



Escalate Dance & Theatre Studio

2022 - 23 HANDBOOK



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Fall Classes Begin.....Mon, Sep 12th

OCTOBER

October Tuition Payment Processed.....Sat, Oct 1st

1st of 2 Costume Fee Processed.....Sat, Oct 15th

MEA – NO CLASS.....Wed, Oct 19th – Sun, Oct 23rd

Halloween Party in Class.....Mon, Oct 24th - Thu, Oct 27th

Halloween - NO CLASS.....Mon, Oct 31st

NOVEMBER

November Tuition Payment Processed.....Tue, Nov 1st

2nd & Final Costume Fee Processed.....Tue, Nov 15th

Thanksgiving –NO CLASS.....Wed, Nov 23rd – Sun, Nov 27th

DECEMBER

December Tuition Payment Processed.....Thu, Dec 1st

Holiday Parties in Class.....Thu, Dec 15th - Wed, Dec 21st

Winter Break – NO CLASS.....Thu, Dec 22nd - Mon, Jan 2nd

JANUARY

January Tuition Payment Processed.....Sat, Jan 1st

Class Resumes after Winter Break.....Tue, Jan 3rd

MLK Jr. Day – WE DO HAVE CLASS.....Mon, Jan 16th

FEBRUARY

February Tuition Payment Processed.....Wed, Feb 1st

President’s Day - WE DO HAVE CLASS.....Mon, Feb 20th

Pictures at Escalate.....TBD end of Feb/beg of Mar

MARCH

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March Tuition Payment Processed.....Wed, Mar 1st

Spring Break - NO CLASS.....Mon, Mar 27th - Sun, Apr 2nd

APRIL

April Tuition Payment Processed.....Sun, Apr 1st

Class Resumes after Spring Break.....Mon, Apr 3rd

MAY

May Tuition Payment Processed.....Mon, May 1st

Memorial Day – NO CLASS.....Mon, May 29th

JUNE

Recital Dress Rehearsal.....Thu, Jun 1st

Escalate’s 19th Annual Recital!.....Sat, Jun 3rd

COMMUNICATION

Email is our primary source of communication, please confirm we have your email address on file. We also use social media to post timely information as well as photos of fun studio events! This information is NOT e-mailed, so please follow our accounts:



Escalate Dance



@escalatedance

TUITION & FEES

There is a **\$115 per dancer** registration fee.
For families with multiple dancers, the registration fee for each additional dancer is **\$25**.

The registration fee includes the following:



- Recital t-shirt (1 per dancer)
- Professionally recorded recital video
- 2 Recital Tickets per family
- Registration processing fee



Tuition is charged monthly and is due the first 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.

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. Any additional charges on your account will be processed along with monthly tuition on the 1st of each month (i.e. private lessons, voice lessons, merchandise, etc). 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 a prior arrangement has been made.

Automatic tuition payment begins with October tuition. Please log on to your account to accept the waiver, add a credit card to your account and pay the registration fee. Registration is not complete until the waivers have been accepted and registration fee has been paid.

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
- Ballet shoes

Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo Classes

- Leotard and tights -OR- dance shorts/leggings and fitted dance top
- Hair in a ponytail or bun
- Ballet and Tap shoes

Lyrical/Jazz

- Leotard and tights -OR- dance shorts/leggings and fitted dance top
- Hair in a ponytail or bun
- Jazz shoes or Turners

Jazz/Hip Hop

- Clothes that are comfortable to move in
- Hair pulled up into ponytail
- Jazz shoes or tennis shoes (if wearing tennis shoes, they must be a pair worn INDOORS ONLY)

Musical Theatre

- Clothes that are comfortable to move in
- Hair pulled up into ponytail
- Jazz shoes

Adults

- Clothes that are comfortable to move in

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 participation is not required.

Recital will be held on Saturday, June 3rd at Osseo High School.

Dress rehearsal held on Thursday, June 1st at Osseo High School.

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.

Recital tickets will go on sale in May and are sold online only. 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. Exact ticketing procedures and information will be sent out in the Spring.

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 October 1st and will be split into 2 equal payments. Costume fee payment will be processed automatically with the credit card on your family account on October 15th and November 15th. The costume fee includes the costumes, shoes, accessories and tights. Shoes included in the costume fee will be sized in January and will be handed out along with costumes.

Class	No. of Costumes	Shoes included	Total Cost	Class	No. of Costumes	Shoes included	Total Cost
Toddlers in Motion	1	Ballet	\$75	Hip Hop ages 9+	2*	Jazz Sneakers	\$135
BTJ ages 3-4	2	Ballet & Tap	\$180	Rolling to the Beat	2	n/a	\$75
BTJ ages 5-9	2	Ballet & Tap	\$185	Musical Theatre ages 5-9	2	Character Shoes	\$140
Lyrical/Jazz ages 9+	2	Jazz	\$185	Musical Theatre ages 9+	2	Character Shoes	\$150
Hip Hop ages 6-9	2*	Jazz Sneakers	\$135	Rec Tap	1	Tap	\$90

PICTURES

Pictures will be held at Escalate in late February/early March – exact date will be announced soon! We bring in the amazingly talented relevelPHOTO to take pictures. One group picture per class is taken and you have the opportunity to individuals in each costume. About a week after the pictures are taken, proofs are available to view and purchase on the relevelPHOTO website. More information to come closer to picture day!

CLASS WITHDRAWALS

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.

No refunds will be given for mid month withdrawals. If a dancer withdraws from class after recital costume fees have been paid, there will not be a refund as the costume will have already been ordered.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

HALLOWEEN

Dancers are invited to wear their Halloween costume to class Monday October 24th – Thursday, October 27th. Families are invited to come in the last 10 minutes to watch each class perform a spooktacular short Halloween dance! If dancers so choose, they are welcome to bring a treat to share (please do not bring anything with nuts).

We do NOT have class on Halloween, Monday, October 31st.

HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE

Have your dancer dress in their holiday best the last week of class before Winter Break, Thursday, December 15th – Wednesday, December 21st. Join us the last 10 minutes of class for a short holiday themed performance! Dancers will do a holiday gift exchange - please bring a wrapped \$10 gift that will be exchanged at the end of class!

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 send an e-mail and also post on our Instagram and Facebook accounts.

WAIVER

Each dancer must have their parent/guardian complete a hard copy of the waiver. The waiver will be emailed to you the week before class starts. Dancers will not be allowed to participate in class until the waiver is signed and turned into the front desk.

We are so excited to have you at Escalate!