

2024-2025 STUDIO HANDBOOK

Please read the following packet thoroughly, complete the attached forms and return to Studio 55 Dance immediately.

REGISTRATION FEE

There is a registration fee of \$15 per student or \$25 per family. This fee is due upon registration to hold placement in specified class.

TUITION RATES

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| 30 minutes | \$50 per month |
| 45minutes | \$54 per month |
| 1 hour | \$58 per month |
| 1 hour 15 minutes | \$62 per month |
| 1 hour 30 minutes | \$66 per month |
| Adult | \$62 per month or \$25 with an enrolled dancer |
| Beginner Hip Hop* | \$15 per month* |
| Beginner Acro* | \$15 per month* |

*Dancer's must be registered in the appropriate grade level class before registering for an elective class. Elective classes are an additional class and not a core class that can be registered for by itself. Please contact the studio for appropriate level when registering.

TUITION FEES

Tuition Fees are broken down into 9 equal monthly payments September through May, with the addition of a half payment for the month of June. All tuition payments are due the first day of each month (ex. October 1st, November 1st and December 1st).

All accounts are required to be enrolled in our Auto-Pay system for all tuition fees. Tuition will be charged to your card on file on the first day of each month. AutoPay is a set transaction dollar amount that is designated at time of enrollment and cannot be altered in anyway. AutoPay will be used for TUITION FEES ONLY. Other items such as costume fees, shoes, apparel, etc. CANNOT be paid for through AutoPay and must be paid by cash/check in the studio OR by a manual credit card transaction through your parent portal.

Payments not received by the first day of the month will incur a \$20 late fee. Additional late fees will be accessed to the balance of your account for every 30 days past due. If monthly payments are not met, Studio 55 Dance reserves the right to withhold services until payment is made.

A \$30.00 returned check fee will be charged for each check that is returned by the bank for non-payment.

Refunds are not available for missed classes once the student has been enrolled at Studio 55 Dance. There is NO refund on registration fees, monthly tuition, or costume fees for any reason.

DANCESTUDIO-PRO / NEWSLETTERS

All families will be required to register a DanceStudio-Pro account. Invoicing, account balances, class registration, and online payments plus much more will be available through the Parent Portal. All Monthly Newsletters will be sent via email, so make sure we have your current e-mail address to receive these announcements.

Please "LIKE" us on Facebook. The studio page is constantly being updated, with pictures, class cancelations, and important reminders.

ATTENDENCE

Good attendance is very important, not only to each individual, but to the entire class. Please notify the studio in advance if your child must miss class. Missed lessons can and should be made up in the class of the same age. Please call the studio to schedule a make-up time.

PROPER ATTIRE

Students should arrive to class ON TIME, dressed in the proper attire and ready to dance.

Girls- Leotards worn with tights are preferred. Tank top, t-shirts, shorts and leggings are also acceptable. Tight fitting clothing is needed to enable instructors to see bodylines for correct body placement; NO baggy clothing.

Hair must be pulled back and away from the face.

- Creative Movement dancers are required to wear pink ballet shoes.
- Preschool aged dancers are required to wear pink ballet and tan tap shoes.
- Kindergarten-2nd grade dancers will need pink ballet, tan tap, and tan jazz shoes.
- 3rd-12th grade dancers will need tan tap, tan jazz, and nude lyrical shoes.
- Girls in Hip Hop are required to have clean sneakers for all class practices.
- Girls in Acro can wear leotards, tank tops, and shorts. No leggings/pants or tights. Acro dancers will be barefoot.

Boys- Sweat pants, shorts, t-shirts, and tanks are acceptable for all boys.

- Boys in Creative Movement should have black ballet or black jazz shoes.
- Boys in combo classes are required to wear black jazz shoes and black tap shoes.
- Boys in Hip Hop are required to have clean sneakers for all class practices.
- Boys in Acro can wear t-shirts, tank tops, and shorts. No pants. Acro dancers will be barefoot.

Please ensure that your dancer has the correct shoes for all styles of dance they will perform. All shoes can be ordered through Studio 55 Dance.

BATHROOM / WATER BREAKS

Please remind your dancer to use the bathroom BEFORE class begins. It is a huge distraction for the entire class when dancers are leaving during instruction time.

Any dancer needing assistance with the bathroom(leotard/tight removal, hand washing, etc.) must have a parent present in the lobby to help their dancer if need be.

You may send a bottle of WATER with for your dancer. Dancers will be allowed to get a drink only when shoes changes are taking place

RECITAL

All dancers will participate in a fully costumed and lighted production showcasing the year's accomplishments. The annual Recital will be held at a local auditorium and an exact date will be given at a later time (tentatively scheduled for June 7-8, 2025). Dancers will also need to attend a full rehearsal to prepare for the recital. All students are required to attend the rehearsal in order to perform in the recital. Students must have all account fees paid in full in order to participate in the recital.

