



2026 – 2027

LEWISTON & GRAND ISLAND DANCE STUDIO HANDBOOK



Studio Information

At Grand Island Dance and Lewiston Dance Centers our mission is to design dance classes that cultivate strength, balance, grace, poise, rhythm, and, above all, self-confidence. Our classes are structured to help students develop essential life skills such as time management, teamwork, responsibility, and a strong work ethic.

We are committed to providing a relaxed and supportive environment where a love for dance can flourish and become a lasting, positive influence in our students' lives.

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2026-2027

STUDIO CALENDAR

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Lewiston Info in **Blue**
Grand Island Info in **Green**Days off in **Orange**
Studio Events in **Pink**
Recitals in **Yellow****August Office Hours Lewiston:**
Every Mon & Wed 5:30-6:30pm**August Office Hours GI:**
Every Tues & Thurs 5:30-6:30pm

AUGUST

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September Office Hours Lewiston:
Every Mon & Wed 5:30-6:30pm**September Office Hours GI:**
Every Tues & Thurs 5:30-6:30pm**First Day of Classes:**
Monday September 14th

SEPTEMBER

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Indigenous Peoples/Columbus Day Weekend:
No Classes Oct 9th-12th**Halloween Parties/Dress Up:**
Oct 24th-31st
* Saturday classes will end at 2PM

OCTOBER

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Wild Dance Convention
Nov 1st**Thrive Dance Convention:**
Sunday, Nov 15th**Thanksgiving Break**
No Classes Nov 25th-29th

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Holiday Celebrations in class:
Dec 16th - 22nd**Holiday Break:**
No classes Dec 23rd - Jan 3rd

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Holiday Break:
January 1st-3rd**Martin Luther King Day and Costume Organization Day**
Monday January 18th - NO Classes**Costume Week:**
January 19th - 25th
TRY-ON costumes in class and bring home

JANUARY

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Parental Observation Week:
Feb 8th - 13th**Mid-Winter Recess:**
No classes Feb 15th - 20th

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GI Picture Day:
March 6th & 7th**Lewiston Picture Day:**
March 13th and 14th**Spring Recess:**
No classes March 26th-April 1

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Spring Recess:
No classes April 1st**Free Registration Day GI:**
Friday April 23rd**Free Registration Day Lewiston:**
Sunday April 25th**Opening Rehearsals GI & Lew:**
May 3rd

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GI Dress Rehearsal: May 5th
Lewiston Dress Rehearsal: May 4th & 6th**Solo Recital:** May 7th**GI Recital:** Matinee Sat May 8th
Lewiston Recital: Night May 8th**Bring a Friend to Dance Week:**
May 10th - May 19th**Last Day of Classes:**
Wednesday May 19th

JUNE

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Summer Classes:
Lewiston: Mon & Wed 7th-30th
GI: Tues & Thurs 8th-July 1st**July Office Hours Lewiston:**
Every Mon & Wed 4:30-5:30pm
July Office Hours GI:
Every Tues & Thurs 4:30-5:30pm

JULY

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Summer Classes:
Lewiston: Mon & Wed 12th-29th
GI: Tues & Thurs 13th-29th**June Office Hours Lewiston:**
Every Mon & Wed 4:30-5:30pm
June Office Hours GI:
Every Tues & Thurs 4:30-5:30pm



STUDIO COMMUNICATION

Get in Touch

The best way to contact us is through the Remind App. To join your studio's Remind group, text the appropriate code to **81010**:

- Lewiston Dance Center: Text **@lewistond**
- Grand Island Dance Center: Text **@gidance**

Families may also use Remind to contact the studio. Messages sent through Remind are delivered directly to your studio's Director. Please allow up to one business day for a response. If you have an urgent matter, please contact your Studio Director or the Office Manager directly via text.

Studio Directors

The Lewiston and Grand Island Dance Centers are led by: Miss Kayla, Miss Lauren and Miss Angelina. Our leadership team is committed to providing a positive, organized, and supportive environment where every dancer can grow, learn, and thrive!

