FAIRPORT
DANCE ACADEMY

2025-2026

CLASSES BEGIN:
AUGUST 18, 2025

TENTATIVE RECITAL WEEK
JUNE 8-13, 2026

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

For over 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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Closed

12 Open House/Shoe Fitting 4:30-7:30 pm

18 Classes Begin Tuition #1 Due (Aug. 18-Sept.12)

25 Production Team Competition Deposit Due

AUGUST 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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1 Closed for Labor Day Classes will be made up on Nov. 24

Bring a Friend Week

15 Tuition #2 Due (Sept. 15-Oct. 10)

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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Bring a Friend Week

13 Tuition #3 Due (Oct. 13-Nov. 7)

27 Production Team Costume Deposit Due

OCTOBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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10 Tuition #4 Due (Nov. 10-Dec. 12)

24 Holiday Showcase Costume Rental Fees Due

24 Open for Labor Day Make Up Classes

Closed for Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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Holiday Showcase Week

15 Tuition #5 Due (Dec. 15-Jan.23)

22 Production Team Competition Pmt. #1 Due

Closed for Winter Break

DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Closed for Winter Break

Recital Costume Balance Due 12

Tuition #6 Due (Jan. 26-Feb. 20) 26

FEBRUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Production Team Competition Balance Due 9

Tuition #7 Due (Feb, 23-Mar. 20) 23

MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Recital Fee Due 9

Tuition #8 Due (Mar. 23-Apr. 17) 23

APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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26	27	28	29	30		

Recital Costume Rental Fees Due 6

Tuition #9 Due (Apr. 20-May 15) 20

MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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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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Tuition #10 Due (May 18-June 12) 18

Closed for Memorial Day

JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Recital Week

HOW TO REGISTER:

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

Registration Fee of $30.00 per family is due at the time of registration.

If you register online, you will be required to submit a credit card.

Your Registration Fee of $30.00 per family will be automatically charged to your card when you register.

Tuition payments are not automatically charged to your credit card unless you sign up for Tuition Auto Pay by specifically message Nicole or front desk staff or turning in the enclosed Tuition Auto Pay form.

Classes begin August 18, 2025, and registration is open through December

- Registration is open through December for most classes.
- Toddler & Me and Creative Movement accept new students through April
- You may only register for classes that are in the appropriate age range.
- **Students must be the class age by October 1, 2026**
- 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. **We will automatically charge your credit card for the $30.00 Registration Fee. If you would like to sign up to Auto Pay Tuition and Fees. Email Nicole to authorize Auto Pay or turn in the Auto Pay Form on page 19. Otherwise, we will not automatically charge your credit card for tuition or any other fees.**

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.

Register in Person: When you come for your shoe fitting https://calendly.com/fairportdanceacademy/shoe-fitting-appointment

OPEN HOUSE / SHOE FITTINGS:

Schedule a shoe fitting during our Summer Hours through July 30:
https://calendly.com/fairportdanceacademy/shoe-fitting-appointment

Open House/Shoe Fitting (no appointment necessary) Tuesday, August 12 from 4:30-7:30 pm.

CLASS SCHEDULE
CORE CLASSES: BALLET, TAP & JAZZ

Age	Class	Day/Time	Teacher
1-2	Toddler & Me	Tuesday 4:30-5:15 pm	Kelsey
3-4	Creative Movement	Tuesday 4:30-5:15 pm	Kelly
4-5	Ballet & Tap Combo age 4-5	Monday 4:30-5:30 pm	Kelly
4-5	Ballet & Tap Combo age 4-5	Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm	MaryKate
4-5	Ballet & Tap Combo age 4-5	Wednesday 4:30-5:30 pm	Kelly
4-5	Ballet & Tap Combo age 4-5	Thursday 5:30-6:30 pm	Kelly
5-6	Ballet & Tap Combo age 5-6	Monday 5:30-6:30 pm	Kelly
5-6	Ballet & Tap Combo age 5-6	Tuesday 5:30-6:30 pm	Kelly
5-6	Ballet & Tap Combo age 5-6	Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm	Dayna
5-6	Ballet & Tap Combo age 5-6	Thursday 4:30-5:30 pm	Kelly
7-8	Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo age 7-8	Monday 4:30-6:00 pm	Summer
7-8	Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo age 7-8	Tuesday 5:30-7:00 pm	Dayna
7-8	Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo age 7-8	Wednesday 5:30-7:00 pm	Kelly & Summer
7-8	Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo age 7-8	Thursday 4:30-6:00 pm	Desiree
9-10	Ballet age 9-10	Monday 5:30-6:30 pm	Desiree
9-10	Tap age 9-10	Monday 6:30-7:00 pm	Desiree
9-10	Jazz age 9-10	Monday 7:00-7:30 pm	Desiree
11-13	Tap age 11-13	Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm	Desiree
11-13	Ballet age 11-13	Thursday 7:00-8:00 pm	Robin
11-13	Jazz age 11-13	Thursday 8:00-9:00 pm	Kelly
13-18	Ballet age 13-18	Monday 6:00-7:00 pm	Levian
13-18	Jazz age 13-18	Monday 7:00-8:00 pm	Natalie
13-18	Tap age 13-18	Monday 8:00-9:00 pm	Katie

