



Welcome to Dance Force-1. We are pleased that you have selected our studio and would like to share our policies with you. These basic rules are in place to make sure we provide you with the finest service possible.

Classes

Our studio provides a variety of dance classes for students, ages 18 months to adult. Styles include Jazz, Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Tumbling, Pre-School Combination, and “Mommy and Me” dance. Skill levels range from beginner to advance in all dance specialties. Although students are placed in levels based on age, skill level will play a significant role in class level placement. Each class consists of 55 minutes of instruction and 5 minutes for optional questions and comments. This allows the instructor personal time to speak with parents and students without interfering with the next class. All classes are subject to cancellation due to enrollment.

Registration

The annual registration fee per student is \$20 (maximum \$55 per family).

Tuition & Payment Policies

Class fees are paid in their entirety every month based upon an average month of 4 weeks (unless otherwise informed). Classes with 3 or 5 meetings in a month are charged the same as the average month of 4 meetings. Payment before the 10th by cash or check allows you to take advantage of the Early Bird discount. We now accept Visa and Mastercard but not for the Early Bird discount. A drop box is provided in the lobby for your convenience. Please make checks out to Dance Force-1 and be sure your child’s name is in the memo. Taking this extra step helps us to be sure to allocate funds correctly.

Students will not be permitted to take class if their tuition is 30 days past due.

Monthly tuition is based on the number of class hours enrolled:

	Early Bird Special	Standard
One (1) hour/week	\$ 45	\$ 55
One & half (1.5) hours/week	\$ 60	\$ 70
Two (2) hours/week	\$ 80	\$ 90
Two & half (2.5) hours/week	\$ 95	\$ 105
Three (3) hours/week	\$ 110	\$ 120
Three & half (3.5) hours/week	\$ 120	\$ 130
Four (4) hours/week	\$ 130	\$ 140
Four & half (4.5) hours/week	\$ 140	\$ 150
More than 4 classes/week	Add \$20 for each additional hour OR \$10.00 for each additional ½ hour	

*All fees are non-refundable. A \$25 fee will be charged for all returned checks.

The Dance Force-1 (DF-1) Dance Team

The **DF-1** Dance Team is for students 5 to 18 years old. The performance and competition participation within the company gives students an opportunity to share their talents around the community and throughout Arizona. Students are selected by invitation/audition for participation in the Team. Acceptance onto the Team is very selective and is based upon technique, flexibility, dedication, attitude, and stage presence. There are a number of class requirements for each. Students interested in solo routines must audition. If you would like to know more about the DF-1 Dance Team, please inquire at the front desk when registering.

Private Instruction

Private (one student) and Semi-private (2-3 students) instruction is available for greater hands-on training with the instructor. Private instruction is arranged by appointment only and may vary based on staff and studio availability. Prices for a solo range from \$25-\$35 ½ hour / duet \$35-\$45 ½ hour / trio \$45-\$55 ½ hour. Duet and Trio prices are divided evenly among dancers. All private lessons must be paid in advance and there are no refunds on lessons cancelled with less than 24 hours notice.

Attendance

Attendance is taken at each class and trophies are given at the recital for perfect attendance. You must attend all regularly scheduled classes in at least one discipline to qualify. One religious holiday may be excused for perfect attendance awards but must be brought to the office manager's attention. Good attendance is imperative, as absences and tardiness can hold back an entire class, and the studio cannot jeopardize its responsibilities to the rest of the class for one student. Please make **every** effort to have your child at **every** class. Missed classes may be "made up" within three weeks – in the same or lower level.

Holidays/No Classes 2009-2010 Year

September 7	Labor Day
November 25 – November 28	Thanksgiving
December 21 – January 2	Winter Break
February 25 – February 27	Rodeo Weekend
March 29 – April 3	Spring Break
May 29 – May 31	Memorial Day

Insurance

Dance Force-1 does not carry medical insurance for its students. It is **required** that all dance students be covered by their own family insurance policies and if injury occurs it is understood that the student's own policy is your **only** source of reimbursement.

