

Contempo School of Dance

School Policies

Registration and Tuition

ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR ALL STUDENTS:

\$30 per student

\$20 for each additional sibling

TUITION (Family Discount for multiple classes per student or per family)

1 class per week- \$55 per month

2 classes per week- \$100 per month

3 classes per week- \$145 per month

4 classes per week- \$165 per month

5 classes per week- \$185 per month

Add \$20 per month for each additional weekly class over 5.

The 1 1/2 hour Ballet Tech class is an extra \$10 per month.

Tuition for the first and last month (Sept. 2020 and May 2021) is due at the time of registration. After the initial registration, monthly tuition is due on the first of each month (Oct.- April).

PAYMENT

For your convenience, fees may be paid online with debit or credit card through our parent portal or at the studio by sending an envelope with check or cash in with your dancer. Receipts for cash will be emailed to parents. There is a 3.5% convenience fee when using a credit card and a \$20 minimum amount for credit or debit card payments.

LATE FEES

A \$10 late fee will be added after the 15th of each month (\$25 after the 30th of the month). Students will be removed from a class if an account becomes more than 45 days overdue.

There are no refunds. There is a \$25 charge for returned checks. As there is no additional charge for months with 5 lessons, there is no reduction in tuition for lessons missed during scheduled holidays or cancellations for severe weather.

PREFER ZOOM instead of in-person class?

You have the option to register for a class and participate on Zoom instead of in-person. This will hold a spot for you in a certain class in case you want to join in-person later in the year. Also, this will keep your dancer progressing so she/he does not fall behind in their current level. As soon as you register online, just email us to let us know to set up Zoom for your dancer.

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CELL PHONES

Cell phones must be set on silent during classes. Dancers may not use phones during class unless a teacher allows them to videotape choreography for practice at home.

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Students may not arrive more than 5 minutes before their class or stay more than 5 minutes after class. As Contempo is not a daycare center, it is not possible for us to supervise children before and after class. In case of an emergency, please call the studio so we can notify your dancer and ask her to wait inside for you. Students must be picked up promptly after the last class of the day: Mon.-Fri.. 9:00 pm and Sat. 12:45 pm. A parent (or other caregiver) who arrives

after closing time will be charged \$1 for every minute that they are late. For example, when the studio closes Sat. at 12:45 pm, and the parent arrives at 1:00 pm, the parent will be charged \$15. The parent will sign a form stating their arrival time. We will go by the studio clock (that runs by satellite). The charge will cover the extra pay for the teacher who has to stay after closing.

PARKING

Parents may park in our front, side or back lot (in spaces marked "CONTEMPO". Parents may not double-park in front of any curb or sidewalk, or at neighboring businesses (where you may be towed). No double-parking in front of any doors.

DRESS CODE

Dancers will follow the dress code including proper leotard/tights and hair up for every class. Dancers will not wear necklaces, bracelets, or hoop/dangling earrings in class. No street clothes or street shoes in class. Never wear dance shoes outside as it damages shoes and our marley studio flooring.

Combination I, II, III

Any color leotard and tights (no glitter), pink ballet shoes, black patent tap shoes (remove tap shoe laces and replace with plain black elastic-no button ties) Elastic ties are available at front desk for 25 cents per pair. Short skirts permitted. No tutus or street clothes. Hair up in a ponytail or bun. A small (easy-to-open) bag for shoes.

Ballet and Pointe

Pink canvas ballet shoes for Ballet 4-7 and teen classes. Either leather or canvas ballet shoes for Ballet 1-3. Ballet 5 Teen-7 Teen -black leotard without a skirt, ballet pink tights, and pink ballet shoes. Any solid-color leotard, ballet pink tights, and pink ballet shoes for all other ballet/pointe classes. No street clothes. Fitted black lycra dance shorts over leo/tights are allowed in levels 6-7 and teen classes. Hair must be in a bun during all Ballet and Pointe classes. Bun holders or snoods are great for a quick, easy bun.

Tap

Any color leotard (no glitter) and tights, (short dance skirts, dance shorts are permitted) No street clothes. Tap 1 (age 7-11) will wear regular black patent tap shoes. Tap 2-7 need Bloch Tap-On (leather w/buckle) black tap shoes for the recital. All teen Tap classes need black tap oxfords (tie-up) for recital. Hair up in bun, braid, or ponytail.

Jazz / Musical Theater

Any color leotard (no glitter) and tights. Bare feet or ballet shoes permitted until color of recital shoes is known in Dec. Slip-on jazz shoes (without laces). No street clothes. Hair up in bun, braid, or ponytail. Dance shorts over leotard and tights are permitted.

Hip Hop

Any color leotard (no glitter) and tights. Bare feet or ballet shoes permitted until color of recital shoes is known in Dec. Slip-on jazz shoes (without laces) for Mini-Hip Hop and Hip Hop 1-3. Hip Hop 4- 7 plus teen classes will use black hip hop sneakers instead of jazz shoes. (No combat boots or outside shoes) Hair up in bun, braid, or ponytail. Dance shorts or stretchable dance pants over leotard are permitted.

Modern / Lyrical

Any color leotard (no glitter) and stirrup or convertible tights. (dance shorts permitted) No street clothes. Hair up in bun, braid, or ponytail. Lyrical shoes (Angelo Luzio Twyla) for Lyrical and bare feet for Modern.