ELECTIVE CLASSES

Age	Class	Day/Time	Teacher
13-18	Teen Belly Dance	Tuesday 7:30-8:30 pm	Nicole
13-18	Teen Belly Dance	Thursday 8:30-9:30 pm	Nicole
13-18	Contemporary	Wednesday 7:30-8:30 pm	Natalie
6-8	Hip Hop age 6-8	Tuesday 4:45-5:30 pm	Nicole
6-8	Hip Hop age 6-8	Wednesday 4:45-5:30 pm	Rizpah
9-12	Hip Hop age 9-12	Monday 7:30-8:30 pm	Nicole
9-12	Hip Hop age 9-12	Thursday 7:30-8:30 pm	Nicole
13-18	Teen Hip Hop	Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm	Rizpah
11-13	Lyrical	Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm	Kelly
13-18	Lyrical	Wednesday 8:30-9:30 pm	Natalie
12-13	Pointe 1	Tuesday 7:30-8:30 pm	Cheryl & Annah
13-18	Teen Pointe	Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm	Cheryl
17-18	2026 Senior Class	Thursday 8:30-9:30 pm	Rick & Robin

ADULT CLASSES

Age	Class	Day/Time	Teacher
ADULT	Hip Hop	Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm	Rizpah (starts September 17)
ADULT	Pop Up - Style TBA	Wednesday 7:30-8:30 pm	TBA (starts September 17)

PRODUCTION PROGRAM REQUIRED CLASSES

Required classes for students enrolled in our competitive dance program
Production students are required to begin all Production classes the week of August 18, 2025
No late registrations for this program will be accepted
See Program Description on page 8

Age	Class	Day/Time	Teacher
Pre-Pro	Pre Production Jazz	Tuesday 5:30-6:30 pm	Desiree & Kelsey
Pre-Pro	Pre-Production Ballet	Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm	Annah
Pre-Pro	Pre-Production Tap	Thursday 6:30-7:30 pm	Katie
Mini	Mini Pro Ballet	Tuesday 5:30-6:30 pm	Annah
Mini	Mini Pro Choreography	Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm	Desiree & Kelsey
Mini	Mini Pro Tap	Thursday 5:30-6:30 pm	Katie
Mini	Mini Pro Jazz	Thursday 6:30-7:30 pm	Annah
Junior	Junior Pro Ballet	Monday 5:30-6:30 pm	Cheryl & Annah
Junior	Junior Pro Tap	Monday 6:30-7:30 pm	Katie
Junior	Junior Pro Jazz	Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm	Nicole & Katie
Junior	Junior Pro Choreo	Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm	Nicole & Katie
Teen	Teen Pro Ballet	Monday 6:30-8:00 pm	Cheryl & Annah
Teen	Teen Pro Jazz	Monday 8:00-9:30 pm	Erin
Teen	TN/SR Choreo & Kickline	Thursday 5:30-7:00 pm	Cheryl/Nicole/Annah/Levian
Senior	Senior Pro Ballet	Monday 8:00-9:30 pm	Levian
Teen	TN/SR Choreo & Kickline	Thursday 5:30-7:00 pm	Cheryl/Nicole/Annah/Levian
Senior	Senior Pro Jazz	Thursday 7:00-8:30 pm	Rick

PRODUCTION ELECTIVES

Non-Required Production Classes for Teen and Senior Production dancers

Age	Class	Day/Time	Teacher
Teen/Senior	Teen & Senior Pro Tap	Monday 5:30-6:30 pm	Nicole
Senior	Senior Pro Modern	Monday 6:30-8:00 pm	Erin
Teen	Teen Pro Modern	Wednesday 7:30-8:30 pm	Erin
Teen/Senior	Teen & Senior Pro Lyrical	Wednesday 8:30-9:30 pm	Erin

If you are a current FDA student, age 8 +, and you are interested in joining the Production dance team, contact Nicole for class placement information.

