoor locations and (hopefully) our local theaters.

More information will be sent out this Winter.

STAYING INFORMED

We work hard to make the dance experience organized and fun. Keeping you informed is one of our primary goals. Please read all emails, handouts, and other school information.

If you have any questions regarding the information distributed, we encourage you to contact Nicole at (440) 488-7692 before 3:00 pm or fairportdanceacademy@hotmail.com, or the front desk staff (440) 354-5062.

Please let us know if your e-mail address, mailing address, or phone number changes.

Website: www.fairportdanceacademy.com

We are constantly updating our website. News, important parent and student information, contact information, and more are available online 24 hours a day.

Facebook Page

Fairport Dance Academy's official Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/Fairport-Dance-Academy-139304812876996/>

"Like" the Fairport Dance Academy page on Facebook to receive updates on school events. Please invite your family and friends to "like" the school.

Join the BAND APP

The Band app group is a closed group, available only to our dance families – it is not visible to others online.

- I will send out an invite code the first week of class to invite students and families to join. If you already joined the app last year, you do not need to join again.
- This app works on phones, tablets and computers.
- If you would like the app invite texted to your phone, let me know at (440) 488-7692 (text is fine-include your name/student name since this is a closed group).
- We will post school announcements and information here
- For teen and Production classes, we will be creating additional BAND groups specific to their class for choreography, class notes and music.

VIRTUAL CLASSES AND ONLINE CLASS MATERIALS

Virtual participation will be available for all of our classes via ZOOM. If you would like to participate virtually, rather than in person, please let the school know: email or call.

We encourage anyone who has health/safety concerns, isn't feeling well, or has to quarantine due to potential COVID 19 exposure to participate in class via ZOOM.

All classes will be recorded and posted in the "Class Materials" section of your online account.

For teens and Production students, these recordings will also be posted to your BAND group so you don't have to go through your parent's online account to access the materials.

Instructions to access ZOOM Virtual Classes

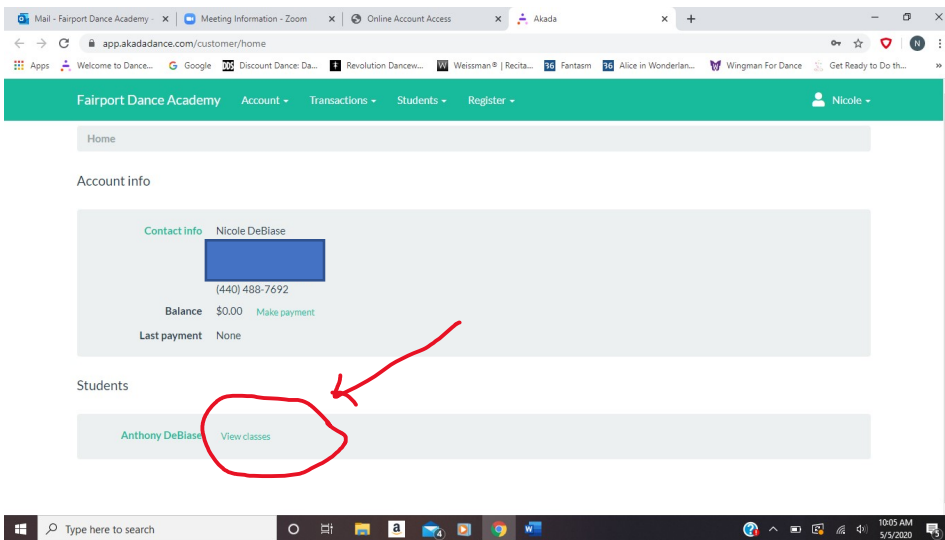
Download the Zoom app on your smart phone, tablet or computer <https://zoom.us/> and set up an account.



