

# ***Dance Specialties, Ltd***

*415 Catawba Street*

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## ***Recreational Program Welcome Packet***

### **Welcome to Dance Specialties**

We are delighted to have you and your dancer a part of our 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, hip hop and gymnastics through our 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 47 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!

### **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 do not close for teacher work days
- Inclement weather decisions will be made according to the staffs' discretion. Even when school is closed the conditions typically change by the time we start classes. All announcements will be made through Dance Specialties' email, parent portal and social media

### **Stay Connected**

- All communication is done through DS studio email and your 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 2022
- Annual Christmas Program: December 2022
- Annual Recital: June 2023

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### **Policies**

- Tuition is due by the FIRST of each month
- Sibling Discounts offered
- Registration & Camp fees are non-refundable
- Please make checks payable to Dance Specialties and be sure to note the students name on the check. Checks may be dropped in payment box in main lobby
- We take debit and credit cards payments through your parent portal
- 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 8<sup>th</sup> of the month. Classes will not continue if outstanding balances occur and not paid
- 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 are non-refundable.
- There is no deduction in tuition for classes missed due to holidays or other reasons-except extended illness.
- Fees are based on four-week months. Classes missed during the year are made up by extra sessions at parade, recital time, and months with five weeks.

### **Tuition & Fees**

<b>Total Class Hours per week</b>	<b>Price</b>
30 min	\$65
45 min	\$70
1 hour	\$75
1 hour 15 min	\$80
1 hour 30 min	\$85
1 hour 45 min	\$90
2 hours	\$95
2 hours 15 min	\$100
2 hours 30 min	\$105
2 hours 45 min	\$110
3 hours	\$115
<b>Gymnastics</b>	
Preschool and Kinder Gym <i>*taken by itself</i>	\$65
Preschool and Kinder Gym <i>*in addition to your dance tuition</i>	\$35

<b>Other Financial Obligations</b>		
Registration Fee	Due at time of Registration	\$55
Parade Outfit	Due Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
Costume Deposits	Due Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> & Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$35 per genre
Costume Balances	Due with April tuition	TBD
Recital Fee	TBD	TBD

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### **Dress Code & Shoe Requirements**

Shoes can be purchased at Lebo's, Amazon, or online at [www.DiscountDance.com](http://www.DiscountDance.com)

- **Tiny Tots & Preschool Dance**

- Leotard & tights; skirts may be worn over them
- Please purchase "transitional tights" if taking gymnastics
- Capezio Love Ballet Shoe (ballet pink)
- Capezio Mary Jane Buckle Strap Tap shoes (Black Patent)

- **5-6 Combo Classes**

- Leotard & tights; skirts may be worn over them
- Capezio Lily Full Sole Leather Ballet Shoe (ballet pink)
- Capezio Mary Jane Buckle Strap Tap shoes (Caramel)
- Capezio E-series slip-on jazz shoe (Caramel)

- **7-9 Combo Classes**

- Leotard & tights; skirts may be worn over them
- Capezio Lily Full Sole Leather Ballet Shoe (ballet pink)
- Capezio Mary Jane Buckle Strap Tap shoes (Caramel)
- Capezio E-series slip-on jazz shoe (Caramel)

- **Hip Hop Classes**

- Athletic wear
- tennis shoes

- **Gymnastics**

- Athletic wear
- Bare feet
- Regular dance class attire permitted. Please purchase "transitional tights"

- **Preteen Combo Class**

- Tight fitting athletic wear
- Capezio E-series slip-on jazz shoe (Caramel)
- Capezio Fluid Lace-up Tap shoe (black)