General 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:

Adult Classes (Age 18+): Adult classes will have a new format this season: Each Tuition period (4 weeks) will be a different subject/instructor. Class styles offered may include: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary, Modern, Belly Dance, Ballroom. We will announce the Adult schedule monthly. If a subject/teacher is very popular we can always extend the session. Tuition is $60 per four week Tuition period or Drop In for $20. Perfect for recent alumni and busy adults!

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 12, 2026 – unless a make up class is scheduled for Winter weather

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 12, 2025 – unless a make up class is scheduled for Winter weather. 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: 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.

Tap: 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 7 & 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.

Belly Dance (Ages 13 & 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 <u>all</u> 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.

Pre-Production Program: The FDA Pre-Production Program is designed for serious dance students ages 8 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. The Pre-Production students do not attend competitions, but they are encouraged to attend to support the Production Team and see what a competition looks like. Students are required to take Pre-Pro Ballet, Pre-Pro Tap and Pre-Pro Jazz, each class 1 hour long, on two separate days of the week. To join the program, students need to be experienced in Ballet, Tap and Jazz and to have been enrolled at FDA for one year or more.

Production Team 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 are required to take Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern and also have an additional “Choreography” class that focuses on choreography for competitions. To join the program, students need to be experienced in Ballet, Tap and Jazz and to have been enrolled at FDA for one year or more.

Senior Class (Graduating Class of 2026): 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, 2026.

TUITION RATES PER STUDENT

Tuition does not include the registration fee, recital fee, dancewear, shoes, costume rentals, purchased costume, or recital tickets

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

Class Hours Per Week	Monthly Payment
45 minutes	$50.00
1	$60.00
1½	$90.00
1 ¾	$105.00
2	$116.00
2 ¼	$130.00
2½	$140.00
2 ¾	$154.00
3	$162.00
3½	$189.00
4	$208.00
4½	$234.00
5	$260.00
5 ½	$286.00
6	$300.00
6 ½	$325.00
7	$336.00
7 ½	$360.00
8	$384.00
8½	$408.00
9	$432.00
9 ½	$437.00
10	$460.00

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 are due on or before the Tuition Due Date. They 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.

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 can sign up for Auto Pay by turning in the Auto Pay form on page 19, or email/message Nicole to authorize. We will continue your Auto Pay from one season to the next, as long as you register for classes.

ADDITIONAL FEES

1. Registration Fee
The registration fee of $30 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 12, 2026. **Average Costume Price $70-$90**

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 April 6, 2026. 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 March 9, 2026.

Production Students ONLY Costume Deposit
A $50.00 costume deposit for Junior Pro and a $100.00 Costume Deposit for Teen and Senior Pro is due by October 27, 2025. This deposit is for the competition costumes we need to order in the Fall for the Spring competitions, and will go toward the costume you will purchase.

DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS

Fairport Dance Academy sells all dance shoes, dancewear, tights, and dance bags at our studio throughout the year.

We have an onsite dance shop for your dance shoe and apparel needs. Dance shoe and dancewear fitting appointments can be scheduled online through Calendly at: https://calendly.com/fairportdanceacademy/shoe-fitting-appointment or by contacting Nicole to schedule at (440) 488-7692 or fairportdanceacadmy@hotmail.com Please be sure to schedule an appointment so we have shoe fitting staff available. Used shoes will not be available at shoe fittings.

If a student buys new shoes at the beginning of the dance season and outgrows their shoes during the dance season, we have a shoe exchange program that allows them to trade their used shoes for another pair of used shoes in a larger size. If you don't want to trade your old shoes, the cost for used shoes is $5.00 per pair.

The shoes that we sell are quality shoes at an economy price.

