



DANCE FUSION NORTHWEST

2024-2025 Handbook



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Welcome to Dance Fusion Northwest 2024-2025!

We are so happy to have you join our DFNW family and look forward to a great year! Please read the following informational materials carefully, then be sure to keep this handbook nearby to help answer any questions!

At Dance Fusion Northwest we know that you have your students' best interests at heart. We want you to rest assured that we do, too! Our highly qualified staff is committed to ensuring your student have a wonderful, safe, fun-filled experience while learning the disciplines of dance.

Sometimes dance can feel too hard or too easy or it can be a challenge when a student sees someone else move to another level. We understand these issues and want you to know that we are always evaluating your student's progress and working with them accordingly. Dance is a beautiful art form and frequently becomes part of who we are, but is also hard work. Every student is an individual and some will mature and strengthen more quickly physiologically, technically, stylistically and/or mentally. There are many things we look for when making decisions to place a dancer in a certain level for optimal growth and physical safety.

We appreciate your support as we encourage our dancers to keep working and growing at their own pace and avoid comparing themselves to others. It is also of utmost importance that our students be positive and uplifting towards every other student on their dance journey, as well. Ultimately, everyone is in the same boat – learning the art of dance. No matter how advanced someone becomes, there is always further to reach. It is not a contest or competition and we strive to build a supportive, nurturing environment for each student!

We look forward to a long, healthy, joyful dance experience with you and are so happy to have you in our dance family. For further questions and information, please call: 360-521-9973. Our office staff will be happy to assist you!

Thank you for choosing Dance Fusion Northwest!

2024-2025 YEAR-IN-ADVANCE CALENDAR

September 2024	October	November
 <p>Registration Friday Aug. 30th</p> <hr/> <p>FALL CLASSES BEGIN! Tuesday, 3rd</p>	<p>Bring A Friend to Dance Week! Monday-Saturday 14th-19th</p> <hr/> <p>Wreath & Poinsettia sale begins!</p>	 <p>Thanksgiving Break Wednesday-Sunday 27th-31st</p>
December	January 2025	February
<p>DFNW & NCB Performance Groups & Companies Present A NEW NUTCRACKER! December 14th-15th *subject to change</p> <hr/> <p>Training Classes In-Studio Presentations & Parties! Monday-Friday, 16th-21st</p> <hr/> <p>Winter Break! Monday, December 23rd thru Sunday, January 5th</p>	 <p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>Classes resume Monday, 6th</p>	<p>Bring A Friend to Dance Fusion Spirit Week! Monday-Saturday 5th-10th</p> 
March	April	May
 <p>Ridgefield Youth Arts Month</p> <hr/> <p>Spring Plant Sale!</p>	 <p>Spring Break Monday, March 31st thru Sunday, April 6th</p>	<p>DFNW & NCB Performance Groups & Companies Showcases May 16th – 18th</p> <hr/> <p>Memorial Day – No classes May 26th</p>
June	July	August
<p>Performance Group Auditions May 26th-June 6th</p> <hr/> <p>Youth & Studio Showcases! June 13th-15th</p> <hr/> <p>Summer Programs Begin! Monday, 23rd</p>	<p>Summer Schedule!</p> <p>Flex Pass Classes Intensives Youth Camps Monday, June 23rd – Friday, August 15th</p>	 <p>Early Bird Registration Friday & Saturday, 15th-16th</p> <p>2025 Fall Classes Begin Tuesday, September 2nd</p>

DRESS CODE AND HAIR REQUIREMENTS

As with any sport, proper gear and attire is necessary for a quality learning experience. Dress Code requirements must be met no later than October 15th. Below are examples of proper attire and the #style item code shown may be ordered online at Discount Dance (www.discountdance.com Use ID #TP29532). Other styles are also available.

If you like to shop in person and try things on, similar items may be found at The Leotard (www.theleotard.com) in Portland and The Competitive Edge in Vancouver. (www.thecompetitive-edge.com). Youth ages 2.5 to 5 may also check Walmart and Target for options, as well. All hair should be pulled back off the face in a bun for Ballet/Tech classes and a neat ponytail for Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, etc.

