



# Turning Pointe Academy for the Performing Arts Recreational Handbook

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- M-Th 4:30-7:30pm
- Saturdays 9:00am-12:00pm

## **Recreational Dance Program Objectives**

1. To introduce beginning/intermediate movement through the elements of ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, pom, tumbling, modern, and contemporary dance. Instruction will focus on proper alignment, basic knowledge of the body's muscles, and their movement capabilities.
2. To learn the history of dance regarding choreographer's different styles and modes of creation.
3. To further develop understanding of the art form through viewing, critiquing, and performing dances.
4. To gain knowledge of different cultures and customs in regards to dance.
5. To gain confidence and insight into one's own identity as a dancer.

Expectations from students and families

- Disciplined: Understand the need for practice and work the entire class time.
- Punctual: Always be on time. It makes your class experience more beneficial.

- Persistent: Understand that dance takes time. You have to really work at dance to improve.
- Positive: Smile and encourage your classmates. Positive attitudes are contagious and it makes class more enjoyable for everyone.
- Honest: Admit your limitations and mistakes. Take full responsibility for your actions and attitudes.
- Responsible: Be responsible for the energy you bring into the dance facility.
- Prepared: Bring all materials and shoes needed for each class.
- Committed: Realize the individual actions and attitudes you have will affect the class and performances.
- Polite: Talk to one another, the leadership team, parents, and guests with courtesy and respect.
- Mature: Think before you act and take ownership of your actions.
- Proud: Remember who you are and what you represent. Take pride in yourself and your studio!

### **What you can expect from our leadership team**

- Firm and Consistent in our expectations for each student and for the dance program.
- Fairness in establishing and enforcing policies and procedures.
- Committed to helping each student grow and become his or her best.
- Worthy of your trust. We will continually work to become a better teacher by listening to and learning from others.
- Honest when commenting on performance and behavior.
- Interested in our dancers. We enjoy getting to know our dancers and their families.

### **Financial Commitment**

There is a one time, new student fee of \$10.

For our Fall and Spring sessions, they are 18 weeks long. For those sessions it is \$230 for the first class. Each class added after is an additional \$200.

For our Summer session, it is an 8 week long session. For the Summer session it is \$110 for the first class. Each class added after is an additional \$80.

You have the option to pay all tuition up front or pay half of the total balance at the time of registration. The remaining half will be due halfway through the session.

Any shoes or clothing needed for classes may be purchased through the front desk or individually.

\*Talk to the front desk about a 10% sibling and military discount.

Privates with a leadership team member:

- \$20 for 30 minutes
- \$30 for 45 minutes
- \$40 for 60 minutes

Additional Fees

- All dancers participating in our Spring Recital will be required to pay Recital fee when due (est \$65).
- All dancers participating in our Spring Recital will be required to pay for a Recital Costume (1 per routine a dancer is signed up for). Tights and shoes are not included in the costume cost. These are separate and required costs.
- Recital tickets and DVDs

### **Performance Opportunities**

All Turning Pointe Academy for the Performing Arts students are invited to perform in our annual Spring Recital. The annual Spring Recital takes place at the Long Center in downtown Lafayette. Dress Rehearsal will take place on the morning of the recital with the show later in the evening.

Please note there is an additional recital fee, ticket costs, and costume expenses. Information regarding the recital will be presented to Recreational Families as the year continues.

### **Dress Code**

Dance Fundamentals:

- Hair in a bun
- Pink tights
- Pink ballet shoes
- Black leotard
- Black wrap or pull-on Ballet skirt

Dance & Tumble:

- Hair pulled back
- Form fitting top
- Leggings or shorts
- No shoes

Ballet and Pointe Classes:

- Hair in bun
- Pink Tights
- Pink Ballet Shoes
- Black Leotard
- Black wrap skirt

#### Hip Hop Classes:

- Hair pulled back
- Form fitting top
- Pants/Leggings
- Tennis Shoes
- Optional: Long sleeve shirt for tricks

#### Pom and Jazz Classes:

- Hair pulled back
- Form fitting top
- Leggings or shorts
- Tan jazz shoes
- Poms will be provided for pom classes

#### Tumbling Classes:

- Hair pulled back
- Form fitting top
- Leggings or form fitting shorts
- No shoes
- Optional: Gymnastics leotards

#### Tap Classes:

- Hair pulled back
- Form fitting top
- Leggings or shorts
- Step 1 and 2: Tan tap shoes
- Step 3 and 4: Black JSams tap shoes

#### Modern, Lyrical, and Contemporary Classes:

- Hair pulled back
- Form fitting top
- Leggings or pants
- No shoes or socks (Modern and Contemporary)
- Lyrical shoes (Lyrical)