

LAS VEGAS DANCE ACADEMY

HANDBOOK 2025/26

We are passionate about providing the highest quality education in the art of dance with a strong foundation in ballet technique. We believe that a positive, structured, and inspiring environment will cultivate tremendous growth in our students. Our training focuses on excellence in technique while developing artistry and self-expression within each dancer.

Performances and Fees

Involvement in our performances means commitment to ALL SHOWS IN A PERFORMANCE SERIES. The Nutcracker and Spring Concert both have a minimum of TWO SHOWS.

The Nutcracker performances are Saturday December 20th. We will be having 2 shows that day, times TBA. MANDATORY Dress Rehearsal Friday December 19th.

The Nutcracker is at CSN's Horn Theater. The performance fee for The Nutcracker is \$125/dancer and costumes are rented for this production so they stay with LVDA.

Spring Concert dates are June 13th and 14th with MANDATORY Dress Rehearsal Friday June 12th. Senior Show dancers will also have a lighting/spacing rehearsal Thursday, June 11th.

Spring Concert will be at the Summerlin Library. The performance fee for Spring Concert is \$155/dancer and includes one costume (to keep after the performance) and theater fees. Any additional costumes needed will be an additional \$80/costume.

Volunteer Commitment

It takes a village! If your child is involved in our performances, we require that a parent or a representative of your family volunteer at least once over the course of the season. If you do not want to volunteer we ask that you pay a \$50 no volunteer fee for the school year. Volunteering can involve helping backstage, driving costumes/props to the theater, steaming costumes, loading into or out of the theater, folding programs, ushering, etc. Volunteering can take place at studio rehearsals, during dress rehearsals, or on performance days. We greatly appreciate your help in making our performances an amazing success!

Attendance

Consistent attendance is crucial in order to make progress.

If you are performing, do not miss more than 3 classes from October – Nutcracker or March - Spring Concert or you will need a private lesson (\$80/hour) to catch you up to the rest of the class.

**Failure to attend the mandatory Dress Rehearsal
will result in removal from the performance.**

Please notify us when your child is going to miss their regularly scheduled classes. Injured students are invited to observe class until they can physically return to participating. Students who are ill are asked to stay home and rest.

Make-up Classes

Missed classes may be made up within 4 weeks, in any class of the student's level or below. There are no refunds nor can missed classes be applied to subsequent months' tuition.

Studio Rules

- Have fun while learning the incredible art form of dance!!
- No running, yelling, or rough playing at the dance studio.
- Please keep our lobby quiet so the dancers can focus on learning.
- Please throw away all trash and keep your belongings contained.
- No gum, food, or drink of any kind except water is allowed on the studio floors.
- No gossip, catty remarks, obscene language, or inappropriate conversations are tolerated.
- The Las Vegas Dance Academy reserves the right to suspend or dismiss any student whose attitude, behavior, or discipline is unsatisfactory.
- The Las Vegas Dance Academy is not responsible for students after departing the studio property.

Promptness:

We recommend that students arrive early in order to use the bathroom, get warmed up, and be properly dressed (including hair secured) and ready to dance at their scheduled class time. All students must enter the studio respectful of classes that are already in session when entering the building.

Dance Etiquette:

We believe that good dance etiquette is of equal importance to good dance technique.

- Be prepared for class in proper dance attire, including hair secured properly.
- Do not have frequent class absences, consistency is necessary for improvement.
- Do not frequently ask to leave for water or bathroom breaks, please prepare yourself before class since class time is valuable.
- No cell phones in class. If you need to contact your child during their class please text Miss Mary at (702) 840-1816 and she will relay the message.
- No gum or candy allowed in class.
- Be respectful and kind to instructors, peers, and staff. Be willing to try new dance material. Put positive energy into your dance class!
- No leaning, lounging, or hanging on the ballet barres.
- No sitting in class unless you have been asked to observe by the instructor.
- Clap at the end of class to thank your instructor, this shows reverence and respect and is part of the ballet tradition.
- If late, ask the instructor's permission to join the class.
- If you have an injury or you must leave early, notify the instructor before class.
- When leaving the studio, students must remove dance shoes and cover up their dance clothes or change prior to leaving. Do not go outside during cooler weather without a cover- up. It is important to control the cooling process to avoid injury or catching a cold.

Parents/Guardians

Thank you for choosing the Las Vegas Dance Academy for your child's dance education experience! You may sit in the lobby and watch your child's **first** class at LVDA, and after that we ask that you do not wait in the lobby. When parents are in the lobby the dancers become distracted, and it is hard for them to focus on the class information.