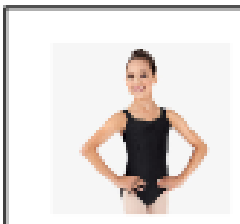


Petites / Ballet T1000C
Inf/Adv Ballet S0284

PETITE PRIMAS / TINY TAPPERS / CREATIVE MOVEMENT: Order leotard with skirt and tights through office. Purchase ballet slippers and tap shoes at suggested online or local stores listed above.



Tiny Tap T9050c



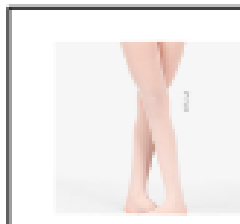
Ballet/Jazz N5501

BALLET: Black leotard, pink tights and pink ballet flats/slippers. (Ballet skirts and dance shorts may also be added)



T9500

JAZZ: Black leotard or fitted black or white shirt, black jazz pants or booty shorts, black slip on jazz shoes.



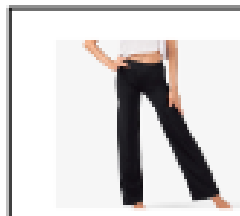
Tights T5415

TAP: Black Jazz leotard or fitted black or white shirt, black jazz pants or leggings, black tap shoes.



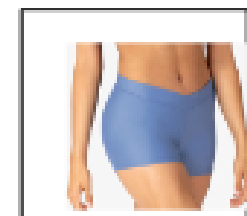
T8975 -Tan

CONTEMPORARY / LYRICAL: Jazz Leotard or fitted tee/cami, tights or bare legs, lyrical shoes or paws, dance shorts, Knee pads also required.



Jazz/Tap TH5117

ACRO: Any gymnastics or dance leotard, bare feet, dance shorts if desired

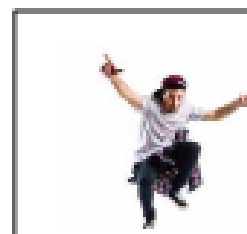


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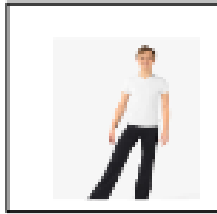
HIP HOP: Comfortable Tshirt, hoodie, leggings, sweats, etc., of your choice. Hip Hop shoes are ordered through the front office (\$20)



Jazz T7802



BOYS/MEN: BALLET, JAZZ, CONTEMPORARY



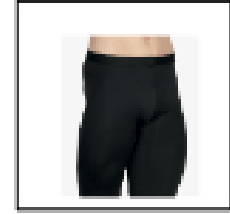
ME810 – white
ME800 – black



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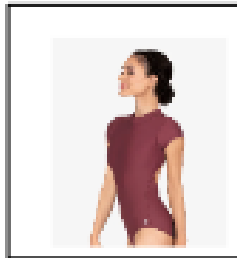


Ballet S0277
Jazz T7802

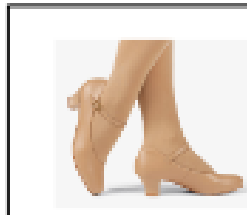


WM253 (optional)

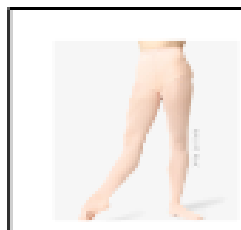
DFNW / NCB SENIOR COMPANIES DRESS REQUIREMENTS



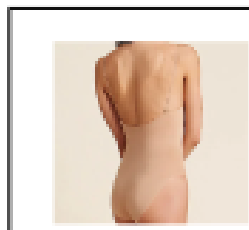
ME633 - Black



T3200



MTB16



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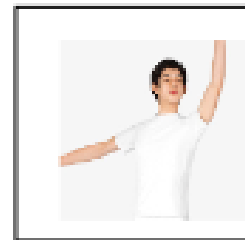
NCB COMPANIES

Women:

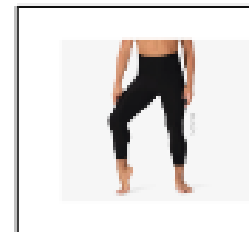
Black ME633 leotard
Pink MTB16 performance tights
Pink SO621L Ballet shoes
Nudie undergarment

Men:

Dance Tees ME639 White
Tights TH5135 – Black
Black MX14M Ballet shoes



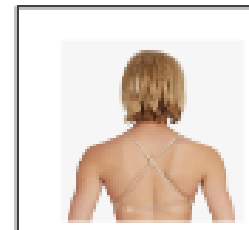
ME639



TH5135



NSOCK1



3683 or 3564W

DFNW COMPANIES

Women:

Black ME633 leotard
Tan tights
Black Jazz Pants
Black dance/booty shorts
Tan 2"-3" character heels
Black & Tan dance socks
Knee Pads
Nudie/bra undergarment
Black Jazz shoes

Men:

Dance Tees ME639 White
Black Jazz Pants
Black & Tan dance socks
Knee Pads
Black Jazz shoes

DANCE FUSION NORTHWEST/NORTHWEST CLASSICAL BALLET PERFORMANCE GROUP AND COMPANY OVERVIEW & TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Thank you so much for your interest in participating in the Dance Fusion Northwest / Northwest Classical Ballet Performance Groups and Companies!

Groups and Companies are a lot of fun, but come with some additional effort, cost and expectation. The following is a list of basic performance requirements, training and financial commitments if you are placed in one of our groups at this time.

PERFORMANCES (OVERVIEW)

Depending on your group placement, performance opportunities may include: Community shows (Sept). Halloween events (Oct), Holiday performances in November, December culminating with our annual, holiday show(s) 'Christmas Stories' and/or 'The Nutcracker'. Various community shows in Spring (Mar/April/May) and sometimes summer. Possible travel (optional) includes performances in Disneyland and training opportunities in NY and LA. Annual May/June performance showcases.

AUDITIONS, SUMMER/FALL TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Families interested in performance groups should be aware of the following prior to audition

- Dancers must be at least 8 years of age with at least 2 years of dance experience to audition for a group.
 - Summer training (flex pass classes and camps or intensives) is required.
 - A higher level of commitment is expected for performance group students.
- Adherence to the training requirements and dress code is important. Excellent attendance is also required.
- Participation in all performances is expected. If a performance conflict arises, the studio should be notified in writing as soon as the performance is announced.
- These groups are teams and representatives. We aspire to cultivate supportive, encouraging attitudes and camaraderie that are equally as important as solid training & commitment!

ADDITIONAL NEEDS/REQUIREMENTS

- Purchase of performance costumes/team wear, all appropriate shoes
- Periodic fundraising for teams and productions
- Annual participation/administrative fees based on number of groups/companies dancer is participating in (paid bi-annually)
 - Parent volunteer commitments.
 - Possible added competition and convention participation.

Company and group participation is selected based on technique, skill level, execution, work ethic, attitude and ability to work together. There are general age requirements, but age is not a determining factor. Final group decisions are always up to the instructors, directors and/or judges, and DFNW instructors, directors and/or judges reserve the right to place students and/or move students to the most appropriate group as they see fit. Failure to follow class requirements and codes of conduct will result in removal from performance teams. As dancers, we rely on each other as well as ourselves. Thank you in advance for your commitment and support to having the most fabulous groups possible and supporting a team attitude.

