



CELEBRATING  
**21 YEARS**

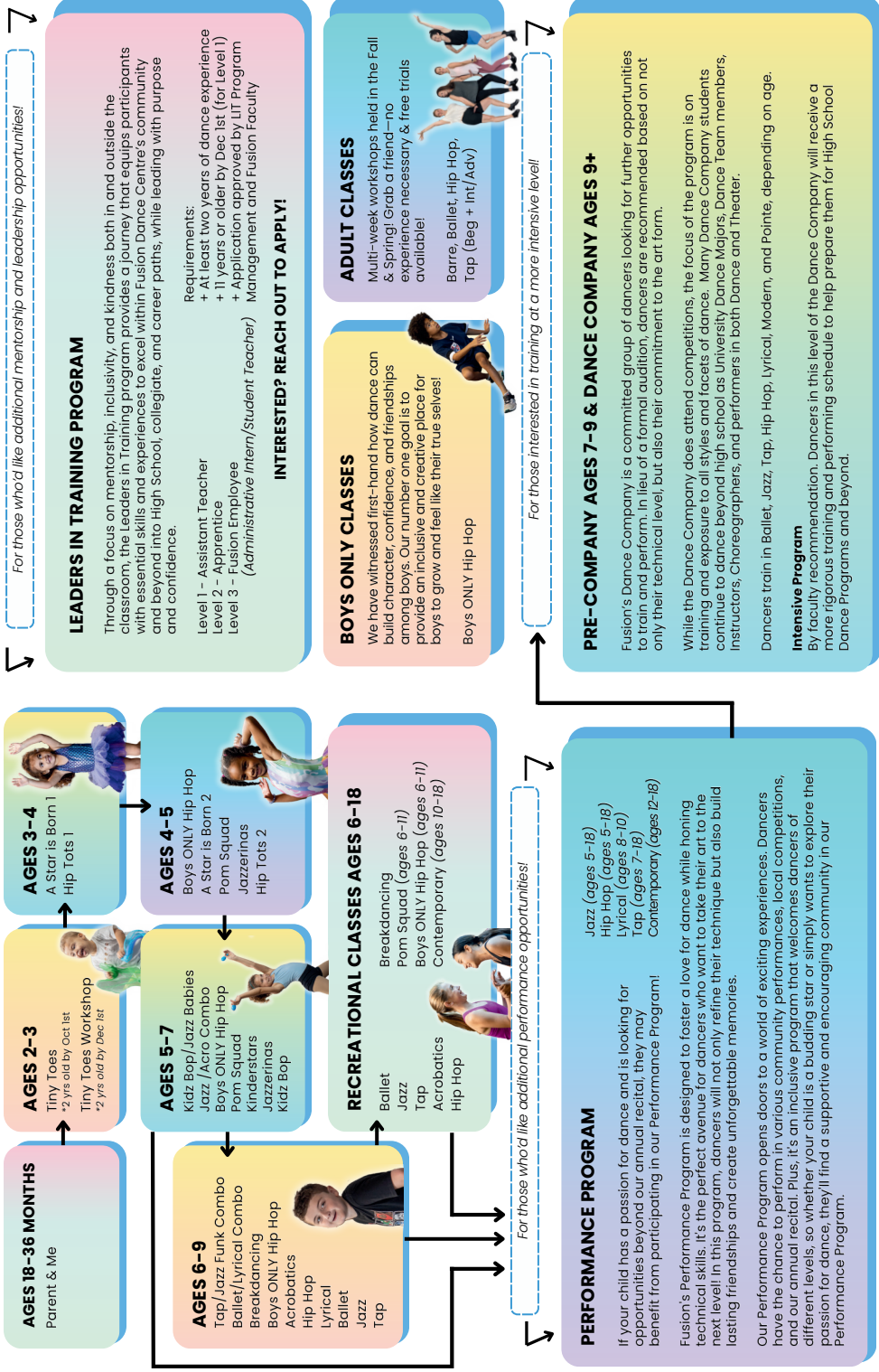
# HANDBOOK

SEPTEMBER 2024 - JUNE 2025

**Questions?**

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# FUSION DANCE CENTRE PROGRAMS BY AGE



**AGES 18-36 MONTHS**  
Parent & Me

**AGES 2-3**  
Tiny Toes  
+2 yrs old by Oct 1st  
Tiny Toes Workshop  
+2 yrs old by Dec 1st

**AGES 3-4**  
A Star is Born 1  
Hip Tots 1

**AGES 6-9**  
Tap/Jazz Funk Combo  
Ballet/Lyrical Combo  
Breakdancing  
Boys ONLY Hip Hop  
Acrobatics  
Hip Hop  
Lyrical  
Ballet  
Jazz  
Tap

