

2024/2025

Gallo Dance Studio

Recital Session Information

GALLO
dance
STUDIO



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WELCOME TO GALLO DANCE STUDIO

We are so happy that you have chosen to dance with us at Gallo Dance Studio!

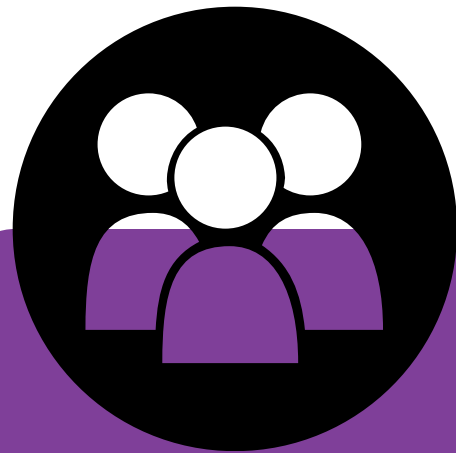
We take our instruction very seriously, but we focus on providing a fun environment for our students to learn and find their love for dance!

We want to give you as much information about our program as possible. This packet contains information about our fees, class policies, tuition, etc.

Please make sure that you read over this packet, even if you have danced with us in the past.

Keep this for any questions you may have about important dates and recital information!

Please let us know if we can answer any questions you may have regarding our studio!



Instructors:

Jan Gallo
Sophia Gallo
Jennifer Haile
Kennedy Hall
Kaitlyn Hess
Ruthie Walter
Katie Earley

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
4:30pm-8:00pm

IMPORTANT DATES & CLOSURES



Dance Class Photos
April 2025 TBA

Annual Dance Recital
Saturday, June 7th



Labor Day

Monday, September 2nd, 2024

Studio Closed

Monday, September 30th through
Friday, October 4th

Halloween

Thursday, October 31st, 2024

Thanksgiving Break

November 26th - 29th, 2024

Christmas Break

December 23rd, 2024 through
January 1st, 2025

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26th, 2025

Closures

Gallo Dance Studio will be closed only during the scheduled holiday dates listed above.

Our studio will be open during all other holidays during the school year.

OUR STUDIO IS OPEN DURING THE ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL SPRING BREAK!

In the event of inclement weather ONLY, Gallo Dance Studio will follow St. Joseph School District #169 closings. We will notify our dance families of weather-related closures via email, Facebook, and Instagram.

TUITION & PAYMENT POLICIES

Tuition

An annual non-refundable fall registration fee of \$20 per dancer is due at the time of registration and will be added to the dancer's account. For families with multiple dancers, registration is \$10 for each additional dancer.

Tuition is based on a session fee. This session will have 36 weeks of classes scheduled. There are nine monthly tuition payments that must be prepaid and are due by the first lesson of each month. The nine equal monthly installments are for your convenience. The number of classes in any given month will vary - some months may have as few as (3) three weeks, others may have as many as (5) weeks of classes. You are not paying for scheduled studio closings, or holidays. *Tuition will not be discounted/refunded for classes missed by students, or for inclement weather closings. We will do our best to offer "make-up" classes before the end of the session for classes cancelled due to inclement weather.*



**30 minute group
classes are \$55
per month**



**45 minute group
classes are \$70
per month**

Class length and tuition for competitive dancers vary.
Private solo/duo/trio lessons will be offered to our competitive dancers only.

Tuition fees are only discounted for recreational classes.

When a dancer is enrolled in more than one class, or when enrolling more than one child in your immediate family:

2 classes = 10% off the second class

3+ classes = 20% off the third and remaining classes

You are welcome to pay your session in full, but please note that we will not offer a tuition discount to do so.

Overdue Payment Policies

A \$20 LATE FEE WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ASSESSED TO THE STUDENT'S ACCOUNT IF TUITION IS NOT PAID BY THE SECOND CLASS OF EACH MONTH.

In addition, if a monthly tuition fee is overdue and still unpaid by the 1st day of the following month, a secondary late fee of \$10 will automatically be assessed to the student's account.

The secondary late fees will continue to automatically post monthly, until the overdue tuition is paid in full.

A \$30 NSF FEE WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ANY CHECKS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.

All payments made will always post towards the earliest fee that is still due on the account.

ALL FEES MUST BE UP-TO-DATE BEFORE RECEIVING COSTUMES, STUDIO PHOTOS, APPAREL, ETC.*

ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID IN FULL (including monthly tuition, late fees, bank charges, outstanding costume fees, etc.) before the student or family member can purchase recital tickets and participate in the annual recital, or other performances/competitions.

STUDIO & CLASS RULES

Studio Rules

- Please help us keep our studio building clean!
NO food or drinks are allowed in the cubby/dressing room.
Dancers are allowed to bring snacks to eat in between their multiple classes, but are permitted only to eat at the cafe tables in the lobby.
- All dancers under the age of 7 must be supervised while in the Dressing Room!
ABSOLUTELY NO STANDING ON THE CUBBIES OR PLAYING IN THE CHANGING CURTAINS!
- No male dancers or parents are allowed in our Dressing Room! Boy dancers must use the cubbies in our Studio C lobby, and the lobby restrooms if needed to change.
- Our studio is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Please advise your dancer to leave all valuables, toys, jewelry, and other such belongings at home.
- Label dance shoes and all other dance items with your dancer's name, so that lost items may be returned!
- Help us keep our dancers and their siblings safe by supervising them at all times inside and outside of the studio building.
- It is required for our 4 & under dancers to have a parent or guardian in our lobby during their class time.
- Please be sure to pick up your child on time if you need to leave our studio building during your dancer's class. If you will be late to class, please call the studio to inform our studio staff. For their safety, students must remain inside while waiting to be picked up.