TUITION RATES 2024-2025

30 min/week	\$65.00/month
45 min/week	\$80.00/month
1 hr/week	\$90.00/month
1.25 hrs/week	\$105.00/month
1.5 hrs/week	\$120.00/month
1.75 hrs/week	\$130.00/month
2 hrs/week	\$140.00/month
2.25 hrs/week	\$150.00/month
2.5 hrs/week	\$160.00/month
2.75 hrs/week	\$170.00/month
3 hrs/week	\$180.00/month
3.25 hrs/week	\$190.00/month
3.5 hrs/week	\$200.00/month
3.75 hrs/week	\$210.00/month
4 hrs/week	\$220.00/month
4.25 hrs/week	\$230.00/month
4.5 hrs/week	\$240.00/month
4.75 hrs/week	\$250.00/month
5 hrs/week	\$260.00/month
5.25 hrs/week	\$270.00/month
5.5 hrs/week	\$280.00/month
5.75 hrs/week	\$290.00/month
6.00 hrs/week	\$300.00/month
6.25 hrs/week	\$310.00/month
6.5 hrs/week	\$320.00/month
6.75 hrs/week	\$330.00/month
7.00 hrs/week	\$340.00/month
7.25 hrs/week	\$350.00/month
7.5 hrs/week	\$360.00/month
7.75 hrs/week	\$370.00/month
8.00 hrs/week	\$380.00/month
8.25 hrs/week	\$390.00/month
8.5 hrs/week	\$400.00/month
8.75 hrs/week	\$405.00/month
9.00 hrs/week	\$410.00/month
9.25 hrs/week	\$415.00/month
9.5 hrs/week	\$420.00/month
9.75 hrs/week	\$425.00/month
10.00 hrs/unlimited	\$430.00/month

ADULT CLASS TUITION

1 hr/week	\$70.00/month
2 hrs/week	\$115.00/month
3 hrs/week	\$155.00/month

*63+ on fixed income inquire about our Senior rates!

PRIVATE TRAINING (Solo)

30 minute	\$40.00
45 minute	\$60.00
60 minute	\$75.00

SEMI-PRIVATE (Duet)

1/2 hour	\$35 / dancer
45 minutes	\$40 / dancer
1 hour	\$45 / dancer

SEMI-PRIVATE (Trio)

1/2 hour	\$25 / dancer
45 minut	\$30 / dancer
1 hour	\$35 / dancer

ADDITIONAL FEES

REGISTRATION FEE (due at enrollment)

\$35.00/Single
\$50.00/Family

- If you're not sure you're going to love dance, a trial class is FREE to ensure your future dancer is happy and in the right place!

PRODUCTION FEE DUE JANUARY 15th

- All training dancers have the opportunity to participate in a large and very fun June showcase! A \$130.00, non-refundable production fee includes all production costs, rehearsal fees and one costume! Additional costumes are \$85/class (non-refundable)

PERFORMANCE TICKETS

- Tickets for performances will be available online approximately 2-3 weeks prior to each show. Adults range from \$18-25 per ticket. Students and seniors range from \$14-\$18 per ticket.

FAMILY DISCOUNTS

- If you have 2 or more family members enrolled, a 5% family discount will be applied.

PERFORMANCE GROUPS, COMPANIES, SPECIALTY CLASSES, COMPETITION

- DFNW specialty classes and performance programs have additional audition and/or participation fee requirements. For more information, email info@dancefusionnw.com or call 360-521-9973.

BOYS DANCE

- Call 360-521-9973 to inquire about our boys training classes and specials!



STUDIO POLICIES

Tuition: Tuition is due by the 1st of each month and may be paid by cash, check or credit card either monthly or biannually* (*Biannual tuition consists of two 5-month payments (Sept. thru Jan. & Feb. thru June with a 5% discount. NOTE: No refunds can be given on tuition paid biannually.)

Late Fees: There is a \$30.00 late fee for all payments made after the 10th of each month.

Refunds: Refunds and/or credits may be provided only in extenuating circumstances (ie: serious medical issues;

relocation, etc.). For all others, make up dance and fitness classes may be taken.

Make-up classes: DFNW has a number of classes available to choose from for your student to make up missed or canceled classes. Make ups due for missed classes are good for the entire dance year. You may attend class levels at or below the students' current level placement. It is also an excellent opportunity to try a different dance style or fitness class. If you need help choosing a make up class, our office staff will be happy to assist you.

Holiday School Closures: DFNW is closed for Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, Spring Break, Labor Day and Memorial Day. (Please see the Year-In-Advance calendar for specific dates.) For all other school holidays we remain open. Students may choose appropriate make up classes for lessons that fall during holiday breaks or are unable to attend scheduled classes.

