



2026–2027 Studio Parent Handbook

Welcome to ELITE!

Welcome to a new season at Elite Dance Center! As the sole owner, I am honored to welcome your family to our studio. Our mission is simple: We Create Dancers. Every class is designed to help students train with purpose, grow in confidence, and be inspired both inside and outside the classroom.

This season brings expanded programs, exceptional instruction, and exciting performance opportunities. Thank you for trusting Elite Dance Center with your dancer's journey. I look forward to an incredible year of growth, hard work, friendships, and unforgettable memories.

— Christy Pagoni, Owner & Director

Tuition & Registration

- Annual Registration: \$50 New Students | \$30 Returning Students
- Tuition is automatically drafted using the payment method on file on the published tuition due dates.
- Accounts unpaid seven days after a due date are subject to a **\$25 late fee**.
- Pay the Fall Semester in full by August 20 to receive a 10% discount.
- Pay the Spring Semester in full by January 14 to receive a 10% discount.
- Sibling Discount: 2nd Child 20% OFF • 3rd Child 30% OFF (discount applies to the lesser tuition).

Withdrawal from Recreational Classes

We understand that circumstances may change throughout the season. If a recreational student needs to withdraw from classes, written notification must be submitted by email to Elite Dance Center.

To avoid the next scheduled tuition installment, written notice must be received **at least seven (7) days prior to the next tuition draft date**.

Tuition installments that have already been drafted are non-refundable and cannot be credited toward future classes or seasons.

Registration fees, Holiday Performance fees, Spring Recital participation fees, costume fees, and any other studio fees that have already been charged are non-refundable.

Withdrawal from recreational classes does not cancel or refund any tuition installments or fees that have already been drafted or charged.

We encourage families to register only for classes they intend to complete for the full semester. Consistent attendance allows dancers to progress confidently, supports proper class planning, and provides the best experience for every student.

Performance Commitment

At Elite Dance Center, performances are an integral part of our training philosophy. They provide dancers with the opportunity to build confidence, develop stage presence, celebrate their progress, and experience the excitement of performing on stage.

Enrollment in a recreational class is a commitment to the semester in which a dancer is enrolled. Performance opportunities are an integral part of the Elite Dance Center experience. Dancers enrolled in the **Fall Semester are expected to participate in the annual Holiday Performance**, while dancers enrolled in the **Spring Semester are expected to participate in the Spring Recital**. By registering for classes, families acknowledge and agree that participation in these performances is a required part of the recreational program.

Our classes are choreographed with every enrolled dancer in mind. Each dancer's commitment is important to their classmates, instructors, and the overall performance experience. Consistent participation allows every dancer to learn, grow, and perform together as a team.

Holiday Performance

Participation in the Holiday Performance is required for all dancers enrolled in the **Fall Semester**. Holiday Performance participation and performance outfit fees are due **October 1, 2026**. Final pricing, performance details, and costume information will be communicated in advance once all show details have been finalized.

Spring Recital

Participation in the Spring Recital is required for all dancers enrolled in the **Spring Semester**. To confirm each dancer's commitment, a **non-refundable \$75 Spring Recital Participation Fee** will be collected with the **January 4, 2027, tuition installment**. This fee reserves your dancer's place in the performance and includes recital participation, as well as a commemorative recital keepsake.

Spring Recital costumes are **\$120 per costume**. Costume payment due dates and ordering information will be communicated later in the spring.

Because performances are an integral part of the recreational program, attendance at all scheduled dress rehearsals and performances is required.

Studio Policies

Arrival & Attendance

Please arrive on time, dressed appropriately, and prepared for class with the required dance attire, shoes, and hair secured according to class requirements.

For the safety of all dancers and to allow for a proper warm-up, instructors reserve the right to deny class entry to any dancer arriving more than **15 minutes late**. Missed classes may be made up in another age- and level-appropriate class, when available, with instructor approval.

Food & Drinks

Water is permitted in all studios. Food, gum, candy, and other beverages are not permitted inside the dance studios.

