

Dance Specialties, Ltd
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Recreational Program Information Packet

Welcome to Dance Specialties

We are delighted to have you and your dancer as a member of our Dance Specialties family! We have many fun things planned for this season such as monthly class themes, holiday fun, arts & crafts, and most importantly educating your dancer or gymnast on the fundamentals of tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical, and gymnastics through the Dance Specialties curriculum.

Dance classes serve as an important developmental stepping-stone for children:

Advantages of Dance:

- Allows freedom of expression
- Promotes an active lifestyle
- Acts as a healthy outlet of energy
- Develops social skills
- Gives kids a safe place away from home
- Structured classroom environment
- Coordination and gross motor skills development

Proudly serving the Gaston County area for 45 years, Dance Specialties' mission is to provide dance education through superior training. Your dancer's success is our success!

We look forward to an unforgettable dance season together! THANK YOU for being a part of our DS Dance Family!

-DS Staff

Stay Connected

- All communication is done through email and your online parent portal. Please make sure you are receiving our emails once the season begins.
- Like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates, pictures, and videos of your child's dance season!
- Studio Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 3:30-7:30pm

Important Events

- Belmont Christmas Parade: December
- Annual Christmas Program: December
- Annual Recital: June

Holidays & Studio Closings

- We follow the Gaston County School System schedule for major holidays such as Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Memorial Day. We are not closed on Teacher Workdays.
- Inclement weather decisions will be made according to the staffs' discretion. All announcements will be made through Dance Specialties' social media, email, and your parent portal.

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Payment Policy

- Tuition is due by the FIRST of each month
- Sibling Discounts offered.
- We accept online payments through your parent portal, cash, and check. Please make checks out to Dance Specialties and write your child's first and last name on the memo line.
- A convenience fee of \$3 per \$100 will be charged to your account when paying online. (i.e. \$100 = \$3 fee, \$200 = \$6 fee, etc.)
- There is a \$20.00 late fee for tuition made after the 8th of the month. Students may not take class if their tuition has not been paid for the previous month.
- If a student has to drop out for any reason during the dance season and the costumes have already been ordered, you are responsible for the remaining balance of the costumes. Costume deposits and balances are non-refundable.
- There is no deduction in tuition for classes missed due to holidays or other reasons, except extended injury or illness.
- Fees are based on four-week months. Classes missed during the year (i.e. holidays, snow days, etc.) are made up by months with five weeks.

Tuition & Fees

Dance Specialties uses a sliding scale to calculate dance class tuition rates. Add up the amount of time per week of classes, then slide over and find the rate of tuition per month. Gymnastics is a flat fee that is discounted when you pair it with a dance class.

Total Dance Class Hours per week	Price
30 min	\$60
45 min	\$65
1 hour	\$70
1 hour 15 min	\$75
1 hour 30 min	\$80
1 hour 45 min	\$85
Gymnastics	
Preschool and Kinder Gym <i>*taken by itself</i>	\$60
Preschool and Kinder Gym <i>*paired with a dance class</i>	\$35
Beg, Int, & Adv Gym <i>*taken by itself</i>	\$65
Beg, Int, & Adv Gym <i>*paired with a dance class</i>	\$35

Other Financial Obligations		
Registration Fee	Due at time of Registration	\$55
Parade Outfit	Due Oct 15 th	\$40-\$50
Costume Deposit #1	Due Jan 15 th	\$35 per genre
Costume Deposit #2	Due Feb 15 th	\$35 per genre
Recital Fee	Duet Mar 15 th	\$40-\$50
Costume Balances	Due Apr 15 th	TBD

Dress Code & Shoe Requirements

Tiny Tots & Thursday Preschool

- Leotard & tights; skirts may be worn over them
- Please purchase “transitional tights” if taking gymnastics
- You may order shoes online using the links provided below or you may go to Lebo’s and they will fit and order the shoes for you
- Capezio Love Ballet Shoe (ballet pink)
 - [Purchase on Capezio](#)
 - [Purchase on Amazon](#)
- Capezio Mary Jane Buckle Strap Tap shoes (Black Patent)
 - [Purchase on Discount Dance](#)
 - [Purchase on Amazon](#)

5-6 Combo Classes

- Leotard & tights; skirts may be worn over them
- Please purchase “transitional tights” if taking gymnastics
- You may order shoes online using the links provided below or you may go to Lebo’s and they will fit and order the shoes for you
- Capezio Lily Full Sole Leather Ballet Shoe (ballet pink)
 - [Purchase on Discount Dance](#)
 - [Purchase on Capezio](#)
- Capezio Mary Jane Buckle Strap Tap shoes (Caramel)
 - [Purchase on Amazon](#)
 - [Purchase on Discount Dance](#)
- Capezio E-series slip-on jazz shoe (Caramel)
 - [Purchase on Discount Dance](#)
 - [Purchase on Amazon](#)

Hip Hop Classes

- Athletic wear
- tennis shoes

Gymnastics

- Athletic wear
- Bare feet
- If taking dance you may wear the required dance attire to gymnastics with transitional tights

7/8 and 9/10 Combo Classes

- Leotard & tights; skirts may be worn over them or tight fitting athletic wear
- Please purchase “transitional tights” if taking gymnastics
- You may order shoes online using the links provided below or you may go to Lebo’s and they will fit and order the shoes for you
- Capezio Lily Full Sole Leather Ballet Shoe (ballet pink)
 - [Purchase on Discount Dance \(child sizes\)](#)
 - [Purchase on Capezio \(child sizes\)](#)
 - [Purchase on Discount Dance \(adult sizes\)](#)
 - [Purchase on Capezio \(adult sizes\)](#)
- Capezio Mary Jane Buckle Strap Tap shoes (Caramel)
 - [Purchase on Amazon \(child sizes\)](#)
 - [Purchase on Discount Dance \(child sizes\)](#)
 - [Purchase on Discount Dance \(adult sizes\)](#)
 - [Purchase on Amazon \(adult sizes\)](#)
- Capezio E-series slip-on jazz shoe (Caramel)
 - [Purchase on Discount Dance \(child sizes\)](#)
 - [Purchase on Amazon \(child sizes\)](#)
 - [Purchase on Amazon \(adult sizes\)](#)
 - [Purchase on Discount Dance \(adult sizes\)](#)

Preteen Combo Class

- Fitted Athletic wear
- You may order shoes online using the links provided below or you may go to Lebo’s and they will fit and order the shoes for you
- Capezio E-series slip-on jazz shoe (Caramel)
 - [Purchase on Amazon \(adult sizes\)](#)
 - [Purchase on Discount Dance \(adult sizes\)](#)
- Capezio Fluid Lace-up Tap shoe (black)
 - [Purchase on Amazon \(adult sizes\)](#)
 - [Purchase on Discount Dance \(adult sizes\)](#)