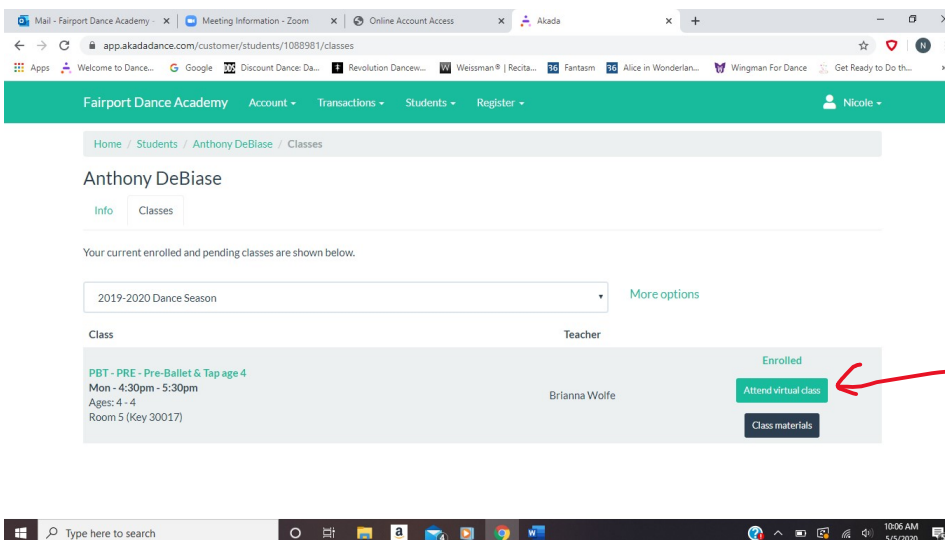
Please be sure that your account name that the teacher will see is recognizable like Nicole DeBiase or Parent of Nicole D and not MissKitty2020 or something random.

Log into your school account via the school website (www.fairportdanceacademy.com and select the Online Account Access tab) or directly at <https://app.akadadance.com/customer/login?schoolId=ak600186j>

In your Account, click on **“View Classes”** next to the student’s name:



Select **“Attend Virtual Class”** button:



You will enter a virtual “waiting room” and the instructor will click on your name to allow you into the class. This ensures that no one outside of your class group can view the class.

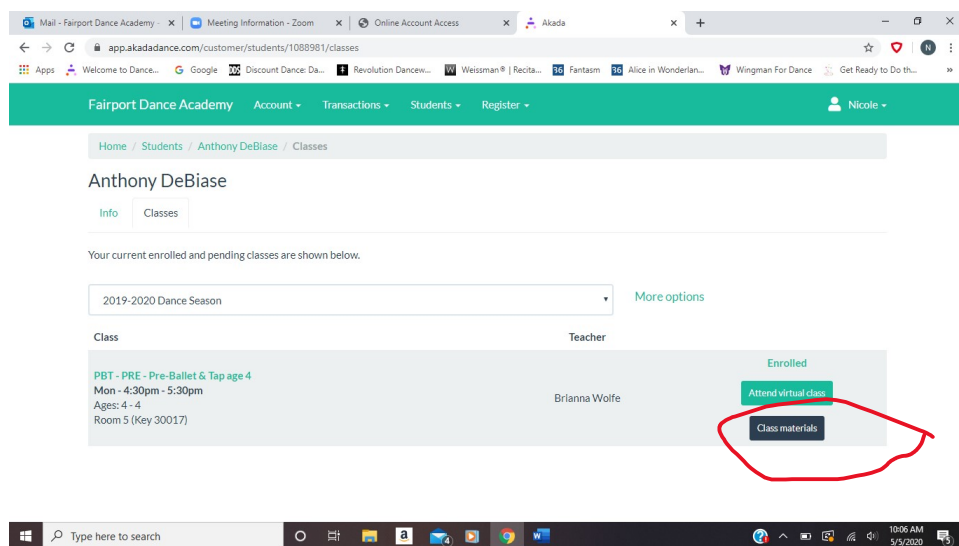
Tips for a Better ZOOM Experience:

You Will Require:

- **Connection:** Good quality internet and an electronic device
- **Space:** The more space the better – but our lessons will be condensed to ensure those with even the smallest space can participate
- **Planning:** To save time, please ensure you have set up your device in a way that your teacher will be able to see you when your video is on
- Make sure you are visible to the camera
- Arrive/log in on time to class
- Be patient, sometimes a teacher takes a minute to start the ZOOM class
- Be sure to mute your microphone during class – unless you are asked to un-mute

ONLINE CLASS MATERIALS

Log into your school account via the school website (www.fairportdanceacademy.com and select the Online Account Access tab) or directly at <https://app.akadadance.com/customer/login?schoolId=ak600186j>



Class Materials for Online and In-Person Students:

In your Account, click on “**View Classes**” next to the student’s name:

Click the the “**Class Materials**” button:

- This is your class information hub
- Students and Parents can view ZOOM recordings of their classes
- Get their Recital Music
- View their Class Notes

