



Escalate Dance & Theatre Studio

2020-21 Handbook

IMPORTANT DATES

September

Fall Classes Begin.....Monday, September 21st

October

Costume charges viewable on account.....Thursday, October 1st

MEA – NO CLASS.....Wednesday, October 14th – Saturday, October 17th

Halloween parties.....Monday, October 26th – Thursday, October 29th

November

Costume fees viewable on account.....Sunday, November 1st

1st Costume Payment Due.....Sunday, November 15th

Thanksgiving Break – NO CLASS.....Wednesday, November 25th – Friday, November 27th

December

Holiday parties.....Monday, December 14th – Friday, December 18th

2nd and Final Costume Payment Due.....Tuesday, December 15th

Winter Break – NO CLASS (class resumes Monday, January 4th).....Monday, December 21st– Thursday, December 31st

January

Class Resumes after Winter Break.....Monday, January 4th

MLK Day – WE DO HAVE CLASS.....Monday, January 18th

February

President’s Day - WE DO HAVE CLASS.....Monday, February 15th

March

Pictures at EscalateTBD

Spring Break - NO CLASS.....Monday, March 29th - Thursday, April 1st

April

Class Resumes after Spring Break.....Monday, April 5th

May

Memorial Day – NO CLASS.....Monday, May 31st

JUNE

Recital Dress Rehearsal.....Thursday, June 3rd

Recital.....Saturday, June 5th

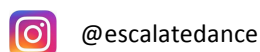
COMMUNICATION

EMAIL

Email is our primary source of communication, please confirm we have your email address on file. A helpful hint is to add Escalatedance@comcast.net to your contacts so you don’t miss out on any important emailed information.

FOLLOW ESCALATE ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

We also use social media to post timely information as well as photos of fun studio events! This information is NOT e-mailed, so follow our accounts:



BAND APP

Each class will have a group on an app called BAND. This app allows us to share class specific information like uploading practice videos and music! An email will be sent to each class with the link to join.

TUITION AND FEES

REGISTRATION FEE

In order to establish an equipment/attire standard across all classes new items will be included with your family registration fee. 2020-2021 Registration Fee will be **\$100 per dancer**, for families with multiple dancers the fee is **\$50 per additional student**.

FEE BREAKDOWN

- Recital T-Shirt (1 per student)
- Required shoes for classes (for recreational dancers, Irish dancers will receive a hair bow or boy tie)
- 2 tickets for recital (per family)
- Registration Processing Fee

****Fittings for ballet/tap/jazz/hip hop shoes will take place the first week of February in order for dancers to have correct sizes for recital. Students will receive their shoes before pictures are taken for recital. **In alignment with our COVID related cleaning practices we will no longer have shoes available for dancers to borrow from the shared bins.***

TUITION PAYMENT

Tuition is charged monthly and is due the first week of every month. Tuition is charged on a flat rate basis, paying the same amount each month regardless of the number of weeks in a month. We do not prorate tuition or offer refunds for missed classes. A dancer may attend another class to makeup for any missed class.

All accounts must be paid by automatic tuition payment. Tuition payment will be processed with the credit card on your family account on the 1st of each month. We accept Visa, Mastercard and Discover. A \$20 fee will be added to accounts for a declined or expired credit card. Cash or check payment will not be accepted unless prior arrangement has been made.

CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT

Make sure you have created an account online. This account allows you to register, view your balance, and more. To create or access your account visit escalatedance.com and select "Account Login".

WELCOME TO ESCALATE! ESCALATE INFO CLASS INFO COVID-19 SCHEDULES & REGISTRATION **ACCOUNT LOGIN**

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Click the box below to access your account to register for class, view your account history, make payment & more!

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Escalate DANCE AND THEATRE STUDIO

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Your monthly tuition will be automatically processed with a card on file the **first** of each month. Any additional charges on your account (i.e. shoes, private lessons, Escalate merchandise, etc) will also be processed along with tuition on the first of the month.

Costume fees will be divided into **TWO** equal payments and processed on November 15th and December 15th.

Competition team families - please see competition team handbook for tuition and fees information.

