

# DANCE FX

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*MOVEMENT IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION*

**STARLETS, DUDES &  
SHORTIES**

**HANDBOOK**

**2019/2020**

Welcome to our **Starlets, Dudes & Shorties** Program:

The *DanceFX* Starlets, Dudes and Shorties are the youngest dancers at the studio. These little dancers gain awareness of their bodies through music and movement. Our classes incorporate the fundamentals of dance with a focus on basic dance technique, as well as gross and fine motor skills. Starlets, Dudes and Shorties quickly develop a love of dance as they receive both instruction and entertainment. The Baby Ballerina & Dudes class (ages 1.5 – 3) is a 45-minute class consisting of creative movement and basic dance technique. These adorable dancers perform one/two dances at the end-of-the-year recital. The Tutu Cuties & Dudes (ages 4– 6) enjoy an hour-long class consisting of 30 minutes of tap and 30 minutes of ballet or 30 minutes of tap and 30 minutes of jazz. This introduces young dancers to basic steps in both dance genres. Tutu Cuties perform two dances at recital. The Hip Hop Divas & Dudes (minimum age 3) class is a 45-minute class and a perennial favorite among little boys and girls. Our Starlets and Dudes love to street dance to upbeat, age-appropriate music. A high-energy hip-hop dance will be performed at recital, giving these students the opportunity to demonstrate skills learned throughout the year. The Shortie program (age 4-7) consists of 45-minute classes specific to one style of dance -- ballet, tap, hip hop or jazz. The class consists of warm up, which stretch and tone muscles. It includes across-the-floor combinations, which introduces new steps and techniques. These dancers will be challenged with learning new combinations of steps each week. We are looking forward to a great year.

Sincerely,

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## TUITION AND FEES

**REGISTRATION:** There is an annual, non-refundable \$50 registration fee for each new student and a \$30 fee for returning students.

**TUITION:** Tuition is due in full by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. If paid after the 7<sup>th</sup>, a \$25 late fee will be applied to your account. A credit card must be on file. We will charge your credit card for any past due amount, plus the late fee. Personal checks are accepted. However, a \$45 service charge will be billed to your account for any returned checks. All ***account balances must be paid before you can purchase tickets for the end of the year concert.***

**COSTUME FEES:** Costumes must be paid for by November 12. The retail costume costs are listed in the handbook. To avoid a financial burden for those of you with a child or children, in multiple classes, we suggest you make payment prior to the costume fee deadline.

## COMMUNICATION THE OPEN CHANNEL

Please check the website at [www.dancefxsunrise.com](http://www.dancefxsunrise.com) for information throughout the year. Our most frequent form of communication is via email. We send out a number of emails every month, providing updates and important information about the happenings at *DanceFX*. Please be sure to provide a current email address to *DanceFX*. Follow us on [www.facebook.com/dancefxsunrise](http://www.facebook.com/dancefxsunrise). We will have weekly updates and fun contests.

At times, we may need to contact you by phone or snail mail. **PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR MAILING ADDRESS.**

If you need to speak to us about anything at all, please stop by and see us when classes are not in session or at the end of the day. We will gladly speak with you. You can also email us directly at [joan@dancefxsunrise.com](mailto:joan@dancefxsunrise.com) or [julie@dancefxsunrise.com](mailto:julie@dancefxsunrise.com)

Please make sure you label your children's dancewear and shoes. That last thing you want is your child's belongings ending up in the land of the lost clothes and shoes. Lost and found will be emptied once a month.

## FOOD AND DRINKS

NO STUDENT OR ADULT WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE CLASSROOM WITH GUM, CANDY, FOOD ETC. NO FOOD ALLOWED IN THE DANCE ROOMS. WATER IS THE ONLY BEVERAGE PERMITTED IN THE DANCE ROOMS.

## CONDUCT

Excessive talking, foul language or disrespectful behavior to fellow dancers or teachers will not be tolerated. Any student demonstrating unacceptable behavior will be asked to leave the classroom.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
2019/2020**

There are many events that take place throughout the year, and we don't want you to miss a single event.