HEALTH AND WELLNESS POLICY – COVID RESPONSE

The Fairport Dance Academy is taking a proactive approach to helping reduce the spread of COVID-19. We had a successful and healthy June and July, and we will continue the following safety measures:

- Disinfecting and Sanitization
- Reduced Class Sizes
- Capacity Limits
- Modified Entry/Exit Process

COVID 19 Safety Protocol:

- All staff will be wearing face masks at all times
- Students must wear masks any time they are not in a classroom (arrival, departure, restroom) and are encouraged to wear their mask during class, if possible.
- Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized between class groups and common spaces will be cleaned and sanitized frequently throughout the evening
- We have limited our occupancy to 50% of the fire code as required by the State of Ohio
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every dance room and throughout the space
- There will be no use of fans in the dance rooms
- HEPA Air Purifiers have been added to each classroom
- There will be no use of ballet barres or shared hand props
- The lost and found has been removed
- Students should only bring their dance bag with only their shoes and a water bottle inside. No toys or food please.
- Students must bring their own water bottle.
- Studios will be marked with 6 x 6 foot squares. Students will be required to remain in their square. Choreography will be altered to maintain social distancing guidelines.
- Six foot social distancing markers will be on the floor throughout the school.
- The restrooms are open, however, we encourage our students to use the bathroom at home before coming to the school.
- Please do not bring your child to class if they, or any member of your household, has any of the following symptoms: coughing, sneezing, fever, stomach ache, body aches, sore throat, chest congestion, diarrhea, vomiting or any other illness.
- Please alert the school if anyone in your household becomes ill.
- The Front Desk has been relocated to the area by the back sinks where students are entering.
- We encourage online payments. Emily and Nicole will be at the “front desk” to take in-person payments.
- If there is a reported case of COVID 19 at the school: the school will close and conduct a deep clean. Classes will be held virtually on ZOOM
- Any student or staff member who was potentially exposed to COVID 19 outside of the dance school should quarantine for 14 days and participate in classes via ZOOM.

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New Entry Procedure:

- Students must enter through our “side door” down the hallway from the white gazebo.
- This entrance is close to the exterior “Lower Level Entrance” at the corner of the Park and Main St. facing the park/mail box.
- Dancers must wear face masks when they arrive at the dance studio and have their temperature taken.
- We encourage dancers to keep their masks on while they are dancing, as many things fly out of mouths and noses while turning and dancing, however, if it becomes hard to breathe, or a student has a condition where they are unable to wear a mask, they can remove their mask during class.
- Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your scheduled class.
- All dancers (and staff) will have their temperature taken with a touchless thermometer before entering the building. Anyone with a temperature over 99 degrees will not be allowed in.
- All waiting areas are closed. Parents and siblings must wait in their cars or outside of the dance studio building.
- Once your student has been dropped off and has had their temperature taken, they will be asked to place their outside shoes in a plastic bag, and they will wash their hands in the back sink or the bathroom.
- After washing hands, dancers will be directed to their classroom and to their 6 x 6 foot square in the classroom.

New Exit Procedure:

- All students will exit through the glass doors in our lobby.
- For our younger dancers who do not drive: At the end of class, dancers will line up in the lobby and put on their street shoes and face masks. Each student will be dismissed individually as each parent comes to the glass lobby doors. Since we cannot congregate in waiting areas, we ask that parents (one per dancer only please) arrive as close to the end of class time as possible, wait in the common space outside the dance studio (with the white gazebo), and maintain 6 feet of social distance from others.
- PLEASE PICK YOUR CHILD UP ON TIME
- Teens who drive to the school: will be asked to wear their face mask when leaving the classroom and maintain 6 feet of distance from others while walking to their car.

If there is a reported case of COVID 19 at the dance school:

- The dance school will email our dance families immediately.
- The school will close for the amount of time recommended by the local Health Department, and conduct a deep clean along with regular disinfecting and sanitization.
- All classes will be held virtually on ZOOM during the time of required closure.
- The affected student/employee will be required to quarantine for 14 days and/or present a negative COVID 19 test result before again entering the building.

At this time, Fairport Dance Academy will remain open with these restrictions until directed otherwise. Each family is encouraged to make their own decision about coming to the studio or taking classes virtually. Please do what you feel comfortable with and what makes the most sense for you and your family. Your health and safety are most important to us!