Lewiston Dance Center: 5235 Lewiston Rd. Lewiston, NY 14092

Studio Manager: Miss Angelina

716-266-7045 | angelina@lewistondance.com

Grand Island Dance Center: 2407 Grand Island Blvd. Grand Island, NY 14072

Studio Manager: Miss Kayla

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Dance Teams

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Office Manager: Miss Kristen

716-525-2084 | kristen@lewistondance.com

Miss Rachel

Email: rachel@lewistondance.com



Lewiston Studio

JOIN OUR STUDIO REMIND APP

Download the Remind app and join our private group for instant updates and notifications sent directly to your phone. Scan or click the QR code to join!



Grand Island Studio





STUDIO _____ RULES & EXPECTATIONS

To maintain a positive, safe, and productive learning environment, we ask all dancers and families to support and follow the expectations outlined below. We believe that hard work, dedication, respect, responsibility, and a positive attitude are the foundations of both successful dancers and successful individuals. By working together, we can create an environment where every dancer feels supported, challenged, and inspired to reach their full potential.

Respect & Courtesy

All students are expected to treat instructors, staff, fellow dancers, and studio property with kindness, respect, and consideration at all times. A positive attitude and supportive behavior help create an environment where everyone can learn and thrive.

Attendance & Commitment

Consistent attendance is essential for growth and success in dance. Students are encouraged to attend classes regularly, arrive on time, and come prepared to fully participate and learn.

Dress Code

Proper dance attire is required for all classes. Hair must be neatly secured in a bun or ponytail. Students should arrive with the appropriate dance shoes and any required accessories or equipment for their class.

Cell Phones & Electronic Devices

To minimize distractions and maintain focus, cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted during class. All devices should be silenced and stored in dance bags while class is in session.

Snacks & Water

Students may enjoy a healthy snack between classes when needed. Water bottles are encouraged and may be brought into the classroom to help dancers stay hydrated.

Leaving the Studio

For the safety and well-being of all students, dancers may not leave the classroom or studio premises without permission from an instructor or staff member.

Student Growth & Behavior Expectations

At Lewiston and Grand Island Dance Center, we are committed to developing not only skilled dancers, but also confident, respectful, and resilient individuals. We encourage every student to:

- Accept corrections with a positive attitude and a willingness to improve.
- Respond to instruction respectfully, including saying "Thank You" when receiving corrections.
- Listen carefully when feedback is given to others and apply those lessons to their own dancing when appropriate.
- Embrace challenges and persevere through difficult skills, combinations, and new experiences.
- Maintain a growth mindset by recognizing that progress takes time, effort, and practice. Instead of saying, "I can't," try saying, "I'm still learning."
- Give their best effort in every class, rehearsal, and performance.
- Arrive on time, prepared, and dressed appropriately for class.
- Show appreciation and respect by thanking their instructor at the conclusion of each class.



TUITION & PAYMENTS

Tuition is an annual fee, not charged per class or week. It includes scheduled holidays, studio closures, and inclement weather days.

Tuition may be paid in full or in 9 installments:

- Installment #1 is due at the first class of the season.
- Installments #2 - #7 are due by the 10th of each month. Payments received after the 10th will incur a \$15 late fee per dancer account.
- Installments #8 - #9 are due by April 10th. For dancers taking 4+ classes, final payment is due April 30th.

Payment options:

- Cash (preferred): Place in an envelope labeled with dancer's full name and drop in the office payment box.
- Venmo: @lewistongidance (add 3% business fee; include dancer name and studio in notes).
- Credit Card: 5% fee applies. Call Miss Kristen (716-525-2084) to pay or keep a card on file for auto-pay. Late payments will be charged automatically.

All accounts must be current for recital participation.



Parent Portal

View balances in Parent Portal under "Statement" → "Payment History" (select July for full season view). The ending balance is your amount due. A \$15 office fee applies to class withdrawals. Remaining credits roll over to the next season. Scan or click the QR code to login to your portal.



FEES

RECITAL & REGISTRATION

RECITAL FEE

The Recital Fee covers all rehearsal costs and includes a recital tank top and a digital download of the recital performance. This fee is due no later than November 1st. Recital fees are refundable through December 20th, minus a \$15 office fee.

