



## Dreamer's Dance Company Parent/Student Handbook 2019/2020

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*This handbook contains information about classes and the studio, student and parent expectations, and a calendar for the 2019/2020 dance season. All of the teachers and staff at DDC are dedicated to making sure our customers' experience is positive. We look forward to making our 3rd year of Dreamer's Dance Company the best and most impressive yet!*

### Studio Communication

Dreamer's Dance Company sends out a monthly newsletter and other announcements via email and our Band app. For the fastest and most thorough answer to any questions you may have, please contact us via email at [admin@dreamersdanceco.com](mailto:admin@dreamersdanceco.com). Please respect all faculty members personal time and refrain from contacting them privately.

### Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dreamersdanceco>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dreamersdanceco/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/dreamersdanceco>

### Registration

Registration for new and returning members is easy via our Parent Portal enrollment link. This can be found on our website at [DreamersDanceCo.com](http://DreamersDanceCo.com). For questions regarding enrollment please contact us via email at [admin@dreamersdanceco.com](mailto:admin@dreamersdanceco.com).

### Tuition

First month's tuition is due at the time of enrollment. Tuition will be pulled from the required account on file on the first of each month (August -



May). A \$25 bounce fee will be assessed to any failed pulls and an additional \$25 late fee will apply to any accounts not paid in full by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you would prefer to avoid auto-withdraw please bring cash or check into the office during our scheduled office hours by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Payments made by cash or check after this day or outside of office hours may not clear our system before auto-withdraw resurrects accounts and could result in a double pull. This would place a non-refundable credit on your account. All payments must be up to date and balance paid in full in order for a student to receive apparel or merchandise, or before participating in class, any special event, showcase, recital or competition.

### **Tuition (cont.)**

Tuition is all-inclusive, meaning all show costs are covered in your monthly tuition, so there are no surprises. Tuition covers all dance classes, costumes, tights, tickets and professional video of our end of year showcase.

Tuition is Paid on the 1st of the month August - May.  
(August payment is prorated to 1/2 month)

30 Min. Class - \$40

45 Min. Class - \$68

1 Hour Long Class - \$78/month

2 - 3 Classes - 5% off

4 - 5 Classes - 10% off

Unlimited - \$375/month

Due to our all-inclusive pricing structure, late enrollments will incur the following registration fees to cover costume costs. After December, we cannot guarantee the class costume will still be available to order.

October - \$10 fee

November - \$20 fee

December - \$30 fee

January - \$40 fee

February - \$50 fee



### *Adult Classes*

Drop in Rate - \$18/single class

### **Charges to Account (Merchandise & Non-Tuition events)**

Families can purchase dancewear, shoes, attire and other Dreamer's Dance Company spirit items from our Boutique and place the fees to the account. Any charges placed on your account for any items or events other than tuition will be pulled from your bank account on file within 24 hours and subject to the \$25 bounce fee for any failed pulls. Dreamer's Dance Company is not responsible for any bank-assessed bounce fees due to failed pulls. Please pay cash or check at the time of purchase or enrollment to avoid auto-withdraw. All transactions are subject to 6% sales tax in accordance with Florida State law.

### **Attendance**

Please email us as soon as possible if your student is going to miss class for any reason. If a student wishes to makeup a missed class due to unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances, they may schedule a makeup class within a month of the date of absence. Parents should contact us at [admin@dreamersdanceco.com](mailto:admin@dreamersdanceco.com) to schedule a makeup class.. Tuition will not be discounted due to missed classes. Students may not makeup any classes from April 1st - our end of year showcase.

### **Withdrawing Enrollment**

If you or your student decides mid-year not to continue with a class, we must be notified by email to [admin@dreamersdanceco.com](mailto:admin@dreamersdanceco.com) no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior. Any withdraw notifications received later than this date will still be subject to the following month's tuition payment. If the withdraw happens after December 1st and costume has already been ordered, a \$60 costume fee will be assessed to cover the cost of costume. This costume may be used in the showcase by another dancer at DDC. Parent may pick up the costume from the studio after our end of year showcase. All withdraw notifications must be sent by email. No withdraw requests made in person to any staff of Dreamer's Dance Company are considered appropriate or applicable.



### **Class Cancellations**

DDC may cancel class due to inclement weather. We will send out an email, update our studio's Facebook page, and post to our Band app. Please check all outlets for the fastest and most accurate information. Students can make up these classes within one month in the same or lower level class.

### **Parent Observation**

Parents are invited to enjoy watching their children learn and grow from the comfort of our lobby view cameras. Parents are not permitted to enter the studio at anytime during class hours with the exception of Parent Viewing Week and instructor invitation. Our student's dance education is of utmost importance to us and is best achieved with minimal interruption. Parents of our Special Dreamer's and Parent/Child classes are always invited to join us in the classroom. We simply ask that street shoes are removed prior to entering the dance space.