Additional Medical Information

Parents must notify the front desk and/or teachers regarding students who use an inhaler or who may require medications during their time at Fairport Dance Academy. It is also important to inform the front desk and/or teachers about your child's existing medical conditions, allergies or learning disabilities at the time of registration and throughout the school year. Our teachers are trained professionals who are anxious to work with all children and personalities, and the more we know about your child, the better the dance experience will be for all involved. All information about your child is confidential.

Discipline Policy

In order to maintain a happy, healthy, professional environment, students are taught the importance of being part of a group. We encourage students to have respect for other students, the teachers and staff, and studio property, and we foster the development of good habits and compliance with rules of conduct.

Our staff and faculty are trained to use constructive techniques of discipline to maintain class control and handle individual misbehavior.

- Children who exhibit unacceptable behavior or attitudes are told what is wrong and directed to a positive alternative approach or behavior.
- Children who are disruptive will be respectfully asked to stop the behavior. If the behavior is repeated, they will be reminded of it and told how it affects others. If the disruption continues, the children involved will be asked to sit down for a short period of time (usually three to five minutes) before rejoining the class.
- If a child's misbehavior continues to disrupt the class, the parent or guardian will be called to pick up the child.

Student and Parent Use of Social Media

Use of Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, blogging, and other online social-media vehicles is commonplace. This policy is intended to provide Fairport Dance Academy students and parents with guidelines to eliminate any confusion concerning the use of social media.

- You DO NOT have permission to reveal any information that compromises Fairport Dance Academy. By that we mean you are forbidden to share personal information about the director, other students or their families, or anything that is proprietary and/or confidential to them or Fairport Dance Academy.
- Students and parents should neither claim or imply that they are speaking on behalf of Fairport Dance Academy.
- Never post anything that could compromise the self-esteem of students who attend Fairport Dance Academy.
- If you post videos of class or rehearsals, don't post any choreography in its entirety.
- Respect the law, including those governing all defamation, discrimination, harassment, and copyright and fair use. As stated in this handbook, parents and students should never post negative comments about other schools or teachers. Also, please do not post negative comments about school activities such as competitions, conventions, and performances or about the directors of those events.
- Ensure that your social networking conduct is consistent with all of the policies contained in this handbook.
- Improper use of social media could result in dismissal.

Termination of Enrollment

In certain circumstances, when it is in the best interest of one or more students, it may be necessary for the school director to terminate a student's enrollment. Every effort will be made to correct a problematic situation before terminating enrollment. Reasons for termination of enrollment include the following:

- Disruptive or dangerous behavior by students or their parents
- Abuse of other children, staff, or property
- Inability of Fairport Dance Academy to meet the child's needs

FAQ: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How long is the dance season?

Our typical season runs the length of a regular school year. Registration for the 2020-2021 dance season will be open through December. In January, students age 5 (4 if they are in the Ballet/Tap Combo class) and up will begin to prepare for our annual recital and registration will close. Costumes need to be ordered in January to receive them in time for our recital in June.

What kind of fees can I expect?

Shoes for Class: visit our online dance store at: <https://bit.ly/3gg5vDd> to view prices

Dance Apparel for Class: visit our online dance store at: <https://bit.ly/3gg5vDd> to view prices

Tuition: see tuition rates on page 9

Costume Fee: Average costume price: \$60-\$80. See page 10 for details

Costume Rental Fee: \$15 per rented costume. See page 10 for details

Recital Fee: \$40 per recital participant. See page 10 for details

Can I choose to take class virtually rather than in-person?

Yes, the 2020-2021 Dance Season offers both in-person and virtual options for our families. Please let the school or Nicole know when registering that you will be participating virtually. See pages 14-16 for details.

Can parents or visiting relatives observe a class?

Yes, parents/relatives may observe their child's class via ZOOM rather than in-person at this time, due to COVID 19 occupancy restrictions. See pages 14-16 for details.

Can I try a class for free before registering?

Yes, you just need to contact the school to let us know the day/time you are interested in. You will also need to submit the waiver on page 24.

Where should I park?

There is free parking available around the Painesville square/park and on Main St. Parking meters are not enforced. There is also a paid parking lot in the back of the building off S. St. Clair St. \$2.00 to park. Pay by card or exact change.

Can I make up a missed class?

All classes will be recorded via ZOOM and posted in your online "Class Materials" within 48 hours of your scheduled class time. (see page 16 for details). If you miss a class, you will be able to watch/practice with your regular class recording anytime from your home.

How do I drop or add a class?

Please let us know if you need to drop a class by calling or emailing the dance school/Nicole to avoid any billing issues.