- Single Student Fee: \$75
- Family Fee: \$100

REGISTRATION FEE

• Visit www.lewistondance.com and select "Classes." Choose your studio location from the dropdown menu. Review the Age & Requirements sheet, then select your preferred class days and times.

• Click the "Register" button and complete the registration form. Be sure to submit your application when finished.

• You will receive a welcome email confirming your class selections, along with your Parent Portal login information. Please review all included information carefully.

• A **\$40 registration fee per student** or **\$60 per family** is due at the time of enrollment.

• A **\$80 costume fee per class** is also due at the time of registration. Costume Fees are refundable until **November 1st** less a **\$15 Office Fee**.



REGISTRATION PORTAL

Scan or click the QR code to register for classes!



AGE & CLASS REQUIREMENTS

TODDLER

Ages: 19 months - 2 years

TOT ACRO & TOT HOP

Ages: 3 - Kindergarten

Class Requirement: Pre-Ballet or Ballet I.

PRE-BALLET

Ages: 3 - 5 years

BALLET

Ages: K - 12th grade

TAP

Ages: K - 12th grade

JAZZ

Ages: 1st - 12th grade

Class Requirement: 1st graders must take summer classes to prepare.

ACRO

Ages: 1st - 12th grade

Class Requirement: Jazz is a required class for all Acro classes.

HIP HOP

Ages: K - 12th grade

LYRICAL

Ages: 3rd - 12th

Class Requirement: Ballet is a required class for all Lyrical classes.

CONTEMPORARY

Ages: 6th - 12th grade

Class Requirements: Modern is a required class for all Contemporary classes.

MODERN

Ages: 3rd - 12th

Class Requirement: Must be recommended for Modern III

PRE-POINTE & POINTE

Ages: 5th - 12th grade

Class Requirements: Ballet is a required class for all Pointe classes. Dancers must be recommended for Pre-Pointe & Pointe. Dancers should inquire if interested in Pointe to be evaluated by their teacher.

POM DANCE

Ages: 1st - 6th grade

TECHNIQUE

Ages: 1st - 12th grade

For dancers focused on improving technique and reaching their full potential.





DRESS --- CODE & APPAREL

Dress Code

Our dress code supports proper alignment, technique, discipline, and responsibility. If a dancer is not properly dressed, families will be contacted and assisted in meeting requirements. Dancers must wear correct class attire, appropriate shoes, and have hair secured in a ponytail or bun for every class. Required shoes and apparel are available at the studio office.

Class Apparel Requirements

- **Ballet/Pre-Ballet/Toddler:** Pink leather ballet shoes. Any color leotard, tights, or dance shorts. Hair in a bun.
- **Pointe:** Dancers must be professionally fitted for pointe shoes at Baileys Slipper Shop for their first pair.
- **Tap:** Tan (Tap I) or black (Tap II and up) tap shoes. Any color leotard, tights, or dance shorts. Hair in a ponytail or bun.
- **Jazz:** Tan leather jazz shoes. Any color leotard, tights, dance shorts, or fitted dance wear. Hair in a ponytail or bun.
- **Modern/Acro:** Bare feet. Leotard and dance shorts or fitted dance wear (tights optional). Hair in a ponytail or bun.
- **Hip Hop:** Clean dance or street sneakers. Leggings, tank tops, or fitted dance wear. No jeans. Hair in a ponytail or bun. **Recital sneakers will be ordered once the season begins.**
- **Lyrical:** Leather lyrical footies. Any color leotard, tights, or dance shorts. Hair in a ponytail or bun.
- **Pom Dance:** Street sneakers. Leotard and dance shorts or fitted dance wear. Hair in a ponytail or bun. **Recital sneakers will be ordered once the season begins.**

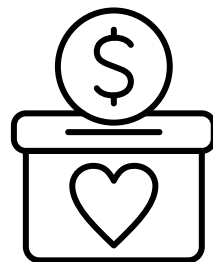


STUDIO

FUNDRAISING & ABSENCES

STUDIO FUNDRAISING

Every year we have a studio-wide fundraiser. Any profits you make from this fundraiser will go directly into YOUR CHILD'S Dance Account. We will only do ONE studio-wide fundraiser each season (usually around October or November). Please watch your email and Remind Texts for information.