### **Lobby Expectations**

Please be considerate of other customers as well as our students while in the lobby or viewing areas of the studio. Just as you can hear some of the instructions coming from inside the studio, dancers and instructors inside the studio can hear loud noises from the lobby. Siblings of students need to be supervised at all times within the walls of Dreamer's Dance Company. There should be no running, yelling or playing with water fountains, vending machines or merchandise in the lobby.

### **Classroom Expectations**

Students should be ready to enter class on time, have used the restroom, with hair up pulled back neatly and in the appropriate dress code for the class they are preparing to enter. If your student is not in the appropriate attire on a recurring basis, they may be asked to sit out and observe class for the day. DDC Team students - this will count as an unexcused absence.



## Dress Code

It is incredibly important that your dancer follow our guidelines for dance attire and footwear within the walls of our studios. The DDC dress code was created to keep your dancer safe, prevent injuries and ensure that he or she receives the best dance instruction possible.

### Ladies

- Solid colored leotard (black must be worn for Level 1 and up Ballet classes)
- Solid Black leggings or pink/tan tights (form fitting shorts or skirts permitted)
- Hair in a bun or ponytail (bun must be worn for all ballet classes)
- Dance Shoes
  - Ballet class – Pink Ballet Shoes
  - Jazz class – Tan Slip on Jazz Shoes
  - Tap class – Black Full Sole Tap Shoes
  - Contemporary/Lyrical – Half Soles or bare feet
  - Hip Hop – Clean Sneakers
  - Acro – Bare feet

### Gentlemen

- Black or Studio T-shirt
- Black Dance/Athletic Style Pants or Black Basketball Shorts
- Dance Shoes
  - Ballet Class – Black Ballet Shoes
  - Jazz class – Black Slip on Jazz Shoes
  - Tap class – Black Tap Shoes
  - Contemporary/Lyrical – Half Soles or bare feet
  - Hip Hop – Clean Sneakers
  - Acro – Bare feet

### Adults

Adults should wear the appropriate shoes for the style of the class (example - tap shoes for tap). Adult students may adhere to the above dress code or wear appropriate fitness style attire.



All attire required for our classes is available for purchase or order in the Studio Lobby or Office. If you choose to put items on your account, your card will be run for the full amount with your next tuition payment.

### **Student Evaluations & Level Information**

Faculty and teachers at Dreamer's Dance Company reserve the right to place students in the appropriate level. Students often spend at least two years in a level before continuing on to the next level. Teachers are more than happy to provide additional feedback and help students develop and succeed in their dance goals. To schedule a time to discuss this further with your instructor, or to request a student evaluation, please contact us at [admin@dreamersdanceco.com](mailto:admin@dreamersdanceco.com).

### **Annual Showcase Information**

Dreamer's Dance Company dancers enjoy a final end of year recital to showcase all their hard work! All information will be posted to our website, Band app and included in our monthly newsletter. It is important for parents to review all information regarding our Annual Showcase.

**Costumes:** Student's costumes are included for our non-team students in our all inclusive tuition structure. Costumes will be tried on in class once they are in and distributed the first week of May (once May's tuition has been received.) While most costumes are a good fit, sometimes the standard sizing needs a little help. Most times a quick stitch will suffice. All alterations will be the responsibility of the parent. If you need more detailed help, we suggest the following place for inexpensive and quality alterations.

*A+ Tailoring & Dry Cleaning - Angela Soucy  
1705 Main Street Dunedin, FL 34698  
727-734-5050*



## 2019-2020 Calendar of Events

August 19 - Studio Classes Begin

September 2 - Labor Day, Studio Closed

October 5 - Team Social 5-7:30pm

October 10-13 - OLL Festival in Dunedin (exact day TBD)

October 14 - Team photos

October 14 - Columbus Day, Studio Closed (Schools Closed)

October 31 - Halloween, Studio Closed

November 22-24 - Tremaine Convention/Competition in Orlando (optional)

November 25 - December 1 - Thanksgiving Break, Studio Closed

December 7 - Tentative Dunedin Holiday Parade (date pending city announcement)

December 22 - January 5 - Winter Break, Studio Closed

January 6 - Studio Classes resume (schools closed)

January 11- Team Dress Rehearsal

January 20 - MLK Jr Day, Studio Closed (schools closed)

January 31 - Feb 2 - Streetz Convention/Competition in Tampa (optional)

February 17 - Presidents Day, Schools closed, Studio Closed

February 21-23 - Groove Dance Competition (All Team)

March 15 - 22 - Spring Break, Studio Closed

March 23 - Schools Closed, Studio Closed

April 10-12 - Good Friday/Easter, Schools Closed, Studio Closed

April 17-19 - Turn It Up Dance Challenge (All team)

May 1-3 - Revel Convention/Competition in Tampa (optional)

May 25 - Memorial Day, Studio Closed (schools closed)



June 6 - Tentative Showcase Date \*\*\*pending location availability