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 pink, tan or black 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.
Adult Dancers:	Comfortable, athletic clothing. Appropriate shoes for class – see list below
Hip Hop:	Comfortable clothes that are easy to move in and clean or new sneakers (not shoes that are worn outside)
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/dress okay. Pink Ballet Shoes or bare feet

REQUIRED SHOES FOR CLASS:

BALLET SHOES: Required for all ballet classes
Price Range: $25.00-$44.00

Ballet Students Age 3-13	Bloch "Dansoft" Leather Full Sole Ballet Shoes Color: pink S0205 Revolution Ballet Shoes in Classic Pink
Ballet Students Ages 13-18	Bloch "Prolite II" Leather Split-Sole Ballet Shoes Color: pink S0208

TAP SHOES: Required for all tap classes
Price Range: $47.00-$80.00

Tap Students Age 4-10 and Pre-Production	Capezio 3800 "Mary Jane" Buckle Strap Tap Shoe Color: Black Leather **(NO SHINY PATENT LEATHER TAP SHOES)** Bloch 302 Black Leather Mary Jane tap shoes
Tap Students Age 11-18	Capezio "Cadence" Tap Shoes Color: Black CG19

JAZZ SHOES: Required for all jazz classes
Price Range: $32.00-$44.00

Jazz Students Age 7-18	Bloch "Pulse" Jazz Shoes S0470 Color: Tan Revolution Jazz Shoes in Dark Tan

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

Age 13-18	Tan Leather or canvas half soles $24.00-$33.00

MODERN SHOES: Required for all modern classes

Age 13-18	Bare Feet

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.

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.

HOLIDAY SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE

We are planning to have an informal Holiday Showcase performance for our classes at the dance school in December.

During the week of December 8-11, 2025, each core group of classes (core = Ballet, Tap, Jazz, including Combo classes, Creative Movement and Toddler & Me classes) will perform one dance, in costume, in our lobby performance space, during their regular class time. Some elective classes will also be performing. I will send out the exact performance time and details as we get closer to December.

We will have our performance lobby set up with chairs for the audience. We will also have gift tables and raffle baskets set up in the white gazebo lobby.

There will be no charge for audience members for the Holiday Showcase performance, however, we will be charging a costume rental fee of $15.00 per costume for the dancers. This $15.00 helps us cover fees for steaming, alterations and accessories for each costume. The Holiday Costume Rental Fees will be posted to accounts at the beginning of November and will be due by November 24.

We will be putting together a DVD of all the class performances. Order forms will be emailed out and will also be available at the Front Desk in December. Last year, we were able to have the DVD ready to pick up before we went on Winter Break.

ANNUAL RECITAL INFORMATION

TENTATIVE RECITAL WEEK

JUNE 8-13, 2026

Location TBA

- We typically have 3 different recital shows. Each show is approximately 2 hours long and includes an intermission.
- Most students are only in one of the three Recital performances. Teens who take both core and elective classes, may be in more than one recital.
- Performances have reserved seating and recital tickets will go on sale online in May.
- Dress Rehearsals are very important. They help your child get used to dancing in a different space with stage lighting. Dress rehearsals begin at 5:30 pm.
- A detailed Recital Bulletin will be sent out in mid-April 2026.
- **Please do not schedule family vacations during recital week.**

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

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.

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 (including verbal) of other children, staff, or property
- Inability of Fairport Dance Academy to meet the child's needs

FAQ: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

CAN I TRY A CLASS 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 21.

HOW LONG IS THE DANCE SEASON?

Our dance season runs the length of a regular school year: August-June, ending with the Annual Recital the week of June 8-13, 2026. Registration for the 2025-2026 dance season will be open through December. In January, students age 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: See Shoe Requirements on page 12 for prices
Dance Apparel for Class: Apparel price range $9.00-$30.00
Tuition: see tuition rates on page 9
Costume Fee: Average costume price: $70-$90. 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

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 and age/level appropriateness.

WHAT DO I DO WHILE MY CHILD IS IN CLASS?

After dropping off your child for class, you are welcome to wait in the gazebo common area at Victoria Place. You can also leave and come back when class is over to pick up your child.

WHERE SHOULD I PARK?

Parking is available around the park/square and on Main St. for free, in the Job & Family Services parking lot, and the S. St. Clair St. parking lot, which is behind the Victoria Place building. Parking meters are not enforced.

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.

CAN I MAKE UP A MISSED CLASS?

Make-up classes will be offered, as a courtesy, from September through December when all classes are working on fundamentals and technique. Students can attend a similar class on a different day or time for a make-up. No make-up classes will be offered after winter break—this is when each class begins to learn its own recital choreography. Make-up classes can be scheduled with Nicole at the front desk.

CAN PARENTS OR VISITING RELATIVES OBSERVE A CLASS?

Parents and family members are often distracting inside the classroom. Classes often come out to dance in our Lobby Performance Space where families can watch.