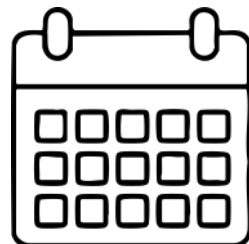
ABSENCES



Attending class regularly will increase your Dancer's progress. Having many absences will hinder their growth considerably. If your Dancer will be absent from class, PLEASE go to your Parent Portal to notify us of their absence. You can also send a Remind Text or Email. Please include the reason for the absence so we can mark it into your dance account.

VACATION DAYS

All days off from the studio and important events will be marked on the Calendar on the website and at the beginning of this handbook. Please DO NOT USE the Parent Portal calendar as it does NOT have any of the days off or events!



BAND APP VIDEOS

Please join the band App for your child's dance day(s). The links for each day are below. It is important for your Dancer's continued growth in any class that they practice at home. Watching and dancing along with the Band App videos will truly help them to be successful.

Lewiston Band App Links:

- [Monday Classes](#)
- [Tuesday Classes](#)
- [Wednesday Classes](#)
- [Thursday Classes](#)
- [Friday Classes](#)
- [Saturday Classes](#)

Grand Island Band App Links:

- [Monday Classes](#)
- [Tuesday Classes](#)
- [Wednesday Classes](#)
- [Thursday Classes](#)
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- [Saturday Classes](#)



SOLO/DUET REQUIREMENTS

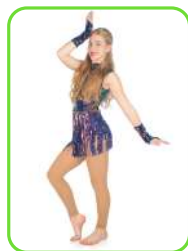
PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons are available for all students and can be used to improve upon dance technique. To schedule a single lesson or lesson package, please contact the studio.

A minimum of 24 hours' notice is required for cancellations. Less than 24-hour notice will result in a \$15 cancellation fee.

Pricing

- 1 Student: \$35 (30 min) | \$50 (45 min) | \$70 (60 min)
- 2 Students: \$25 per student (30 min)
- 3+ Students: \$20 per student (30 min)



SOLO/DUET/TRIO REQUIREMENTS

Graduating seniors will have their solos, duets, and trios featured in the Year-End Recital. All other solos, duets, and trios will be performed in a separate showcase recital. Dancers may also have the opportunity to perform their solo, duet, or trio at competition. Families interested in participating should sign up using the form available in the studio office during the first few weeks of classes.

Solo, Duet, Trio & Quartet Guidelines

The choreographer will select the genre and music for each solo, duet, trio, or quartet and will schedule rehearsal times in advance. If a rehearsal must be canceled, a minimum of 24 hours' notice is required. A **\$15 cancellation fee** will be charged for missed rehearsals without proper notice. All dance accounts must be current and in good standing before lessons may begin.

Requirements

- Dancers must be enrolled in a minimum of four dance classes, including Ballet and Jazz.
- Dancers must maintain good attendance and demonstrate respect, responsibility, and a positive attitude toward instructors and fellow dancers.



COSTUME INFORMATION

- A costume fee of **\$80 per class** is due at registration and includes tights and accessories. Hip Hop and Cheer Dance classes will require an additional shoe fee. Payment plans are available through the office.
- Costume fees are refundable through **November 1st**, less a **\$15 office fee**.
- Costume measurements will be taken in October, costumes will be ordered in November, and distributed in January or February.
- Families are responsible for ensuring costumes fit properly, are wrinkle-free, and are recital-ready by Picture Day. Please try costumes on promptly and make any necessary adjustments.
 - Any damaged costumes that require the purchase of a new costume will incur an additional \$80 costume fee + the cost of shipping.
- Label all costume pieces, shoes, tights, and accessories with your dancer's name and keep them stored in a safe place.
- Headpieces must be securely fastened and worn as instructed by the teacher.
- Appropriate dance undergarments should be purchased in advance if additional coverage or support is needed.



ADDITIONAL INFO

Scan or click the QR
code for more
costume information!