DRESS CODE & SHOES

Dancers are expected to come to class in dance appropriate apparel **including shoes!** Competition team dancers, please see the competition team handbook for your dress code.

Toddlers in Motion

- Clothes that are comfortable to move in
- Pink ballet shoes for girls and black ballet shoes for boys

Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo Classes

- Leotard and tights OR dance shorts/leggings and fitted dance top or t-shirt
- Hair in a ponytail or bun
- Pink ballet shoes and black tap shoes

Irish

- T-shirt or tank top and capris or leggings (please no jeans, denim leggings or sweat pants)
- Hair pulled up and off face
- Shoes
 - New beginners: ballet, jazz or socks. No bare feet!
 - Soft Shoes (ghilles) may be purchased at Irish on Grand in St. Paul or through Ballinvilla Products. Shoes will initially feel small, but will stretch to fit. See Liz to check shoe fit!
 - Boys may start in jazz shoes and will eventually wear a reel shoe, per teacher discretion.
 - Hard shoes will be purchased after a dancer's first year or by Liz's direction. These may be purchased at Irish on Grand in St. Paul or through Ballinvilla Products. Due to cost, a used pair is appropriate for new hard shoe dancers, you can check at the studio for used stock. Please consult Liz for sizing.

Musical Theatre

- Clothes that are comfortable to move in & jazz shoes
- Hair in a ponytail or bun

Boys

- Ballet classes: black shorts or pants and white t-shirt, black ballet shoes
- All other classes: clothes that are comfortable to move in. For ballet, tap, jazz classes boys will need black ballet shoes & black tap shoes. For hip hop classes boys will need black jazz shoes or any color tennis shoe (please make sure to have a pair of tennis shoes that are only worn indoors).

Lyrical/Jazz, Contemporary & Tap

- Leotard and tights OR dance shorts/leggings and fitted tank top or t-shirt
- Hair in a ponytail or bun
- Jazz shoes or turners for lyrical/jazz and contemporary
- Tap shoes for tap class

Jazz/Hip Hop

- Dance shorts/leggings and fitted tank top or t-shirt
- Hair in a ponytail or bun
- Jazz shoes or tennis shoes (please make sure to have a pair of tennis shoes that are only worn indoors)

Ballet Technique

- Black leotard & pink tights
- Hair in a bun
- Pink ballet shoes

YEAR END RECITAL

We end each year with a recital to showcase the dancers hard work throughout the year! Each class will have the opportunity to perform in the show and we do encourage each dancer to participate as it is always a ton of fun, but we do not require participation in recital.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that we'll be able to hold recital as normal this year - however, we will make any necessary modifications due to Covid restrictions and guidelines. In the event an in person recital is not possible, we will hold a virtual recital!

Toddlers in motion classes will not perform in the recital, but will have their own special performance at the studio! More information on the Toddlers in Motion performance to come soon!

Two recital tickets per family are included in your registration fee. Additional recital tickets will go on sale in May and are \$16 each for adult and \$12 for children 10 & under. Please note your studio account (including May tuition) must be paid in full in order for dancers to participate in recital and to be able to purchase recital tickets.

Recital Costumes

We work hard at Escalate to pick out fun and age appropriate costumes for all of our dancers! Each dancer participating in the year-end recital will purchase costumes for the show.

Recital costume fees are charged to your studio account. Fees are viewable on November 1st and will be split into 2 equal payments. The payments will be processed automatically on **November 15th** and **December 15th** with your credit card on file.

The recital costume fee depends on the class and number of dances. Fees includes the costume, accessories & tights. See below for the costume fees by class.

2020-21 RECITAL COSTUME FEES

Class	Number of Costumes	Total Cost	Class	Number of Costumes	Total Cost
Toddlers in Motion	1	\$55	Hip Hop ages 12+	2*	\$105
BTJ ages 3-4	2	\$130	Rolling to the Beat	2	\$80
BTJ ages 5-9	2	\$140	Pre-competition	2	\$145
Lyrical/Jazz ages 9-12	2	\$145	Boys Hip Hop	2*	\$75
Lyrical/Jazz ages 12+	2	\$150	Musical Theatre ages 5-9	2	\$90
Hip Hop ages 5-9	2*	\$95	Musical Theatre ages 9-13	2	\$100
Hip Hop ages 9-12	2*	\$100			

* Hip-hop classes will perform 2 dances in recital. They typically have 1 pair of pants they wear for both dances and switch tops or accessories for the second dance.