**AGES 5-7**  
Kidz Pop/Jazz Babies  
Jazz/Tacro Combo  
Boys ONLY Hip Hop  
Pom Squad  
Kinderstars  
Jazzerinas  
Kidz Pop

**AGES 4-5**  
Boys ONLY Hip Hop  
A Star is Born 2  
Pom Squad  
Jazzerinas  
Hip Tots 2

**RECREATIONAL CLASSES AGES 6-18**  
Ballet  
Jazz  
Tap  
Acrobatics  
Hip Hop  
Breakdancing  
Pom Squad (ages 6-11)  
Boys ONLY Hip Hop (ages 6-11)  
Contemporary (ages 10-18)

**BOYS ONLY CLASSES**  
We have witnessed first-hand how dance can build character, confidence, and friendships among boys. Our number one goal is to provide an inclusive and creative place for boys to grow and feel like their true selves!

Boys ONLY Hip Hop

**ADULT CLASSES**  
Multi-week workshops held in the Fall & Spring! Grab a friend—no experience necessary & free trials available!

Barre, Ballet, Hip Hop, Tap (Beg + Int/Adv)

**LEADERS IN TRAINING PROGRAM**  
Through a focus on mentorship, inclusivity, and kindness both in and outside the classroom, the leaders in Training program provides a journey that equips participants with essential skills and experiences to excel within Fusion Dance Centre's community and beyond into High School, collegiate, and career paths, while leading with purpose and confidence.

Requirements:  
+ At least two years of dance experience  
+ 11 years or older by Dec 1st (for Level 1)  
+ Application approved by LIT Program Management and Fusion Faculty

Level 1 - Assistant Teacher  
Level 2 - Apprentice  
Level 3 - Fusion Employee  
(Administrative Intern/Student Teacher)

**INTERESTED? REACH OUT TO APPLY!**

**PERFORMANCE PROGRAM**  
If your child has a passion for dance and is looking for opportunities beyond our annual recital, they may benefit from participating in our Performance Program!

Our Performance Program is designed to foster a love for dance while honing technical skills. It's the perfect avenue for dancers who want to take their art to the next level in this program, dancers will not only refine their technique but also build lasting friendships and create unforgettable memories.

Our Performance Program opens doors to a world of exciting experiences. Dancers have the chance to perform in various community performances, local competitions, and our annual recital. Plus, it's an inclusive program that welcomes dancers of different levels, so whether your child is a budding star or simply wants to explore their passion for dance, they'll find a supportive and encouraging community in our Performance Program.

**PRE-COMPANY AGES 7-9 & DANCE COMPANY AGES 9+**  
Fusion's Dance Company is a committed group of dancers looking for further opportunities to train and perform. In lieu of a formal audition, dancers are recommended based on not only their technical level, but also their commitment to the art form.

While the Dance Company does attend competitions, the focus of the program is on training and exposure to all styles and facets of dance. Many Dance Company students continue to dance beyond high school as University Dance Majors, Dance Team members, Instructors, Choreographers, and performers in both Dance and Theater.

Dancers train in Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Modern, and Pointe, depending on age.

**Intensive Program**  
By faculty recommendation, dancers in this level of the Dance Company will receive a more rigorous training and performing schedule to help prepare them for High School Dance Programs and beyond.

For those who'd like additional mentorship and leadership opportunities!

For those interested in training at a more intensive level.

For those who'd like additional performance opportunities!

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Hello, Fusion Families!

Welcome to our 21st Season of Dance!

We are thrilled to have you embark on this exciting new year with us, and we want you to know that you've chosen a dance studio that values your busy family's needs.

Everything you'll need to know for this Dance Season is laid out in this handbook, including closings, events, and studio insider tips!

We hope that having this information in one easy place ensures you can easily navigate your child's dance journey, allowing you to sit back, relax, and witness your child's progress and joy.

Please reach out if you have any questions—we are so excited to dance together this year!

— *Fusion Dance Centre*

## STUDIO CONTACT

✉ office@fdc.dance

☎ (908) 620-1000

Office Hours:

**M-F** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Sa** 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

**Su** 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

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# FUSION'S CORE VALUES



## INCLUSION

Every family, student, faculty, and staff member are **valued and appreciated**. We teach kindness and respect inside and outside of the classroom. Everyone has a home at Fusion, where we **celebrate individuality and creative expression**.