School Closures Due To Weather: Please call our studio phone at 360-521-9973 two hours before your scheduled class time to confirm closures. If we do have classes and weather is questionable in your area, please use your discretion. Your safety is paramount to us and, as always, you can attend an appropriate level class to make up.

Class Viewing Days: To avoid distraction and maintain a conducive learning environment, viewing days are held on the first class of every month.

Email Communication: It is extremely important that you are receiving our DFNW emails. With the volume of students and families, this is the only way we have to communicate important details with everyone. If you are not receiving Dance Fusion email, please contact the front desk at info@dancefusionnw.com.

Performance Volunteers: To keep our wonderful productions running smoothly and safely, all participating families are required to volunteer for one of our production committees. There are numerous volunteer positions that range from rehearsal runners, to load in, to dressing rooms, to concessions, to clean up, etc. There will be a parent coordinator available to answer any questions. These shows can't happen without the help of many and volunteering is a great way to be a part of your students' efforts. If you are absolutely unavailable to volunteer, a buyout option is available.

Private Lessons: Private lessons are available and can be scheduled at the front desk. Inquire with the office staff for further information and pricing.

Pro-Rating: Our dance year is 10-months long (September-June) with no pro-rated months. An average for long and short months is factored into our tuition rates. Rates are based on 38 classes/ per dance year plus rehearsal schedules. Students may attend appropriate level classes to make up any classes missed.

Add/Drop Forms: Dance Fusion Northwest must be notified in writing regarding any added, dropped or transferred classes NO LATER THAN the 15th of the month prior to the upcoming month's tuition.

Adding a class: If dancer is promoting to a higher level class, instructor approval must be given.

*Important! If dropping a class, you will continue to be charged for classes until the

DROP form is received. If a class is dropped mid-month the remaining classes will be forfeited.

Questions and Concerns: Please contact the desk with questions and concerns. Our full schedule prevents instructors from answering questions between classes. Please leave a message or stop by and questions will be addressed in a timely fashion through our wonderful office staff. Thank you!

STUDIO RULES AND GUIDELINES

Please review with your student prior to the first class

FOR SAFETY

DO NOT HANG ON DANCE BARRES OR TOUCH/LEAN/PUSH ON MIRRORS.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

ARRIVE EARLY, PREPARED TO DANCE WITH PROPER SHOES,
ATTIRE AND HAIR. NO TALKING AFTER CLASS HAS BEGUN.
ALWAYS DEMONSTRATE SUPPORTIVE, ENCOURAGING and RESPECTFUL
BEHAVIOR TOWARDS INSTRUCTORS AND CLASSMATES.
PROPER HYGIENE INCLUDES DEODORANT.
NO HEAVY PERFUMES

Maintaining a positive, uplifting environment is a priority at DFNW. If a student's conduct, behavior or attitude is excessively disrespectful or disruptive to the class or instructor, the staff reserves the right to dismiss that student for the remainder of that class time. Upon return the next week, that student, with a willingness to learn and participate, will be encouraged and welcomed back into class.

CLASS TIME

CLASS TIME IS NOT TO BE USED TO DO HOMEWORK, TEXT, MAKE CALLS OR TALK. IF A STUDENT IS MISSING CLASS TIME FOR ANY OF THESE REASONS, THE INSTRUCTOR/DIRECTOR WILL CONTACT THE FAMILY TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION AND FIND A SOLUTION.

NO

NO CHEWING GUM DURING CLASS.
NO CELL PHONE USE DURING CLASS.
NO FOOD OR DRINK IN STUDIOS (BOTTLED WATER OKAY).

STORE BELONGINGS NEATLY IN THE CUBBIES
TAKE BELONGINGS WITH YOU AT THE END OF CLASS.

**PLEASE DISPOSE OF WASTE AND RECYCLING
IN THE RECEPTACLES PROVIDED.**

*Thank you so much for helping make our studio home a
clean, safe and positive environment!*