The calendar below will keep you on track:

**To sign up for Dance FX Remind,  
Saturday classes  
Text @Saturday to this number 81010.**

**Weekday classes  
Text @Studio to the number 81010.**

**Studio Closures**

**2019-2020**

<b>Labor Day</b>	September 2	<b>Spring Break</b>	March 23-25
<b>Halloween</b>	October 31	<b>Memorial Day</b>	May 23-25
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	November 25-30	<b>Studio Closed</b>	June 4-6vRecital
<b>Winter Break</b>	December 23- January 5	<b>Studio Closed</b>	July 4-10

**Important Studio Events**

**2018-2019**

<b>Costume Payment Due</b>	November 12	<b>Dress Rehearsal 1</b>	June 4
<b>Picture day weekend 1</b>	May 1-3	<b>Dress Rehearsal 2</b>	June 5
<b>Ticket Sales</b>	April 26	<b>Recital 1</b>	June 6
<b>Picture day weekend 2</b>	May 15-17	<b>Recital 2</b>	June 6

**Summer Camp & Classes begin  
June 8, 2020**

## GUIDELINES AND RULES

### DRESS CODE:

Baby Ballerinas	Pink <i>DanceFX</i> leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes
Tutu Cuties	Purple <i>DanceFX</i> leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes, tan tap shoes.
Dancing Dudes	Fitted shirt, shorts, black ballet shoes and/or black jazz shoes, black tap shoes
Hip Hop Divas & Dudes	Loose fitted clothing and sneakers
Tumble Tots	Crop top and shorts or leotard and shorts. No shoes permitted. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail
Shortie Jazz	Leotards, leggings, dance shorts, crop tops No baggy clothes; tan jazz shoes. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail.
Shortie Hip Hop	Dancer's choice. Street clothes permitted. No school/street shoes on dance floor. Must have a pair just for class.
Shortie Tap	Any fitted dance clothes. Black tap shoes with laces. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail
Shortie Ballet	<i>Dance FX</i> ballet leotard, pink tights and pink full sole ballet shoes. Hair must be secured in a neat bun. No jewelry allowed. Only fitted sweaters may be worn. ie: ballet sweater

### MISSING CLASSES

No adjustments or refunds will be made for any missed classes due to illness. Any student can make up missed classes in an appropriate level class. Once we are in concert routines, make-ups can only be made during warm ups. If a student has more than three consecutive absences in a closed class\*, he or she may be removed to make room for other students to join. Illness and vacations are the exceptions.

### STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Parents, please make every effort to have your child to class on time and pick them up when their classes are over. For students who are not picked up within 15 minutes after a class is finished, a \$10 per half hour charge will be implemented unless prior arrangements have been made. **All parents will be required to sign in their child/children.**

### 15-MINUTE RULE

If you are more than 15 minutes late for a class, you will not be admitted unless given permission by the teacher.

\**CLOSED CLASS* – This is any class that has reached maximum capacity as decided by the faculty.

**2020**

**DANCE RECITAL GUIDELINES**

*Dance concerts take many months of planning. Here is a basic outline of information, payments and various costs.*

**RECITAL DATES**

Dress Rehearsals	June 4 & June 5
RECITAL	JUNE 6, 2020

**TICKET COSTS (Subject to change) Ticket Sale Day Sunday, April 26, 2020.**

\$18-\$26

**PROGRAM BOOK ADS (Optional)**

Special messages: \$15 for 50 words or less.

¼ page \$40, ½ page \$70, Full page \$125 Back cover & inside front cover \$200.

**RECITAL PICTURES**

RECITAL photos by Memories Forever

Picture Day	May 1-3, 2020
Picture Day	May 15-17, 2020

**RECITAL Media Package \$75 – package will include link and recital t-shirt. Due February 2, 2020**

A downloadable link of the 2020 recital will be following the recital. The link will contain both shows. A hard copy of the show can be purchased for \$15. ***No one is permitted to bring his or her own video equipment into the theater.***

**COSTUMES**

TIGHTS MUST BE PURCHASED ADDITIONALLY. Colors may vary and are for sale in the office.

**PAYMENT DUE DATES**

***Costume payment is due in full by November 12, 2019. No costumes will be ordered without payment.***

***There are no costume refunds. Alternations are your expense.***

**COSTUME COSTS - STARLETS & STUDS**

Baby Ballerinas	\$95
Tutu Cuties	\$95
Tumble Tots	\$75
Hip Hop Divas	\$95
Dudes	Costs given once costume is decided
Shortie jazz, ballet, tap, hip hop	\$110

***ENJOY YOUR YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!***