## COMMUNITY

At the heart of Fusion you will find a warm, welcoming family that **supports and uplifts** each of its members. This is a second home for our students who create **friendships and memories** to last a lifetime.



## PASSION

The foundation of our studio is the **love for what we do**. Our dedicated teachers are **grateful** for the opportunity to impact the lives of our students every day.



## COLLABORATION

Our faculty and staff **work together** to create the best possible experience for our dancers and families. Inspiring students to communicate and share ideas **teaches the life-long benefits of teamwork**. Together Everyone Achieves More!



## POSITIVITY

Challenges and adversity are **opportunities for growth**. By staying **optimistic** and teaching with encouragement and **positive reinforcement**, students gain the **confidence** to achieve their goals and pursue their dreams!



# STUDIO POLICIES

## Payments

- All accounts are required to have a Visa or MasterCard saved on file. We will automatically process your monthly tuition installments on the 1st of every month. If you prefer to pay with cash, check, or another card, simply do so before the 1st of the month.
- If by some chance the payment fails, you've got until the 10th of the month to complete your tuition installment. After the 10th, a \$15 late fee will be added to your account.
- Recital Costume Payments will be charged on October 15th. You will be notified of the price prior to being charged. Costumes are a one-time payment and include the costume, a pair of tights, and all the accessories!
- For participating Performance Program and Dance Company dancers, Installment Payments will be automatically charged on 9/15, 10/15, 1/15, and 2/15.

## Withdrawals & Cancellations

- To withdraw from a class you must notify us at [office@fdc.dance](mailto:office@fdc.dance) before the 1st of the month. You are responsible for all tuition and fees through the date of withdrawal.
- Registration Fees, Tuition, Costume Payments, and Performance Program/Dance Company monthly tuition installments are non-refundable.

## Behavior Code

- A strict behavior code for dancers and parents will be followed, which includes absolutely no inappropriate touching, hitting, yelling, or bullying of the other students, parents, staff and faculty. Any student or parent who does not adhere to this rule will immediately be dismissed from the studio.



Read Our  
Full Policies

# DRESS CODE

Our professional staff is focused on teaching dance through proper body alignment, injury prevention, and technical progression. Therefore, we stress proper dance attire at all times. The dress code is very cost effective and makes Recital costumes extra special!

Shoes, dance wear, and Fusion-logo items are available at the Fusion Boutique for your convenience!

## HAIR



### **Ballet, Jazz, Modern, and Lyrical classes:**

Hair must be pulled off the face and in a BUN.

### **All other classes:**

Hair must be pulled off the face and in a PONYTAIL.

## ATTIRE



Fusion's Dress Code varies by class and by age. Please use the QR code below to view the requirements for each of your dancer's classes. Remember, no jeans in any class!

## SHOES



Specific shoes are chosen for each class based on the support they give for children's delicate bones that are appropriate to age and level. **Please note that there are NO STREET SHOES permitted for any dance classes.**



### **DON'T FORGET!**

Dance shoes should never be worn outside of the studio. **Please have your dancer commute in street shoes and change into their dance shoes upon arrival.** We appreciate your assistance in protecting our dance floors! *(Plus your child's dance shoes will last longer!)*



**View 21st Season  
Dress Code**

# TIPS FOR THE BEST EXPERIENCE



Fusion does not have a water fountain or vending machines. Please send your dancer with a labeled water bottle. *Limited edition Fusion drinkware and Auto-Top bottles for kids are available at the Fusion Boutique!*



Classes will start and end on time. Dancers should be dropped off no more than ten minutes before the start of class. Upon arrival, dancers should change into their dance shoes, use the bathroom, and line up outside of their assigned studio.



Fusion has two single-occupancy restrooms located in the front of the building, including one with a changing table.



There is a large rear parking lot with an entrance to the studio that can be accessed via a driveway on either side of the building. *Please note that the driveway nearest to Fusion is Enter Only. To exit onto W Westfield Ave, please continue to the further, wider driveway.*



Please add our studio closings to your phone! All scheduled closings for the year can be found on Page 6. *Don't forget to RSVP to our Parties & Events, too! Visit Page 7 to see the FDC Party Crew's plans for this season.*



Please do not unsubscribe to our email and text message reminders or mark as spam. If you have unique communication needs, please speak to the office.