Adding a new class can be done through the online registration system or at the front desk, and will be based on class size limitations and age/level appropriateness.

Who should I tell if I know I am going to be absent?

Please call or email the school to let us know that you will be missing class due to illness, a school event or vacation. If you know in advance, you can sign the "Going to be Absent" sheet at the front desk.

How do I know if there is a Snow Day?

We plan to go Virtual on ZOOM rather than have a snow day whenever possible. We will email with information if this happens. However, you can find out if classes are cancelled due to severe weather conditions by calling the school (440) 354-5062, checking your e-mail, or by checking our website (www.fairportdanceacademy.com) **after 12:00 p.m.** We will also post the information on our Facebook page and on News channel 5, WKYC-TV3, and News Radio WTAM 1100 AM.

Your Personal Payment Record
Monthly Tuition Payments

	Date	Amount	Check #/Cash Credit Card
Registration Fee (\$25.00 per Family)			
Tuition #1 Due September 21			
Tuition #2 Due October 19			
Costume Deposit Production Students Only Due November 2			
Tuition #3 Due November 16			
Tuition #4 Due January 4			
Costume Balance Due January 11			
Tuition #5 Due February 1			
Tuition #6 Due March 1			
Costume Rental Fees Due March 15			
Tuition #7 Due March 29			
Recital Fee (\$40 per student) Due April 15			
Tuition #8 Due April 26			
Tuition #9 Due May 24			

**2020-2021
AUTO PAY SIGN UP FORM**

**You need to sign up for Auto Pay each year.
If you were signed up for Auto Pay last year, and want to continue Auto Pay, please sign up again this season.**

Account Name: _____

Student(s) Name: _____

Credit Card: VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

Card Number _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date _____

3 Digit Security Code _____

Billing Address (if different from your account address)

I am authorizing Fairport Dance Academy to automatically charge my credit card for:

- ☐ Monthly Tuition
- ☐ Dancewear Put on Account (tights, shoes, etc.)
- ☐ Costume Balance (Due January 11)
- ☐ Costume Rental Fees (Due March 15)
- ☐ Recital Fees (Due April 15)
- ☐ Production Student Costume Deposit (Due November 2)
- ☐ Competition Fee Deposit (Production Only-TBA)
- ☐ Competition Fee Balance (Production Only-TBA)

Account Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Fairport Dance Academy
Waiver of Liability and Media Release**

On behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, agents, assigns, and representatives, hereby indemnify, release and forever hold harmless FDA Dance and Wellness, LLC DBA Fairport Dance Academy, as well as its directors, employees and instructors, from any and all claims of liability arising from any accident, personal injury, death, or property loss or damage sustained by my child/myself/the minor child for whom I am a legal guardian, while that person is participating in activities connected with FDA Dance and Wellness, LLC DBA Fairport Dance Academy, including dance classes, rehearsals, performances, parties, camps or other activities. I understand that dance activities have inherent risks of injury, and, being fully aware of all risk, I consent to have my child/myself/the minor child for whom I am a legal guardian, participate in the programs and activities offered by FDA Dance and Wellness, LLC DBA Fairport Dance Academy, and I accept full responsibility for providing adequate health and accident insurance coverage for the protection of all of the following who participate in these programs/activities: my child/myself/the minor child for whom I am a legal guardian. By signing this statement, I declare that the aforesaid participant is in good health, with no physical conditions that might prevent his/her/my participation in dance classes, rehearsals, performances, parties, camps or other activities at FDA Dance and Wellness, LLC DBA Fairport Dance Academy.

Further I understand and acknowledge that because of the physical nature of dance, there may be physical contact between instructors and students during classes or other activities. I understand that at times, for proper instruction and safety, physical contact is required and necessary.

I further acknowledge, understand, appreciate and agree that my participation may result in possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases, including, but not limited to, MRSA, Influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releasees or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation and exposure.

I hereby release respective owners and contractors irrevocable and unrestricted rights of production and/or reproduction of any images and/or videos taken of me in connection with any Fairport Dance Academy activity on the business's premises or off for the purposes of promoting, advertising, publishing, or illustrating, in any manner or in any medium. I further waive rights or claims to compensation.

I have carefully read this Waiver, Release, & Assumption of Risk and fully understand its contents. I understand that this is an assumption of risk and release of liability, and I sign it of my own free will.

Dated: _____	Dated: _____
Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian _____	Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian _____
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____	Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

One parent/guardian signature required