

eXit SPACE

SCHOOL OF DANCE

eXit SPACE WELCOME PACKET – Young Dancer Program

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Young Dancer Program at eXit SPACE school of dance. We are thrilled to have your child with us! We have some exciting developments for the 2016-2017 school year, and we ask that you take a few minutes to read through the enclosed packet as a family.

Preparing for a new year of dance classes is much like preparing for school. At the end of summer you must make sure that your child has all of the supplies needed for the first day and an understanding of what to expect, as a student. You should also come up with a plan for organization throughout the year.

Enclosed in this packet, you will find general information on:

- Tuition amounts and due dates
- A description of our code of conduct
- Our yearly calendar
- A list of dance supplies that will be needed throughout the year
- Dress code information
- Attendance policies

We look forward to an extraordinary year of dance with you and your child at eXit SPACE!

Sincerely, Marlo Martin, eXit SPACE Director

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Tuition

Please note that although we send out EMAIL tuition reminders, it the responsibility of parents to mark calendars and pay in a timely fashion.

For convenience and ease of payment, we offer two payment options:

1. Tuition paid in full at the beginning of the season at a discounted rate of 5%
2. Tuition paid in 4 periods throughout the September-June Season at specific due dates

Tuition per quarter due dates:
September 12-17 (First Quarter)
November 14-19 (Second Quarter)
February 6-11 (Third Quarter)
April 17-21 (Fourth Quarter)

** Want help remembering to pay tuition? **SIGN up for AUTO-PAY!**

You will receive one invoice in September outlining the year's tuition choices. Please **bring a copy of your invoice** with you to the office when making a tuition payment.

- We offer a discount of 15% for families registering 2 or more children. The discount is applied to the student enrolled in the fewest number of classes.
- We offer discounts for multiple classes. Please ask for more information!
- An annual registration fee of \$25 per student is due at the time of enrollment. All tuition and registration fees are non-refundable.
- Customers with returned checks will be charged a \$25 fee.
- **Tuition that is more than 10 days late will incur a late fee of \$25.**

CODE of CONDUCT

eXit SPACE students are expected to behave in a responsible and disciplined manner and to adhere to the school's code of conduct. It is important to treat the eXit SPACE faculty and staff with respect and maintain a positive attitude, and the faculty will do the same in return. eXit SPACE reserves the right to suspend or dismiss any student whose conduct or attitude is found to be unsatisfactory. Please respect the expertise and decisions of the eXit SPACE faculty and staff in discipline at the school.

The following are absolutely forbidden at eXit SPACE school of dance:

- Hurting or intimidating others; verbal harassment
- Theft or destruction of school property or the property of others
- Profanity or lewd behavior
- Inappropriate harassment or coercion
- Self-destructive behavior

Any of the above actions will be reported immediately to the Director, who will contact the parent or guardian and discuss the appropriate disciplinary actions, which may include, but are not limited to, a probation period, suspension from the Young Dancer Program, or dismissal from the school.

DANCE SUPPLIES

The first thing every young dancer needs is a DANCE BAG. It is important that all shoes, hair accessories, clothing, and a water bottle be kept together—otherwise the dancer will be ill prepared for class.

We suggest the following items be kept in your child's dance bag at all times:

- Dance shoes
- Hairbrush and/or comb
- Elastic bands for hair (at least 10 to start off the year)
- Barrettes, other hair clips, or a headband
- Band-Aids
- Water bottle
- You might also consider including: an extra pair of tights and a leotard or extra pants and shirt.
- Please mark ALL clothing, shoes, and dance bag with full name and phone number so we can return it at their next class if it is accidentally left behind.

DRESS CODE

Each dancer in the program will be expected to follow this dress code. Being cleanly dressed and well groomed is an important part of being a young dancer. Not only does this allow each dancer to focus on more important things than clothing, it also allows the teacher to see the dancers' bodies and help them improve their skills. Dancewear is to be kept clean and in good repair. Any holes should be mended with similar color thread. Runs in tights should be painted with clear nail polish to discourage further running.

A local dance shop is Center Stage (<http://www.centerstagellc.com>) and a reputable online dancewear supplier is Discount Dance Supply (<http://www.discountdance.com>)

Please find your child's specific dress code information below:

BALLET – all dancers must wear a bun in their hair to every class

Ballet ONE

Girls: light pink leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers leotard MUST BE Capezio Style # CC101C (Child Size) or CC101 (Adult Size) **Boys:** white top, black pants, black ballet slippers

Ballet TWO

Girls: lavender leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers leotard MUST BE Capezio Style # CC101C (Child Size) or CC101 (Adult Size) **Boys:** white top, black pants, black ballet slippers

Ballet THREE and FOUR and FIVE, Pre-Pointe

Girls: black leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers leotard MUST BE Capezio Style # CC101C (Child Size) or CC101 (Adult Size) **Boys:** white top, black pants, black ballet slippers

JAZZ and TAP- ALL LEVELS - all dancers must wear a bun or tightly twisted hair to each class

Girls: white or black leotard, black jazz pants, black jazz shoes pants: [click here for example shoes](#): [click here for example](#) **Boys:** white or black top, black jazz pants, black jazz shoes pants: [click here for example shoes](#): [click here for example](#)

MODERN – ALL LEVELS

Girls: white or black leotard, black capri pants pants: [click here for example](#) **Boys:** white or black top, black capri or long pants

HIP HOP – ALL LEVELS

Girls and Boys: tank or tee-shirt (any color and style), loose fitting pants (no jeans), **CLEAN** tennis shoes with little to no tread

CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Girls and Boys: pink ballet slippers and black tap shoes are needed leotard, tights, pants, tutu, or skirt of their choice!

COMBO BALLET/TAP

Girls: white leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers, black tap shoes **Boys:** white top, black pants, black ballet slippers, black tap shoes

COMBO BALLET/MODERN

Girls: white leotard, pink FOOTLESS tights, pink ballet slippers **Boys:** white tee-shirt, black pants, black ballet slippers

COMBO HIP HOP/JAZZ

Girls: red leotard, black pants, black jazz shoes **Boys:** red top, black pants, black jazz shoes

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is critical if a student wants to progress in dance. It is of the highest importance to us that each student grows in the upcoming year of dance at eXit SPACE. This means improving technique, vocabulary, and retention, which takes practice and repetition. Remember also that your child's classmates are counting on them for rehearsals and performances.

Annual Calendar on next page!

ANNUAL CALENDAR - 2016-17 Season

September 12-17	First Week of Classes
September 12-17	1 st Quarter Tuition Due Date
November 7-13	Costume Measurement Week
November 14-19	2 nd Quarter Tuition Due (and costume fee due \$50)
November 24-26	Thanksgiving – CLOSED
December 5-10	Parent Watch Week #1
December 19- January 1	Holiday Break – CLOSED
January 6-11	3 rd Quarter Tuition Due
February 20-25	Mid Winter Break – CLOSED
March 13-18	Parent Watch Week #2
April 10-15	Spring Break - CLOSED
April 17-22	4 th Quarter Tuition Due
May 2-7	Concert Week! (the big performance!)
May 2-8	Studio Closed for performance week
May 9	ALL classes resume!
May 30	Memorial Day - CLOSED
June 5-10	Last Week of Classes