Class Rules

- Disruptive or disrespectful behavior will result in the dancer being asked to sit and observe the class. Repeat offenders may be sent to the lobby or removed from the class.
- No foul language or bullying will be tolerated!
- Cell phones are not permitted in class!
- Students are not allowed to bring their friends or siblings to class, unless they have been given prior permission from their instructor.
- If we feel that a dancer is dressed inappropriately for class, it is possible that we may ask them to change, ask them to observe or dismiss them from class. ***We want to promote a positive environment where our dancers will feel comfortable with their bodies and image.***

- **STREET SHOES ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE THE STUDIOS OR ON THE DANCE FLOORS!**
- **PARENTS - PLEASE DO NOT WALK INTO A STUDIO WITH STREET SHOES ON!**
- **NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED INSIDE THE STUDIOS (only water is permitted.)**

CLASS PLACEMENT & COSTUMES

Class Placement

It is our goal to place your dancer in the appropriate class(es) based on their ability level. After our season begins, we will contact you if we feel that a class change is needed. Your dancer will achieve a much greater learning experience if they are in the appropriate class.

Attendance

Please make every effort to attend every class!

Once routines start, we progress quickly and it is not easy to learn missed material. If a student has missed a considerable amount of lessons or practices, or if we feel that the student is not prepared to perform with their group - they will not be allowed to do so.

Please understand that your monthly fees need to be kept current to reserve your child's place in their class.

Class Spectators

We run classes similar to a school environment- with classes closed to spectators.

This policy eliminates distraction and provides the best learning environment for all of our dancers. Dancers must be able to be without their parents for the duration of their class.

(We understand that our youngest dancers may need a few weeks to be comfortable without their parents)

Class Withdrawal

If at any time a dancer needs to discontinue with class, there will be no penalty. If tuition is paid for future months that will not be used, we will either offer a credit or refund. Tuition for the month that a student drops will not be refunded. Costumes that have been ordered can not be returned or refunded.

Costumes

Recreational class costumes will be fitted and ordered for each student - for each of their routines - and will be:

\$ 75 - for all TINY TOT classes (includes tights - does not include ballet shoes)

\$ 90 - for all JAZZ classes (includes tights - does not include jazz shoes)

\$ 90 - for all TAP classes (includes tights - does not include tap shoes)

\$ 90 - for all BATON classes (does not include jazz shoes or baton)

\$ 90 - for all BALLET classes (includes tights - does not include ballet shoes)

\$ 90 - for all LYRICAL/CONTEMPORARY classes (does not include shoes or tights)

\$125 - for all HIP HOP classes (multi-piece costume that includes shoes)

Costumes will not be ordered until they are paid for in full!

For our recreational classes, you will receive your costume notice by October 10th, and the costume fee will need to be **paid in full by November 1st.**

For our competitive team, costume deposits of \$50 per costume will be **due by September 25th**, and will need to be **paid in full by October 31st.**

****Please note:** The reason costumes are ordered so far in advance, is because most costume companies are "made-to-order", or run out of stock very quickly.

We keep in mind that your dancer will grow over the remainder of the season when ordering sizes!

Costumes are ordered by a company sizing chart, and are not "custom" fit. Please be prepared to make slight adjustments as needed. We will provide seamstress names and contact information upon request.

DRESS CODE & SHOE REQUIREMENTS

Dress Code

Many of our young dancers wear leotards or leos with attached skirts and tights. Yoga or dance pants, spandex leggings or capris, tights, cheer or dance shorts - with leotards or comfortable tops can be worn by all of our dancers - with the exception of our ballet students. Ballet students must wear ballet leotards and tights.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT DANCERS WEAR CLOTHING THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO MOVE FREELY WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

- NO jeans or loose-fitting dresses!
- NO Bra tops or revealing clothing
- NO jewelry allowed - ONLY stud earrings!
- NO street shoes allowed inside the studios!

Hair **must** be secured away from the face with a ponytail, or clipped back for shorter hair. This is to minimize distractions during dance class.

Shoe Requirements

SHOES MUST BE WORN IN ALL CLASSES - UNLESS TOLD OTHERWISE BY THEIR INSTRUCTOR!

Please make sure that your dancer has the appropriate shoes by the third week of class. Shoes may be ordered through our studio office. Please have your dancer wear clean tennis shoes until they receive their dance shoes.

ONLY DANCE SHOES MAY BE WORN ON STUDIO FLOORS!

Appropriate shoes vary by class and are available for purchase through the studio. You may purchase your own shoes, but please be sure they follow our class requirements:

Tiny Tot Combo Class (Ballet/Tumble): Pink "no-tie" ballet shoes required

Ballet: Pink ballet shoes required

Jazz & Baton: Tan jazz shoes required

****Baton twirlers will be measured for their baton during their first class.**

Batons are \$42.00 each

Tap: Black "no-tie" tap shoes required

Contemporary/Lyrical: Half-Sole turning shoes required

Hip-Hop: All hip-hop classes will receive hip hop shoes that match their costumes.

These shoes will be included in their costume fee. Dancers are allowed to wear clean tennis shoes or clean jazz or previous hip hop shoes to class until they receive their new shoes. Dancers will not be allowed to enter the studio and take class with shoes that appear soiled.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DANCER HAS THE PROPER ATTIRE AND SHOES FOR THEIR CLASS!

Please always feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns!

Thank you for choosing to dance with us!

Jan and Sophia Gallo