PICTURE DAY



Picture Day dates can be found on the Studio Calendar. **Picture Day is mandatory for all dancers participating in the Recital.** While purchasing photo packages is optional, attendance is required so instructors can verify costume fit, headpieces, and overall recital readiness. Sibling and friend photos are welcome; a separate photo form is required for each photo grouping.

Photo Order Forms

- One photo form is required for each photo package or photo setup purchased.
- Forms will be distributed in class and are available on the studio website.
- The photographer accepts **cash only**.
- Sibling and friend photos are welcome; a separate form is required for each photo grouping.

Tip: Complete all forms and have payment ready before arriving.

Schedule

- The Photo Schedule will be available via email, Remind, and the Parent Portal.
- Please arrive on time. We operate on a strict schedule and cannot delay photos for late arrivals.

Shoes & Tights

- Required shoe styles and tight colors will be listed on the Photo Schedule.
- Ballet and jazz shoes should be cleaned prior to Picture Day. A magic eraser sponge is great for this!
- The studio is fully stocked with dance shoes if replacements are needed.

Tip: If your dancer wears both nude and pink tights, please put the nude tights on first at home so the pink tights can easily be added or removed as needed. This makes changing between costumes much easier, regardless of photo order.

Costumes & Undergarments

- Bring all costume pieces, including headpieces and accessories.
- Costumes should be properly fitted, wrinkle-free, and performance-ready.
- All costumes, shoes, and accessories must be labeled with your dancer's name. **Labeling everything helps prevent unnecessary stress and confusion.**
- Dancers should wear the appropriate undergarments for their costumes. No underwear should be worn under costumes; dancers should wear tights only.
- If additional coverage or support is needed, the studio carries underliner leotards, body tights, and clear-strap bras.

Makeup & Hair

- **Red lipstick** is required for all dancers.
- Additional stage makeup is recommended to prevent facial features from being washed out under lighting.
- Hair should be styled **half-up, half-down with curls**, neatly secured and away from the face.

Thank you for helping us ensure a smooth and successful Picture Day for all dancers! If you have any questions regarding hair styling, please contact the studio through Remind.





DRESS REHEARSALS

Dress Rehearsal dates can be found on the Studio Calendar. **Dress Rehearsal is extremely important for all recital participants.** It allows dancers to become familiar with the stage, backstage procedures, and performance environment, helping them feel confident and prepared for Recital Day.

Arrival & Schedule

- Dancers should arrive wearing their first costume.
- If your dancer wears both nude and pink tights, please put the nude tights on first at home so the pink tights can easily be added or removed as needed.
- A Rehearsal Schedule will be emailed prior to rehearsal. Please review it carefully and arrive on time.
- Once a class has rehearsed, we are unable to repeat performances for late arrivals.
- Families are welcome to leave once their dancer has completed all scheduled performances.

Check-In & Changing Areas

- Enter through **Backstage Door #2** and bring costumes to the cafeteria before proceeding to the auditorium.
- Dancers must use their designated dressing areas when changing costumes.
- Please ensure dancers change only in approved dressing spaces and not in public areas.

Costumes & Undergarments

- Bring all costume pieces, shoes, accessories, and headpieces.
- Dancers should wear the appropriate dance undergarments and tights.
- No underwear should be worn under dance tights.
- Label all costumes, shoes, and accessories with your dancer's name.

Hair & Headpieces

- Hair should be styled in a **middle-part, low slicked-back bun** and secured firmly with hairpins and hairspray.
- Headpieces should be securely attached using multiple bobby pins and tested to ensure they remain in place while dancing.
- Hair tutorials can be found on the Recital Information page of the studio website.

Makeup

- Full stage makeup is not required for Dress Rehearsal.
- For Recital, dancers should wear full stage makeup, including blush, eyeshadow, eyeliner, mascara, and **red lipstick**, to ensure their features are visible under stage lighting.

Tickets & Registration

Tickets for Recital and registration for Summer Programs and Fall Classes will be available during Dress Rehearsal.

Before You Leave

Please double-check that you have all costumes, shoes, accessories, and personal belongings before leaving. Once the venue is closed, we may not be able to retrieve forgotten items.





RECITAL INFORMATION

Recital dates can be found on the Studio Calendar.