WHAT ABOUT PERFORMANCES?

All of our Core classes will have a short performance in our Holiday Showcase at the dance studio. Elective classes may or may not have a holiday performance.

All classes, except for Creative Movement and Toddler & Me will perform in the Annual Recital.

Some classes may be asked to perform at additional performances listed here:
City of Painesville Fall Fest October 11, 2025
City of Painesville Spirit of the Season Tree Lighting November 21, 2025
Local Nursing Home Performances
Holiday Showcase (all classes)
Competitions (Production Students Only)
Recital (all classes except Creative Movement and Toddler & Me)
Creative Movement & Toddler & Me usually have separate Informal Showcases at the dance studio.

HOW DO I KNOW IF THERE IS A SNOW DAY?

The school will send out an email, post in the BAND app and post on Facebook if classes are cancelled due to severe weather conditions. Usually by 2:00 pm. We will also post the information on News channel 5, WKYC-TV3, and News Radio WTAM 1100 AM

SUMMER 2024 PARKING INFO FOR FDA

Lower level entrance off Main St.

Parking is available on Main St., St. Clair St. & Job and Family Services parking lot in the evenings.

This is the entrance from the back parking lot.

Parking lot entrance is off of South Saint Clair St. across from a Dollar Bank sign.

Students entering through these doors should walk straight down the hallway, turn right and take the elevator or stairs down to the Lower Level. Turn right off the elevator or stairs. The dance studio is down the hallway on the left.

2025-2026
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 be sure to either email Nicole to authorize or complete this form.

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:

- ☐ Tuition, Costume & Recital Fees (if applicable)
- ☐ Production Team Fees & Competition Fees
- ☐ Tights & Dance Apparel

If you need to make any special arrangements to split the auto pay fees, or set up a payment plan, contact Nicole.

Account Signature: _____Date: _____

Tuition & Fees Schedule
Personal Payment Record

Production Team Fees Listed in Red

	Date	Amount	Payment Method
Registration Fee ($30.00 per Family) Due at time of Registration			
Tuition #1- Due August 18 (Aug. 18-Sept. 12)			
Production Competition Fee Deposit - Due August 25			
Tuition #2 - Due September 15 (Sept. 15-Oct. 10)			
Tuition #3 - Due October 15 (Oct. 15-Nov. 7)			
Production Team Costume Deposit - Due October 27			
Tuition #4 - Due November 10 (Nov. 10-Dec. 12)			
Holiday Showcase Costume Rental Fee - Due November 24			
Tuition #5 - Due December 15 (Dec. 15-Jan. 23)			
Production Competition Fee #1 - Due December 22			
Costume Balance Due January 12			
Tuition #6 - Due January 26 (Jan. 26-Feb. 20)			
Production Competition Fee #2 – Due February 9			
Tuition #7 - Due February 23 (Feb. 23-Mar. 20)			
Recital Fee - Due March 9 ($40 per student)			
Tuition #8 - Due March 23 (Mar. 23-Apr. 17)			
Costume Rental Fees – Due April 6			
Tuition #9 - Due April 20 (Apr. 20-May 15)			
Tuition #10 - Due May 18 (May 18-June 12)			

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.

Fairport Dance Academy

How did you hear of us: **flyer** **friend** **internet** **other (please describe)**

Student Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Cel Phone:	
Student E-mail Address:	Birthday & Year:	Age:
School:	Grade:	

Medical Info. (Health/Physical Restrictions/Allergies):

Billing Name:		
Billing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Cel Phone:	
Work Phone:	Parent E-mail Address:	

Parent 1:	
Home Phone:	Cel Phone:
Work Phone:	Parent E-mail Address:

Parent 2:	
Home Phone:	Cel Phone:
Work Phone:	Parent E-mail Address:

Emergency Contact (Other than Parent/Guardian):
Phone Number:

Instructions

Please indicate which classes you would like to register for by filling in the appropriate lines below.

Class Schedule is on page 5-6 of the Studio Handbook

To find your tuition total, see the Tuition Table on page 9 of the Studio Handbook

Class	Day/Time	Instructor	Hours Per Week
		Registration Fee	$30.00
		Total Hours per Week	
		Total Tuition	

Please include the signed Waiver of Liability & Media Release with your registration

See page 19 in the of the Studio Handbook for details

Office Use:

Date Paid: Cash/Check/CC: Amount Paid: