



ESCALATE DANCE & THEATRE STUDIO

✦ ✦ 2023 - 2024 ✦ ✦

HANDBOOK

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Fall Classes Begin.....Mon, Sep 11th

OCTOBER

October Tuition Payment Processed.....Sun, Oct 1st

1st of 2 Costume Fee Processed.....Sun, Oct 15th

Fall Break (NO CLASS).....Wed, Oct 18th - Fri, Oct 20th

Halloween Parties In Class.....Tue, Oct 24th - Mon, Oct 30th

Halloween (NO CLASS).....Tue, Oct 31st

NOVEMBER

November Tuition Payment Processed.....Wed, Nov 1st

Final Costume Fee Processed.....Wed, Nov 15th

Thanksgiving Break (NO CLASS).....Mon, Nov 20th - Fri, Nov 24th

DECEMBER

December Tuition Payment Processed.....Fri, Dec 1st

Holiday Parties In Class.....Wed, Dec 13th - Tue, Dec 19th

Winter Break (NO CLASS).....Wed, Dec 20th - Mon, Jan 1st

JANUARY

January Tuition Payment Processed.....Mon, Jan 1st

Classes Resume After Break.....Tue, Jan 2nd

MLK Jr. Day (WE HAVE CLASS).....Mon, Jan 15th

FEBRUARY

February Tuition Payment Processed.....Thur, Feb 1st

Presidents Day (WE HAVE CLASS).....Mon, Feb 19th

Pictures at Escalate.....TBD end of Feb/beg of Mar

MARCH

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March Tuition Payment Processed.....Fri, Mar 1st

Spring Break (NO CLASS).....Mon, Mar 25th - Fri, Mar 29th

APRIL

April Tuition Payment Processed.....Mon, April 1st

Classes Resume After Break.....Mon, April 1st

MAY

May Tuition Payment Processed.....Wed, May 1st

Memorial Day (NO CLASS).....Mon, May 27th

Recital Dress Rehearsal.....Thur, May 30th

JUNE

20th Annual Recital!.....Sat, June 1st

COMMUNICATION

Here at Escalate, our primary form of communication will be email. Our system receives your email through class registration, but please confirm that we have your correct email on file if you have any reason to believe it may be incorrect.

our email:

escalatedance@comcast.net

We also use social media to post timely information as well as photos of fun studio events! This information, however, is NOT emailed, so please follow our accounts:



Escalate Dance



@escalatedance

WAIVER

Alongside the electronic permissions agreed to upon registration, each dancer must also have their parent/guardian complete a hard copy waiver. The waiver will be emailed to you the week before class starts and can be brought into the studio with your dancer. If the waiver is forgotten on the first day of class, a parent/guardian must stop by the front desk and sign at the studio. Dancers will not be allowed to participate in class until the waiver is signed and turned into the front desk.

TUITION & FEES

ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE

There is a **\$120 per dancer** registration fee.

For families with multiple dancers, the registration fee for the second dancer is **\$25** and **\$10** for each additional dancer.

The registration fee includes the following:

- Recital t-shirt (1 per dancer)
- Professionally recorded recital video
- 2 Recital Tickets per family
- Registration processing fee

Tuition is charged monthly and is due the first of every month. Tuition is charged on a flat rate basis, paying the same amount each month regardless of the number of weeks in a month. We do not prorate tuition or offer refunds for missed classes.

All accounts must be paid by automatic tuition payment. Tuition payment will be processed with the credit card on your family account on the 1st of each month. Any additional charges on your account will be processed along with monthly tuition on the 1st of each month (i.e. private lessons, voice lessons, merchandise, etc). We accept Visa, Mastercard and Discover. A \$20 fee will be added to accounts for a declined or expired credit card. Cash or check payment will not be accepted unless a prior arrangement has been made.

Automatic tuition payment begins with October tuition. Please log on to your account to accept the waiver, add a credit card to your account and pay the registration fee. Registration is not complete until the waivers have been accepted and registration fee has been paid.

CLASS WITHDRAWALS

While we hope that your dancer is able to stay in class the entire season, we understand that sometimes things come up, and withdrawing from class is necessary. Escalate requires **written notice** of a withdrawal from any class. Until the written withdrawal notice is received, the dancer is considered an active student, and the parent/guardian will still be **responsible for tuition**.

No refunds will be given for mid-month withdrawals. If a dancer withdraws from class after recital costume fees have been paid, there will not be a refund as the costume will have already been ordered.

DRESS CODE & SHOES

Dancers at Escalate are expected to come to class in dance-appropriate apparel. There are specific types of shoes expected for each class. See below for what is expected in your class. Competition team dancers, please see the competition team handbook for your dress code.