Acrobatics

Any color leotard (no glitter) and white acrobatics shoes (shoes needed for recital). Tights may be omitted if leotard style has attached bike shorts. No separate shorts over leotards for spotting safety. No street clothes. Hair up in ponytail or braid.

Mommy and Me

Bare feet or ballet shoes. Leotards (no glitter) without tights or loose shirt and shorts permitted.

Boys A solid-color shirt and long shorts/pants (both of a material that stretches easily) No jeans. Black hip hop sneakers for Hip Hop. Black oxford (tie-up) tap shoes for Tap.

COMMUNICATION

Our primary method of communication with parents is by e-mail. Parents will receive only necessary notices regarding tuition, class cancellations, costume fees, and recital information. We will keep e-mail addresses and other personal information private. Please make sure that we have your current email address and that your spam filter will accept mail from info@ContempoDance.com so you don't miss any important information.

You can also find information in the messages on your parent portal, on our website www.ContempoDance.com, or Contempo Facebook.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If Pasco County schools are closed due to a hurricane or tropical storm, then Contempo classes will be cancelled that day. We will leave a message on the studio answering machine, our website and Contempo Facebook. If possible, we will also send an e-mail in the case of a cancellation. There will be no refunds for weather-related cancellations.

SAFETY

Students must wait inside (never outside) the studio if a parent is late after class. Please do not leave valuable items in the waiting area or in your car. Please drive slowly and watch for pedestrians in the parking lot. Contempo School of Dance, Inc. and its employees are not responsible for personal property or accidents on the premises.

DISCIPLINE

Dance instruction requires discipline and concentration from the student. Students who misbehave or do not follow the rules (including dress code) will be given a verbal or written warning and may be asked to sit out of class. Students or parents who continue behave unacceptably will be withdrawn from the studio.

CLASS SIZE

Mommy & Me (age 2-3) and Combination I classes (age 3-4) will have a maximum of 8 students per class. Most other classes will have a maximum of 12 students per class (or 18 students in advanced classes in larger studio).

WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASS

A 30-day notice must be given prior to withdrawing from a class or the school. The person responsible for the account must notify our office manager in writing by email. Until notice is given, we are reserving a place for you or your child. This policy allows us to keep our class size small by keeping a wait list of students wishing to enroll.

MAKE-UP CLASSES

When students miss class due to illness (not for convenience or travel), they have the option to take a make-up class. Make-ups must be scheduled with our office and completed within 2 weeks. Refund or credit will not be given for any absence.

RECITALS AND COSTUMES

Contempo holds 4 separate recitals to keep the shows a reasonable length- 2 junior recitals for younger students and 2 senior recitals for older students. The classes are color-coded on our schedule to show parents which classes are in each recital.

Costume fees will be due in December. Costume prices and photos for each class will be emailed in November. Dancers will be measured in class. Parents will be able to approve the costume size to be ordered.

We do not charge a recital fee. Each family will order the amount of recital tickets (\$20-22 each) that they desire (no minimum to buy).

Additional Safety Protocol due to Coronavirus

We are taking the following safety measures:

- Each class will enter/ exit through a separate exterior door.

-Only students and teachers will be permitted inside the building, with the exception of parents of Combination I dancers (age 3-4). One parent of each dancer age 3-4 will be allowed to come inside the lobby just for drop-off and pick-up.

-Everyone will be required to wear a mask when entering and exiting the building. Everyone will have their temperature checked (non-contact method) and receive hand sanitizer at the entrance.

-Dancers and teachers have the option to remove the mask while exercising with social distance, but must wear the mask between classes. in the lobby or in the bathroom. Acrobatics instructors and students must both wear masks when an instructor is spotting a student (hands-on).

-One hour classes will actually be 50 minutes to give teachers time to mop studio floors and sanitize surfaces between every class.

-Only students who have back-to-back classes may wait in the lobby between classes (sitting on blue marks using social distance). Dancers will be encouraged to wash hands and use hand sanitizer between classes.

-Students who display any symptoms of illness will not be allowed in class.

-Please notify the studio if any student tests positive for Coronavirus. In this case, the affected class would meet on Zoom for two weeks to prevent any spread of the virus. The affected student will not be named if we need to notify parents of any cases of Coronavirus in their child's class.

-If the studio has to close temporarily due to government restrictions before the end of the school year session, all classes will temporarily meet through Zoom or online video. If you choose to drop class at that point, you will not receive any refund, but would owe no further tuition.

Waiver

I am applying for a course of instruction in dance or acrobatics at Contempo School of Dance, Inc. I recognize that in any dance/acrobatics program there will be a risk of injury or illness, including Covid-19. I understand that such a risk is inherent in the type of physical activity entailed in this instruction. With full knowledge of this risk, I agree to assume all such risks and to hold Contempo School of Dance, Inc. and its director and its employees harmless and to indemnify Contempo School of Dance, Inc. with respect to any claim of injury or illness to myself, to my children, or charges, or to my property arising out of the course of instruction, or to my practice or performance of the course of instruction, whether on or off the premises of Contempo School of Dance, Inc. To my knowledge there is no medical reason why this student should not participate in this program. I agree that my child's photograph may appear on the Contempo website or for advertising.

I have read and understand the studio policies, and I guarantee the attendance of the student and the payment of the monthly tuition as due, including the assessment of late fees, unless I personally notify the studio in writing one month in advance of withdrawal. I understand that until I notify the office manager (not the teacher) of withdrawal from a class, a place in the class will be held for me or my child regardless of absences, and I am responsible for tuition until I give the written notice. I understand that there are no refunds.