PICTURES

Pictures will be taken of your child during April/May. It is mandatory for all dancers to attend this event, as the pictures will be used in the recital program. You are not required to purchase any pictures. More details will be available at a later date. Students must have all account fees paid in full before pictures will be distributed.

COSTUME FEES

Dancers perform in the recital with costumes tailored to their dance and music. All costume fees include the complete costume, tights, and accessories. Costume fees are due no later than November 21, 2024 and payments received after that date shall incur a \$20.00 late fee. Additional late fees will be assessed to your account for every 30 days past due. Students must have all account fees paid in full before costumes will be distributed.

Creative Movement- 1 costume- \$75.00
Preschool, Acro/Hip Hop, and Jazz/Tap- 2 costumes- \$150.00
K-5th classes- 3 costumes- \$210.00
6th-12th classes- 3 costumes- \$225.00
Beginner Hip Hop and Beginner Acro- 1 costume- \$75.00

FUNDRAISING

Several fundraising options will be available to all dancers. The purpose of fundraising is to help defray costs such as tuition and costume fees. Participation in all fundraising opportunities is completely optional. Profits earned will be credited towards each dancer's individual account. All profits earned have a no cash value and cannot be withdrawn from a dancer's account. Profits can be used towards a dancer's monthly tuition, costume fees, competition fees, studio apparel, recital tickets, summer class fees, or carried over to the 2023-2024 dance season.

CLASS PARTIES

Halloween- Students will celebrate Halloween with a party during their regular class time. They may dress up in a costume and bring treats to share with their class.

Christmas- We will also have a Christmas party during your child's regular class time. Dancers are asked to bring a wrapped gift of \$5 or under to play a game with. You may also bring a treat to share with the entire class.

Birthdays- Dancer's are welcome to bring a treat to class to celebrate their birthday with their classmates.

Please consult your monthly newsletters for more information about these parties. These will be the only Holiday's celebrated with a party at the studio.

WINTER WEATHER CANCELATIONS

Studio 55 Dance will cancel classes if the Rockford Area School District is cancelled, dismissed early, or evening activities are cancelled due to poor weather. On days that school is not in session, Studio 55 Dance will make the decision whether to cancel/continue classes by 3:00pm. All class cancellations will be announced on our social media pages as well as sent via email.

CALENDAR

First day of classes- September 9th
Thanksgiving- November 27th-Dec 1st – CLOSED
Spring Break- March 22nd-March 30th – CLOSED
Recital- June 7th-8th - (TENTATIVE)

MEA- October 16th-20th - CLOSED
Christmas/New Years- December 21st-January 3rd - CLOSED
Memorial Day- May 26th - CLOSED

Dancer Name

Date of Birth

Parents Names

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Email

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Home Telephone: (_____) _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name & Relationship _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ **Home Phone:** (_____) _____

Are you allergic to anything? Yes / No

If yes, please list all allergies:

Are you taking any medication we should be aware of? Yes / No

If yes, please list all medications we should be aware of:

Do you have any medical health concerns of which we should be aware? Yes / No

If yes, please list medical/mental health concerns that we should be aware of:

Preferred Clinic and Physician: _____

Phone#: (_____) _____

The information requested is confidential and for emergency use only. In the event of a medical emergency, this information will be used by authorized emergency personnel. Please be honest when completing all pertinent information.

In the case of emergency, I give permission for my information to be released to emergency personnel. I also agree that any of my emergency contacts listed on this card may be notified in an emergency, as needed.

As parent/guardian of the above dancer, I certify that he/she is in excellent health and has no physical, mental, or emotional problems, which are likely to prevent participation in strenuous physical activities. I agree to hold harmless Studio 55 Dance and its staff and agents and hereby release them from any liability on account of injuries sustained by student while participating in any activities while participating in programming at Studio 55 Dance. I give permission for student to be medically treated for illness occurring or injury sustained during such participation and certify the he/she is covered by medical insurance which will reimburse Studio 55 Dance and its agents for expenses incurred to them.

I give consent for dancer to be photographed, videotaped, or filmed while participating in Studio 55 Dance activities and for the resulting media to be used for educational and promotional purposes. I have read and understand the above as parent/guardian of the above dancer.

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. However, there remain many unknowns about COVID-19, how it spreads, and its impact on children.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending Studio 55 Dance programming and that such exposure or infection may result in severe illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at Studio 55 Dance programming may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Studio 55 Dance employees, contractors, volunteers, and program participants and their families. I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks associated with COVID-19 and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with COVID-19 because of my child(ren)'s attendance at Studio 55 Dance or participation in Studio 55 Dance programming ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my child(ren), I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Studio 55 Dance, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto.

I agree to all of the terms listed within the 2024-2025 Studio Handbook of Studio 55 Dance and will take full responsibility for all monetary fees as well throughout the 2024-2025 season.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____