Toddlers in Motion

- ★ Clothes that are comfortable to move in
- ★ Ballet shoes

Ballet, Tap, & Jazz Combo Classes

- ★ Leotard + tights -OR- dance shorts/leggings and fitted dance top
- ★ Ballet and Tap shoes
- ★ Hair in a bun or ponytail

Lyrical / Jazz

- ★ Leotard + tights -OR- dance shorts/leggings and fitted dance top
- ★ Jazz shoes or Turners
- ★ Hair in a ponytail or bun

Jazz / Hip Hop

- ★ Clothes that are comfortable to move in
- ★ Jazz shoes or tennis shoes (if wearing tennis shoes, they must be a pair worn INDOORS ONLY)
- ★ Haired pulled out of dancer's face

Musical Theatre

- ★ Clothes that are comfortable to move in
- ★ Haired pulled out of dancer's face
- ★ Jazz shoes

Adult Classes

- ★ Clothes that are comfortable to move in



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY ✨

We avoid cancelling class due to weather whenever possible, but always keep safety of our students and staff first in mind. We generally follow the Osseo School District 279 weather cancellations.

If classes are cancelled due to weather, we will send an e-mail and also post on our Instagram and Facebook accounts.

✨ HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS ✨

HALLOWEEN

Dancers are invited to **wear their Halloween costume** to class Tuesday, Oct 24th - Monday, Oct 30th. **Families are invited to come in the last 10 minutes** to watch each class perform a spooktacular short Halloween dance! If dancers so choose, they are welcome to bring a treat to share (please do not bring anything with nuts). We do NOT have class on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31st.

HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE

Have your dancer dress in their holiday best the last week of class before Winter Break, Thursday, December 15th – Wednesday, December 21st. **Join us for the last 10 minutes of class** for a short holiday-themed performance! Dancers will do a holiday gift exchange - please bring a wrapped \$10 gift that will be exchanged at the end of class!

YEAR END RECITAL

We end each year with a recital to showcase the dancers' hard work throughout the year! Each class will have the opportunity to perform in the show and we do encourage each dancer to participate as it is always a ton of fun, but participation is not required.

Recital will be held on Saturday, June 1st at Osseo High School.
Dress rehearsal held on Thursday, June 1st at Osseo High School.

Toddlers in motion classes will not perform in the recital, but will have their own special performance at the studio! More information on the Toddlers in Motion performance to come soon.

Recital tickets will go on sale in May and are sold online only. Please note your studio account (including May tuition) **must** be paid in full in order for dancers to participate in the recital and to be able to purchase recital tickets. Exact ticketing procedures and information will be sent out in the Spring.

RECITAL COSTUMES

We work hard at Escalate to pick out **fun and age-appropriate** costumes for all of our dancers! Each dancer participating in the year-end recital will purchase costumes for the show.

Recital costume fees are charged to your studio account. Fees are viewable on October 1st and will be split into 2 equal payments. Costume fee payment will be processed automatically with the credit card on your family account on October 15th and November 15th. The costume fee includes the costumes, shoes, accessories, and tights. Shoes included in the costume fee will be sized in January and will be handed out along with costumes.

| Class | No. of Costumes | Shoes included | Total Cost | Class | No. of Costumes | Shoes included | Total Cost |
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| Toddlers in Motion | 1 | Ballet | \$80 | Hip Hop ages 9+ | 1* | Sneakers | \$135 |
| BTJ ages 3-4 | 2 | Ballet & Tap | \$190 | Musical Theatre ages 5-9 | 1** | Character Shoes | \$110 |
| BTJ ages 5-12 | 2 | Ballet & Tap | \$195 | Musical Theatre ages 9+ | 1** | Character Shoes | \$110 |
| Lyrical/Jazz ages 9+ | 2 | Jazz | \$195 | Ballet ages 7+ | 1 | Ballet | \$90 |
| Hip Hop ages 6-9 | 1* | Sneakers | \$135 | | | | |

*Hip Hop classes will perform 2 dances in recital; costumes include 1 pair of pants that will be worn for both dances and 2 different tops.
** Musical theatre classes will perform 2 numbers in the recital. A prop or accessory will be added to the costume for the second number.



PICTURES



Pictures will be held at Escalate in late February/early March – exact date will be announced soon! We bring in the amazingly talented relevéPHOTO to take pictures. One group picture per class is taken and you have the opportunity to individuals in each costume. About a week after the pictures are taken, proofs are available to view and purchase on the relevéPHOTO website. More information to come closer to picture day!

**WE ARE SO EXCITED
TO HAVE YOU AT
ESCALATE
THIS YEAR!!**

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Questions?

Email us at EscalateDance@comcast.net