To help keep our facility clean, **all eating must take place downstairs**. No food is permitted in the upstairs lounge areas.

Respect for Others & Studio Property

Elite Dance Center is committed to providing a positive, respectful, and welcoming environment for every dancer and family. Students are expected to treat instructors, staff, classmates, studio property, and each other's personal belongings with respect at all times.

Personal belongings should remain in each dancer's own dance bag or designated area. Elite Dance Center is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items. Security cameras are in use throughout our common areas to help maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Pick-Up Policy

Please ensure your dancer is picked up promptly following the conclusion of class. Dancers should be picked up within 15 minutes of their scheduled class end time. A \$15 late pick-up fee may be assessed for students who remain at the studio beyond the 15-minute grace period without prior communication.

Policy Updates

Elite Dance Center reserves the right to modify or update studio policies throughout the season as needed. Families will be notified of any significant policy changes.

Dress Code

Proper dance attire is required for all classes and helps instructors safely evaluate technique, alignment, and movement while maintaining a professional classroom environment.

Dancers should arrive dressed and prepared for class with the appropriate dance attire, shoes, and hair completed before class begins.

- **Ballet (Recreational):** Solid-color leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes, and hair secured in a neat ballet bun.
- **Pre-Professional Classical Ballet Program (Mr. Wayne):** Black leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes, and hair secured in a neat, slicked-back ballet bun. Dress code is strictly enforced for all students enrolled in this program.

- **Jazz:** Fitted athletic attire or dancewear with jazz shoes. Hair must be secured away from the face.
- **Tap:** Fitted athletic attire or dancewear with tap shoes. Hair must be secured away from the face.
- **Acro:** Fitted athletic attire that allows for safe movement. Bare feet are required. Hair must be secured away from the face.
- **Hip Hop:** Clean, comfortable athletic attire and clean indoor sneakers. Clothing should allow for movement while remaining appropriate for class.
- **Contemporary/Lyrical:** Comfortable athletic attire or dancewear that allows for movement. Hair must be secured away from the face.

For all classes, pants may not extend past the dancer's feet, as oversized clothing can create safety hazards and interfere with proper technique.

If a dancer arrives without the required dress code items, Elite Dance Center reserves the right to provide any necessary attire or accessories from our studio boutique. Any items provided will be charged to the account on file.

Consistent dress code expectations help create a focused, professional training environment and encourage dancers to take pride in their appearance, preparation, and discipline.

Communication

Studio announcements, tuition reminders, performance information, schedule updates, and other important news will be communicated primarily through email and Elite Dance Center's official communication channels. Studio social media may also be used to share reminders and important updates.

Families are responsible for ensuring their contact information remains current and for reviewing studio communications regularly.

Weather & Emergency Closures

The safety of our dancers and families is our highest priority.

In the event of severe weather, emergency situations, or other unforeseen circumstances, class cancellations or schedule changes will be communicated through our official communication channels.

Depending on the circumstances, makeup classes may be offered at the discretion of Elite Dance Center. Tuition is not adjusted for weather-related or emergency closures beyond the studio's control.

Photography & Social Media

Elite Dance Center may photograph or record classes, rehearsals, performances, and studio events for promotional, educational, and social media purposes.

Families who prefer that their dancer not appear in photographs or videos used by the studio must notify Elite Dance Center in writing prior to participation.

Code of Conduct

Elite dancers are expected to demonstrate kindness, discipline, respect, responsibility, and a positive attitude both inside and outside the classroom.

Families are expected to communicate respectfully with instructors and staff, support a positive studio culture, and represent Elite Dance Center with integrity both in person and online.

Elite Dance Center reserves the right to suspend or discontinue enrollment for any student or family whose behavior is disruptive, unsafe, or inconsistent with the values and policies outlined in this handbook.

Parent Handbook Acknowledgement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the Elite Dance Center 2026–2027 Parent Handbook and understand the tuition policies, performance commitments, studio expectations, and code of conduct.

Print Enrolled Student(s) Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____