Academy Tuition:

- Tuition is due the 1st of each month. Tuition is paid one month prior to each dancer's starting month of classes. We accept cash, checks, Paypal, Venmo, or a credit card for payment methods. Auto Pay is an option you can set up through your parent portal.
- Tuition is based on the amount of hours per week the student is dancing.
- Tuition remains the same regardless if there are 3, 4, or 5 weeks in the month, it is based upon our 10 month school year.
- Payments not received by the 8th of the month will incur a \$20 late fee.
- **PAID TUITION IS NON-REFUNDABLE REGARDLESS OF ATTENDANCE.** No tuition adjustments or credits are given for missed classes, but you may make up a missed class by taking another similar class within 4 weeks of the missed class.
- All other fees, e.g., choreography, costumes, private lessons, etc. will be charged when incurred.
- Accounts with unpaid balances and no payment arrangements for 30 days will result in a class suspension until arrangements are made for payment.

Parent Pick Up

If you are going to be late picking up your child, please notify Miss Mary or the teacher present. **If the studio is closed and you are late to get your child, your account will be charged \$2 a minute after 10 minutes.**

Proper Hygiene for Dancers

If your child is at an age where they need deodorant, please kindly remind them to wear it to class. Regularly wash ballet slippers and let your dance shoes air-dry **outside of your dance bag** when you get home from class.

Required Dress Code

Dancers not in proper dress code may be asked to observe class until they are in proper attire. We do have some leotards and tights that can be purchased at the studio.

You can purchase required attire at Capezio, The Dance Shoppe, or discountdance.com. On Discount Dance go to "Find a Dance Teacher" and type in 120844 and then follow the link to our studio page. The dress code pops up and you can easily find and purchase the correct attire!

NO necklaces, bracelets, or large earrings in class. NO extra warm ups/junk

Undergarments should not be worn under your leotard and tights. Your nude leotard is for underneath your costume at performances, please do not wear your nude leotard to class.



Prince/Princess Ballerina, Pre Ballet/Tap, Ballet Levels 1-3, Combo

Any solid color leotard

Capezio Ultra Soft Transition tights in Ballet Pink

Capezio Girls "Hanami" Canvas Split Sole Ballet Slipper

No skirts or jewelry.

Hair in a bun.



Boys: Solid color fitted t-shirt with black shorts, black ballet shoes



Levels 4-6 Ballet

Any leotard

Capezio Mesh Seamed Tights in Classical Pink or Body Wrappers Mesh Seamed Tights in Ballet Pink.

Pink or Nude ballet shoes or pointe shoes.

Skirts may be worn at the teacher's discretion for the center work.

Hair in a bun or French twist.

NO EXTRA JUNK/JEWELRY



Jazz, Contemporary, Tap

Any color leotard.

Black or tan tights, black leggings or fitted shorts.

Hair secured back and out of face.

NO booty shorts, bare midriffs, extra junk, or jewelry.

Tap shoes with strap no bows.



Hip Hop

Loose fitting shirt and shorts or pants that you feel comfortable moving in.

NO booty shorts, bare midriffs, extra junk, or jewelry.

Hair secured back and out of face.

Clean sneakers.



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2025/26 SEASON CALENDAR

August 18th – First day of classes!

September 1st – Labor Day, no classes

September 7th – Nutcracker Auditions for Clara & Party Scene dancers 1-2pm (rehearsals for Party Scene will be Sundays starting September 21st, Clara will also have additional times TBA)

September 11th – Nutcracker Auditions for Leads 4-6pm

October 31st – Nevada Day, no classes – Happy Halloween!

November 1st – Nutcracker Performance Fees due, \$125 each dancer

November 26th – 30th Thanksgiving break, no classes

December 6th – Nutcracker rehearsal day at LVDA studios – Entire Cast

December 13th – Nutcracker rehearsal day at LVDA studios – Entire Cast

December 19th – MANDATORY Nutcracker Dress Rehearsal at CSN Horn Theater

December 20th - Nutcracker Performances at CSN Horn Theater

December 21st – January 4th – Winter Break, no classes

January 5th – Classes Resume

February 15th – Spring Concert Performance and Costume Fees due, \$150/student + \$80 additional costumes

March 15th- 22nd – Spring Break, No classes

May 23rd – 25th – Memorial Day Weekend, no classes Saturday or Monday

June 11th – Senior show spacing rehearsal at Summerlin Library

June 12th - MANDATORY Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal at Summerlin Library

June 13th & 14th Spring Concert at Summerlin Library

June 22nd Summer Session begins, to be announced in March 2025