Classroom Policies

Dance requires discipline and dedication. In order to make our learning environment safe and to maximize the learning potential for each student, the instructors will teach consistently with the following policies:

- X Students must have the proper shoes for the type of dance class they are enrolled in. This will help maximize their dance potential. Please ask the director or instructor for preferred brand, color, and style before purchasing shoes. Dance shoes should be worn indoors only.
- X Students should wear form fitting dance attire and long hair should be secured back from the face and neck. We have a very liberal dress code, as we feel bright colors and fun attire can encourage enthusiasm, however, we ask that midriffs be covered. All ballet students must wear tights and a leotard with hair pulled back in a bun for class. In the event that a dancer arrives to class dressed inappropriately, we reserve the right to dismiss them from class.
- X Punctuality is extremely important for each student. Missing out on a proper warm up at the beginning of class can lead to serious injuries. Students over ten minutes late may be asked to observe the class.
- X Gum chewing is not permitted in the classroom as it poses a choking hazard. In addition, eating and drinking are not allowed in the classroom, however, having snacks in the lobby is permitted. Please be sure to pick up after yourself.
- X Students are expected to listen and follow instruction. If a student is distracting others and/or bullying, they will be asked to leave the classroom or sit in time-out. If the problem continues the dancer will be expelled from the class and possibly the studio. Please review the importance of this with your child prior to participating in a dance program.
- X Parents may observe classes from the viewing windows. If a parent has a specific concern and would like to observe the class, please see the instructor.
- X It is the instructor's goal to provide a learning environment that is positive for the students. Encouragement of fellow dancers is also expected and appreciated. If, for any reason, a parent has a concern regarding the instruction, please see the Director.
- X If your child has a medical condition that the instructor should be aware of, please bring it to his/her attention. This allows the instructors to have a better understanding of your child's capabilities.
- X No smoking is allowed in or in front of our facility.

Recital

Students are invited and encouraged to participate in our 7th annual recital. Tentative dates are June 11-12 of 2010. The mandatory dress rehearsal will tentatively be held Sunday, May 23, 2009. The recital gives the dancers an opportunity to shine and show their accomplishments to family and friends. All dancers will be considered participants unless we are notified. The cost is not included in tuition and students will be required to buy costumes. Costume prices range between \$65 and \$100 per costume. A \$60 costume deposit is due with October tuition and the balance is due with February tuition. Families pay a \$50 recital fee. Student accounts must be in good standing in order to participate in the recital. We reserve the right to dismiss a student from performing in the recital without refund if the student does not attend the dress rehearsal and/or class attendance becomes poor, especially the months prior to the recital.

Video taping during recital

Video taping during our year-end recital is not permitted. The recital will be taped using professional equipment, and copies will be available at a reasonable price. Still pictures are allowed; however, flash photography is not for safety reasons.

Pictures

We are excited to bring in a professional photographer who will take individual and group pictures in April & May (date TBA). The director will help place and pose the students so that each student's individual talents and abilities are displayed. It is important that all dancers be included in the group picture because they will be displayed in the year end recital program. It is our way of presenting teamwork and we would like all students to be part of the Dance Forever-1 family.

Birthday Parties

Kids (and parents) can have a birthday blast at Dance Forever-1. The 2 hour Saturday or Sunday parties feature a professionally trained instructor leading the children in exercise, dance, tumbling, and games. Theme parties are available too. We provide a clean, safe atmosphere for fun activities, opening presents, and refreshments. For only \$15 per child, you can treat yourself (and your kids) to a unique experience that will be long remembered. We will decorate, give each child a party favor, and present the birthday child with a special gift from us! All you have to do is provide refreshments! A minimum of 8 children is required.

Lost and Found

A lost and found container is located in the lobby. Please look there for lost items. Any items not claimed by Winter break and/or by the end of the year will be donated to charities.