



## **Desiree's Dancers**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION 2023-2024**

\*Your first payment includes the following: 1st month of lesson(s) fee, 1 time per dance year registration fee (\$25) and a 1 time per year Media Fee (\$20). The media fee includes a professional download of the recitals along with your music and instructional videos. All music and instructional videos will begin to be sent out to you in January.  
\*Starting in September your 1st month's costume fee(s) will begin.

\* Parents may wait in the lobby area during class. However, this area can become crowded with students and parents alike and we ask that everyone respects the space and the classes in session. Parents with younger children may find that this is not the best place to wait during your dancer's class. It is o.k. for parents to drop off kids, leave the building and pick up when class is over.

\*Teachers and assistants cannot monitor the waiting room, other parts of the building or the parking lot during classes. Please do not leave small children unattended and please pick up your children promptly after class.

\*DD (Desiree's Dancers) is not responsible for lost or stolen articles. Please put your name on everything and leave your valuables at home.

\*No food or drink is to be brought into the studio room.

\*No cell phones, except for scheduled videotaping, may be brought into the studio classroom.

### **Code of Conduct**

\*Students, parents and teachers alike are expected to show respect and courtesy to each other. \*Students will be dismissed from class for unreasonable behavior.

\*Please be aware that this environment is for the children. Adult conversations in the waiting room are not allowed. There are always ears listening. Our studio is a "dance family" where every member is important. We are all on the same team and a positive atmosphere where students and parents encourage one another is what we strive to provide. Anyone displaying the opposite will be withdrawn from our program.

\*Any issues that arise should be immediately taken up with the instructors, Miss Savanna or Miss Desiree. We cannot fix what we do not know. Sharing problems or issues via social media or amongst friends gets you nowhere. If we can fix something we will do our best to do so immediately but if we are not communicated with, we cannot help the situation. Please know that we are here for you and your child and want nothing but the best for your dancer during his/her dance experience.

**CODE OF CONDUCT CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE**

\*Desiree's Dancers are not responsible for children dropped off any earlier than 10 minutes prior to their class time. Dancers must be picked up no later than 10 minutes past their class ending time unless arrangements are made with the instructor in charge at that time. Our instructors are preparing for class prior to start time and in another class immediately following the conclusion of the previous class. **THEY CANNOT LOOK AFTER KIDS WHO ARE NOT PICKED UP ON TIME.**

### **Communication**

Communicating between the dancer, parents & instructors is key to a successful dance season. We are here to help and listen and we strive to do our best to keep everyone updated and informed. Please take the following into consideration when needing to know/find or give information. \*Please refer to the following methods to communicate with your studio instructors and directors. \*Studio Phone Numbers: Miss Savanna at 402-270-3184 & Miss Desiree at 402-910-1078 \*Studio e-mails: [savblocker13@gmail.com](mailto:savblocker13@gmail.com) & [desireessdancers@neb.rr.com](mailto:desireessdancers@neb.rr.com) \*Studio Facebook page: Desiree's Dancers & "Like" our business page "Desiree's Dancers" \*Follow us on Instagram @desireesdancers.

I will also try to add new members to our private Facebook page in which you can ask questions etc. All messages will be answered however, there are times that we cannot respond during that particular business day. Messages received between the hours of 9p.m. and 9a.m. will not be immediately responded to. If you receive a text or a phone call from an instructor or studio director, please feel free to contact them back through that source.

All dancers must provide or have on file an email that can receive emails. Opting out of our e-mails is not a choice. We send out reminders and important information all the time. This is our main way to communicate information with you. We will keep hard copies of our documents in the waiting room for those without an e-mail address. We will not be handing out hard copies of every bit of information. This is in an effort to keep costs down and reduce paper waste. All major information will be e-mailed, posted on the website and on FB with copies available for you to pick up if needed in the waiting room.

\*Additional information will also frequently go home with your dancer.

\*To help keep our material cost down we ask that each dancer receives one copy of each letter. We also e-mail these letters, place them on Facebook and the more important documents are often placed on the Website "FILES" section for you to print out.

\*The studio website, [desireesdancers.com](http://desireesdancers.com), will be updated often with information and documents.

\*The BSD Dance Shop (in Columbus) hours vary, and a detailed schedule will soon be available.

## Tuition

Tuition will be on autopay monthly with your card. All dance families must have a working card on file. \*Tuition is based on a yearly fee and is broken into 8 equal monthly installments for your convenience. Some months have 5 lessons, others have 3. We do not change the price per month based on the number of classes. For the first 4 payments (September, October, November and December) your monthly price will include the recital costume fee. Starting in January, your monthly fee will decrease because it will not have the costume fee. Prices below reflect lesson payments ONLY. Costume prices are different according to your grade/age level. Costume prices will be listed in the next section titled "Costumes."