Make sure to grab a FREE *Proud to be a Fusion Dancer* car magnet from the office in order to participate in our monthly tuition giveaway (\$85 value). As our Team spots you with the car magnet around Union County, we will enter your license plate number into our monthly drawing! Winner announced at the end of each month.

# 21ST SEASON CALENDAR

Fusion's calendar has increment weather closings allotted for each day of the week. If we go beyond the allotted closings, make-up classes will be scheduled.

As a reminder, tuition is calculated based on the full dance season, accounting for holidays and snow days. These installments do not vary with short or long months, school recesses, or anticipated vacations since they are calculated on a yearly basis and conveniently divided into 9.5 monthly installments.

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**Wed, Sep 11th**  
First Day of Classes

**Wed, Oct 2nd – Thurs, Oct 3rd**  
Closed, Rosh Hashanah

**Fri, Oct 11th**  
Closed, Yom Kippur

**Thurs, Oct 31st**  
Closed, Halloween

**Mon, Nov 4th – Sun, Nov 10th**  
Closed, Election Day/Teacher Convention

**Tues, Nov 26th – Sun, Dec 1st**  
Closed, Thanksgiving

**Mon, Dec 23rd – Wed, Jan 1st**  
Closed, Winter Break

**Mon, Jan 20th**  
Closed, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Wed, Feb 12th – Tues, Feb 18th**  
Closed, President's Day Recess

**Fri, Apr 11th – Sun, Apr 20th**  
Closed, Spring Break

**Fri, May 23rd – Mon, May 26th**  
Closed, Memorial Day Weekend

**Spring TBD**  
Recital Dress Rehearsals & Photos

**Spring TBD**  
21st Annual Recital

**Spring TBD**  
Last Day of Classes

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# 21ST SEASON EVENTS

SAT, SEPT 21ST



SAT, OCT 19TH



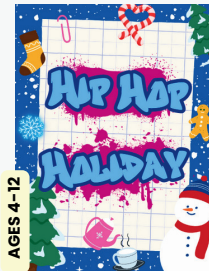
SUN, OCT 27TH



SUN, NOV 24TH



SAT, DEC 7TH



SAT, JAN 25TH



SAT, FEB 8TH



SAT, MAR 1ST



SUN, APR 27TH



SAT, MAY 17TH



SAY YES TO  
ALL THE FUN—  
RSVP NOW!



# RECITAL 101

**Participation in Recital is optional but highly encouraged as dance is a performing art, and most dancers do participate!**

Recital is like the “graduation ceremony” of the year where the combination of weekly dance technique, focused performance skills, and hard work are celebrated on the big stage! It is a special day for families and dancers to take pride in how far their child has grown and to create memories that they will look back on fondly in future years.

## COSTUME PAYMENTS

**Due:** October 15th. The cost of your dancer’s costume will be emailed to you before your account is charged. *Costume Payments are non-refundable.*

**Includes:** Costume, a new pair of tights, all accessories—everything they need for stage!

**FYI:** Costumes will not be ordered without payment, and late orders may be subject to additional shipping charges.

Questions about costume payments? Please speak to the office!

## COSTUME & RECITAL TIMELINE

- **September–October** – Teachers begin planning music and dance themes for each class.
- **October** – Fusion’s Costume Team begins measuring dancers in class.
- **October 15th** – Costume payments due.
- **October – November** – Final costume selections are made. Dancers are sized according to measurements and thousands of costumes are ordered!
- **December–February** – Costumes are made in factories across the country.
- **January** – 2025 Recital Information & Handbooks are highlighted & mailed to your home.
- **January – April** – Dancers are hard at work learning their recital choreography!
- **March** – Costume deliveries begin. Fusion’s Costume Team organizes all the costumes by class to try on.
- **March–April** – Costumes are tried on in class and exchanged for different sizes if needed. Then they are steamed, bagged, organized with brand new tights, accessories, and labels before being distributed to you!
- **May–June TBD** – Dress Rehearsals, photos. Dancers are performing their dances in front of fellow student audiences to gain support and confidence
- **Date and Location TBD** – 21st Annual Recital



# Custom Birthday Parties

ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGES AT  
INVITE-THE-WHOLE-CLASS PRICES.



"The staff had every detail planned out perfectly, and the kids were kept busy the whole time! On our end, we really only had to show up and enjoy the day!"

- JESSICA W



# FUSION SUMMER CAMP

2025 CAMP DATES & THEMES  
WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE FALL.  
BE READY TO REGISTER EARLY  
BEFORE SPOTS FILL!





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