- **Dancer Showcase:** Friday, May 7th at 6:00pm
- **Lewiston Dance Center:** Saturday, May 8th at 4:00pm
- **Grand Island Dance Center:** Saturday, May 8th at 10:00am

Please Note: Parking on the grass is strictly prohibited. Vehicles parked on the grass may be ticketed and/or towed.

Arrival & Check-In

- The Niagara Falls High School Performing Arts Center will open 90 minutes before showtime to allow families time for photos and arrival.
- Dancers should arrive fully dressed and recital-ready at least 45 minutes before showtime.
- Dancers performing in Act I should report to their assigned cafeteria table no later than 20 minutes before the show begins.
- The auditorium doors will open 45 minutes before showtime.

Where to Go

- All dancers should enter through **Backstage Door #2** with one parent or guardian and proceed to the cafeteria.
- Each class will have an assigned table for check-in and staging.
- Younger dancers may bring quiet activities such as coloring books or crayons while they wait.
- Children should not be left in the cafeteria until backstage staff have arrived and checked in their group.

During the Performance

Costume Changes

If you will need to leave your seat during the performance to assist your dancer with a costume change or pickup, please choose an aisle seat whenever possible to minimize disruptions for other audience members.

Dancers in the Audience

- **Dancers should remain in the cafeteria for the duration of the act in which they are performing.**
- Once all of their dances have been completed, they are welcome to watch the remainder of the show from the auditorium. Dancers do not need a ticket.
- For safety reasons, younger dancers will not be permitted to leave the cafeteria without a parent or guardian.

Tickets

- Friday evening Dancer Showcase tickets are \$10 each.
- Saturday Lewiston and Grand Island Recital:
 - Pre-Sale Tickets are \$20 each.
 - Tickets at the door are \$22 each.
- Children ages 2 and under are admitted free.
- Tickets will be available for purchase at both studio locations, at Dress Rehearsal, and at the venue on recital day.



RECITAL INFORMATION

Red Carpet Photos

The Recital Red Carpet will be located near the main entrance. Families are encouraged to take photos before the show. Please be courteous of others waiting and allow space for multiple groups to take pictures. We love seeing your recital memories! Be sure to tag us on social media.

Intermission

Intermission will be approximately 15 minutes. Concessions will be available, and the 50/50 raffle drawing will take place before the start of Act II. Proceeds from concessions and the raffle help support our Competition Teams.

Finale & Awards

At the conclusion of the performance, all students will be invited onstage for awards following the Finale. All dancers must wear their Recital Tank Top over their final costume of the show.

End of Show Pick-Up

- Only one parent or guardian should pick up each dancer from the cafeteria following the performance.
- Additional family members and guests should wait in the lobby area.
- Before leaving, please double-check that you have all costumes, shoes, accessories, and personal belongings.

Thank you for helping us create a smooth, organized, and memorable recital experience for all of our dancers and families!





LDC & GIDC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lewiston/Grand Island Dance Center Scholarship Program supports dedicated students in their pursuit of high-quality dance training. Scholarships are awarded based on eligibility and application review. Applications open in March and **must be submitted by April 5, 2027.**

Eligibility Requirements

- Must have been enrolled at Lewiston/Grand Island Dance Center for at least one year.
- Must be enrolled in a minimum of 3 classes.
- Must maintain good attendance.
- Must demonstrate strong behavior, attitude, commitment, and willingness to learn and improve.

Application Process

- Complete the Scholarship Application Form, including a video answering the question attached to the application AND a video featuring 30 seconds of original choreography.
- Request an instructor to complete and sign the Recommendation Form.
- Submit the completed application form and video to the studio manager (instructor will submit the recommendation form separately).



LOYALTY PROGRAM

REFER-A-FRIEND PROGRAM

Every registered dancer is part of our dance family and included in our Referral Program.

- Earn a **\$25 credit** on your account for each new family you refer.
- New families receive **\$20 off their registration fee**.
- To receive credit, they must enter **"Referred by: (your dancer's name)"** on the registration form.
- There is no limit to the number of referrals.
- Referral credits are applied to the **Fall Dance Season only**.



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