PICTURES

Pictures will be held at Escalate in March (date TBD). We bring in the amazingly talented **relevéPHOTO** to take pictures! Both individual and group pictures are taken in each costume. About a week after the pictures are taken, they are available for viewing/purchasing on the relevéPHOTO website.

More information to come soon!

CLASS WITHDRAWAL

While we hope that your dancer is able to stay in class the entire season, we understand that sometimes things come up and withdrawing from class is necessary. Escalate requires written notice of a withdrawal from any class. Until the written withdrawal notice is received, the dancer is considered an active student and the parent/guardian will still be responsible for tuition and fees. **No refunds will be given for mid month withdrawals. If a dancer withdraws from class after December 1, 2020, there will not be a refund for any costume fees paid as the costume will have already been ordered.**

ABSENCES

Please notify the studio of absences via email at escalatedance@comcast.net or phone at 763.416.1299.. There are no refunds or credits for missed classes but a dancer may attend another class to make-up the practice if they so choose. Please email the studio to arrange attending another class as a make up.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We avoid cancelling class due to weather whenever possible, but always keep safety of our students and staff first in mind. We generally follow the Osseo School District 279 weather cancellations.

If classes are cancelled due to weather, we will post on our Instagram and Facebook accounts and notification will also be e-mailed.

COVID-19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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STUDIO PROCEDURES

- **Masks are REQUIRED for EVERYONE ages 2 and older the entire time they are in the building. This includes dancers and instructors during class.**
- Class times have been staggered and class sizes have been limited to minimize the number of people in the building at one time.
- All studios have been taped off to ensure dancers maintain social distance during class.
- HEPA air filtration systems are in each room and are run constantly before, during and after class.
- Additional hand sanitizing stations are available in many areas throughout the building.
- Strict and thorough cleaning practices are followed including: frequently sanitizing high touch areas (door knobs, light switches, ballet barres, dance floors, class equipment, etc), using a disinfectant fogger to sanitize all dance spaces between classes, and using a UV lamp in each studio over night.
- Taking class via Zoom is an option for every class for anyone not comfortable attending class in person.
- **If your child or anyone in your household is feeling ill, experiencing symptoms, awaiting test results or has known or potential exposure to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days, please do not come to the studio and notify us via e-mail.**

DANCER GUIDELINES

- Dancers ages 2 and older must wear masks at all times in the building, including when dancing.
- Dancers should sanitize hands when upon entering and exiting the building.
- Parents must conduct a health assessment of their child prior to coming to the studio, including a temperature check and making sure their dancer or anyone in their household is not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.
- Dancers seemingly ill will have their temperature checked with our non-contact thermometer. If a child has a fever at or above 100.4, we will contact parents and have them picked up immediately.
- If a student, faculty or staff member or anyone in their household has had COVID-19, they must provide written clearance from their doctor to return to the studio.

DROP OFF / PICK UP

- Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes prior to the start of your class.
- To minimize the number of people in the building, we ask parents of dancers ages 6 and older do not come into the studio. We will send class specific information on first day of class procedures the week before class starts!
- For dancers ages 6 and under, we ask that 1 parent accompany them into the building. We ask you please wait in your car during class and come back into the studio no more than 5 minutes prior to the end of class.
- Teachers or front desk staff will walk dancers out at the end of class and will ensure each dancer safely finds their ride!

STAFF GUIDELINES

- All Escalate staff is required to take their temperature and conduct a health assessment prior to coming to the studio. Any staff with a fever at or above 100.4 currently or within the last 72 hours will not come to the studio.
- Staff will wear masks the entire time they are in the building, including when teaching.
- Staff will sanitize their hands frequently including upon arrival at the studio, before, during and after class.
- A substitute teacher plan has been implemented to ensure coverage of classes in the event of illness.

**We are so excited to have you at Escalate! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!
Contact us at Escalatedance@comcast.net**