30 minute Class: \$30 per month

40 – 45 minute class: \$32 per month

50 – 60 minute class: \$34 per month.

\*Monthly: Your card on file will be billed the 5th of each month and the September tuition is due upon enrolling. Your next payment would be drafted on October 5th, then each month through April.

## Costume Expenses

\*All of our students are required to participate in their perspective recitals unless the staff is otherwise told by November 1st. We have a 99.99% participation percentage among our dance families. \*Starting in September your 1st month's costume fee(s) will begin.

\*Your monthly dance fee payment from September – December reflects the lesson fee and costume fee for that particular class. January – April payments will NOT have the costume fee added. \*If you drop a class BEFORE NOVEMBER 1st, you will be refunded the costume fee price (except for competition classes). If you drop a class AFTER NOVEMBER 1st, you will still owe for this costume because we must order costumes beginning in December to ensure they arrive on time.

\*Costume prices are listed here and they DO NOT include tights, undergarments, poms or correct shoes. We strive to keep your costume prices at a reasonable cost. The more classes you sign up for = the more costumes you will have. Again, this fee is broken into 4 payments and is reflected on your September – December payments.

Combo classes such as hip hop/cheer or tap/ballet require 1 costume.

### *Costume Prices:*

Creative Movement - Preschool - Kindergarten grade: \$58 (\$14.50 per month)

1st - 3rd Grade and all Acro: \$63 (15.75 per month)

4th - 12th Grade \$68 (\$17 per month)

### **Dropping a Class Please read and follow the directions!**

A student wanting to drop a class must e-mail savblocker13@gmail.com to provide our staff with the knowledge that a class will be dropped. Telling an instructor is not sufficient. **No refunds are given for dropping classes after the 5th of each month.** If you have paid for additional months, we can refund that amount. For example: If you drop a class on the 12th of the month, there will be no refund for that month. If you had paid for the following month as well, the following month(s) would be refunded. Your drop date is when you notify the studio, not when the child stops attending the class.

\*Costumes are non-refundable. If a class is dropped after November 1st, you will be responsible to pay for the costume which was ordered.

### **Adding a Class**

A student wanting to add a class must request it by speaking to or e-mailing Miss Savanna first. You will then be instructed on what your next step will be. All class additions will end NOVEMBER 1ST.

### **Class Cancellations**

Classes may be canceled due to inclement weather. If DCPS schools cancel due to weather, then the studio is also closed. We will also update our Facebook page and send emails.

There are no refunds for classes canceled due to the weather. **Your season tuition is figured with the possibility of canceled classes occurring.** A make-up class may be scheduled if a group has multiple canceled classes. This is rare. As always, parents should use their own discretion if the weather is questionable.

### **Dress Code**

All students are required to wear appropriate dance wear to class. This would include the following:

\*Leotards \*form fitting tank tops or dance tops \*tights \*dance shorts \*biker shorts \*skorts  
\*dance pants (we must see the dancer's ankle) \*dance skirts \*leggings

Ballet Technique: This will be enforced this year. Leotards, transition tights, dance skirts or form fitting dance shorts. If your ballet dancer cannot apply by this dress code, then please do not register for this class.

Hip Hop: Students may add their "swag" to their hip hop attire. Sweatpants, baggy shirts are welcome in this class.

Acro: Transition Tights, leotards and dance shorts.

Boys: (non-hip hop classes) Comfortable athletic pants or shorts with no zippers or snaps. T-shirts or tank tops. Under Armor tops are a good option.

Hair: Hair must be pulled back or up and out of the face. Hair cannot be completely worn down for any class.

## **Important Dates**

More will be added as our dance year progresses and events get scheduled.

Start Date: Tuesday, September 5th

Thanksgiving Break: Tuesday, November 21st through Saturday, November 25th. We will have classes on Monday, November 20th to make up for Labor Day.

Christmas Break: Friday, December 22nd – January 4th. Classes resume Friday, January 5th.

Competition for Competition Groups: **February 23rd-25th at CHI Health Center in Omaha.**

## **Recital**

All students registered in classes will be expected to participate in our Spring Recital.

All students are expected to attend any/all rehearsals for the Spring Recital.

\*Rehearsal and the recital for our 28th dance season will be held in Columbus at Columbus Middle School- Nantkes Performing Arts Center. This is at the old CHS high school, not the new one. The address is 2200 26th St, Columbus, NE 68601. **Recital will be Sunday, April 14th (Recital time TBA) and the rehearsal date is Saturday, April 13th beginning at 9AM.**

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Miss Savanna 402-270-3184 & Miss Desiree 402-910-1078

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\*Studio Facebook page: Desiree's Dancers & "Like" our business page "Desiree's Dancers" \*Follow us on Instagram @desireesdancers