



Carolina Dance Company

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Congratulations on choosing to join Carolina Dance Company for our 15th season of dance! At Carolina Dance Company, we take instruction very seriously, but also want to make sure that your dancer has an enjoyable experience. Dance is our passion and we hope that it becomes yours as well. In an effort to provide as much information about the dance program at Carolina Dance Company as possible, this packet contains information about fees, approximate timing of extra fees and events, class policy, and information about the end of the year recital. **PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION CAREFULLY AND KEEP THIS PACKET FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.** If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. You may give us a call (910-385-7106), send us an email (carolinadancecompany@gmail.com), visit us in either studio lobby during seasonal business hours (*September-April: Monday-Thursday from 4pm-7pm*) or send us a message through your Parent Portal on Jackrabbit. Studio updates and announcements are posted in each studio lobby, on our studio Facebook Page, and on our studio Instagram account for your convenience.

AVERAGE FEES FOR THE DANCE SEASON:

Registration Fee (\$40)

Due Upon Enrollment (Non-Refundable);

One registration fee covers siblings that live in the same household. The Registration Fee holds a dancer's spot in the classes he/she chooses to participate in for the remainder of the dance season.

Costume Deposit (\$55.00)

A costume deposit of \$55.00 PER CLASS is due in October, in addition to October tuition (if your child is enrolled in more than one class and will require more than one costume for recital please plan to pay the \$55 deposit for each class; ex: 2 classes X \$55 = \$110 deposit). The costume deposit will automatically draft on October 15.

Costume Balance (\$TBD)

Remaining balance for ALL recital costumes is due December 15; Costumes not paid in full will NOT be ordered; Costumes will be ordered over Christmas break (*Costume Fees are Non-Refundable once costumes are ordered*); Costumes range in price from \$75-\$100 per class

Recital Fee \$85 (and up)

Recital fees are due March 15; The recital fee covers: 1 Recital Tee-Shirt for each studio dancer, Performance Tights, 2 Recital Tickets Per Dancer/Per Show, and Location Fees.

One Dancer: \$85.00

Two Dancers: \$125.00

Three or More Dancers: \$155.00



Tuition (*Varies*)

Cost of tuition varies per dancer and is based on the number of classes a dancer takes each week (1 class \$50; 2 classes \$85; 3 classes \$115; 4 classes \$135; 5 classes \$155; unlimited class \$175). Tuition is automatically drafted on the 1st of each month; Late fees are applied to unsuccessful drafts on the 10th of each month

PAYMENT POLICIES:

All registration fees, monthly tuition payments, costume payments, and recital payments must be set up on our automatic draft system (Jackrabbit). All drafts will be made on the 1st of each month. Unsuccessful drafts will result in a \$15 late fee, per dancer, applied on the 10th of the month. If an account is not paid in full by the end of the month, the dancer will be prohibited from continuing classes until the account is made current. All accounts MUST be set on automatic bank draft prior to beginning classes. If you ever have a question about your account, please first log-in to Jackrabbit and access your online parent portal (*created during enrollment*) and then contact Mrs. Courtney at carolinadancecompany@gmail.com or 910-385-7106. During studio hours, questions regarding dance accounts may also be directed to the Office Assistant on duty at either studio location.

Enrollment at Carolina Dance Company is based on an 8-month schedule (September 5, 2023-April 20, 2024) regardless of the number of classes each month. Our studio calendar will observe the following holidays, and will be closed for students and staff on these days:

Labor Day	September 4, 2023
Thanksgiving/Macy's Parade	November 20-24, 2023
Christmas	December 18, 2023-January 4, 2024
President's Day/Disney	February 15-20, 2024
Spring Break	April 1-4, 2024

MISSED CLASSES:

Students will not have the opportunity to make-up missed classes; additionally, there is no discount or refund given for missed instruction time.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

We require a 30-day written notice via email if you need to withdraw from Carolina Dance Company. Please email carolinadancecompany@gmail.com to withdraw from our 2023-2024 season. After the 30-day notice, we will terminate your monthly installment. This withdrawal policy remains in effect even if we have a shelter in place mandate from federal, state or local government.

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES (*Shelter In Place*):

In the event of a shelter in place, classes will convert to virtual classes and instruction will continue. There may be an approximate one-week transition period from the date of the shelter in place order until virtual classes begin in order to allow us to implement our action plan. This brief time period, if needed, will be treated as inclement weather days. No refunds will be given for this week. Remember that a 30-day written notice will still be required for withdrawal.

VIRTUAL CLASSES:

If we are mandated to close our physical location due to any government order, classes will convert to virtual classes and instruction will continue. We have had great success with all ages in our virtual classes and are confident we can continue to engage our dancers should the need arise. There may be an



approximate one-week transition period from the date of the shelter in place order until virtual classes begin in order to allow us to implement our action plan. This brief time period, if needed, will be treated as inclement weather days.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

CDC will also follow Sampson County Schools with respect to weather related closings for each studio. Each class is allowed one inclement weather day with no make-up class offered. For example, if Monday classes are cancelled due to hurricane/snow/power outage no make-up will be offered; if Monday classes are cancelled a 2nd time during the season a make-up class will be offered. The same policy will be in place for Tuesday-Thursday classes as well. Additionally, make-up classes may be offered virtually at each instructor's discretion.

ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19:

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies have put in place recommended social distancing, occupancy restrictions and guidelines for businesses to follow. Carolina Dance Company has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; Carolina Dance Company will be implementing all recommendations from North Carolina state officials as per CDC's Enhanced Sanitation Practices & Social Distancing Guidelines document available on our website.

Carolina Dance Company will make every effort to keep our studio sanitized and to prevent symptomatic employees and dancers from entering the building. However, COVID-19 has been proven to be asymptomatic in some persons. Therefore, Carolina Dance Company cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19 or any other unknown virus. Further, attending Carolina Dance Company could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending Carolina Dance Company and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. By signing this agreement, I agree that my child and any accompanying persons will not enter Carolina Dance Company if we exhibit any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19: A temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, other respiratory symptoms, or at least two of the following symptoms: chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell. I also agree that, neither my child(ren) nor any accompanying adult will enter Carolina Dance Company if we have had known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at Carolina Dance Company. On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Carolina Dance Company, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of Carolina Dance Company, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 or other currently unknown virus infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Carolina Dance Company program or class.



PHOTO RELEASE:

I hereby grant Carolina Dance Company permission to use my child's photograph/video for promotional purposes and/or social media and Carolina Dance Company's website.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

I understand dance can be a strenuous activity and accept responsibility for any injuries my child may incur while participating in any activity at Carolina Dance Company. Carolina Dance Company and its employees are not liable for personal injury, or loss of or damage to personal property.

RECREATIONAL CLASS REQUIREMENTS & GENERAL RULES:

-Each dancer is required to attend class regularly, as new technique is taught weekly and a focus on recital choreography begins in January. Absences totaling more than 4 each semester (September-December and January-April) may not be allowed to perform in the spring recital.

-Dancers are required to arrive on time; arriving more than 15 minutes late will cause a dancer to miss the class warm-up and require the dancer to sit and watch the remainder of the class (warm-up is key to preventing injury).

-Dancers should NOT arrive more than 10 minutes early for their class, unless under the supervision of the parent/guardian

-Parents/guardians are responsible for taking dancers to the restroom BEFORE class begins to avoid accidents & disruptions

-Dancers should be supervised by a parent/guardian unless they are in class

-Please no running, climbing on furniture, misuse of dressing rooms, or misuse of the studio store

-Dancers are required to wear the appropriate attire for class; additionally, all dance attire should be purchased through Carolina Dance Company to ensure consistency in class, outside performances & recital performances. Dancers who fail to wear the appropriate attire will not be allowed to participate in class. Please see the 2023-2024 Shoe & Apparel Guide for required dance attire (*found on our studio website*).

-All dancers and dance parents are asked to treat instructors, fellow dancers and fellow dance parents, and the CDC staff with respect and common courtesy. Failure to do so will result in removal from Carolina Dance Company.

-Dancers are not permitted to use cell phones during class (*even during water breaks*); additionally, smart watches should be removed before class begins.

-Food nor drinks are permitted in the studio rooms; Bottled water only.

-Gum is not permitted in any area of the studio.

-Only dance shoes are permitted on the studio floor; NO STREET SHOES. Please arrive at the studio in time to change into dance shoes before class begins.



Spring 2024 Recital Dates:

Please mark your calendars now for these important, **mandatory** rehearsal dates.

Additional 2024 Recital Information Will Be Available After Fall 2023 Enrollment Is Complete.

All 2023-2024 CDC dancers are encouraged to participate in our spring recitals, which will consist of 4-6 shows. Each dance class will be assigned to a specific show during which they will perform. Dancers that attend class more than one night per week may be assigned to more than one recital. All tech rehearsals will be held at the studio respective to where you are enrolled; all dress rehearsals and recitals will be held at the Sampson Expo Center (Clinton, NC).

April 8-11, 2024

MANDATORY Studio Tech Rehearsal Week

*Modified Dance Schedule For All Recital Performers;
Performers Will Be Assigned A Day & Time To Attend Tech
Rehearsals At The Studio*

April 15-16, 2024

MANDATORY Opening Number Rehearsals

*Performers Will Be Assigned An Opening Number
Rehearsal To Attend; Location & Rehearsal Times TBA In
January 2024*

April 17-19, 2024

MANDATORY Dress Rehearsals

*Performers Will Be Assigned A Specific Dress Rehearsal To
Attend At The Expo Center; Rehearsal Times TBA In January
2024*

April 20, 2024

2024 Recitals

Performers Will Be Assigned To A Recital In January 2024



2023-2024 Calendar:

During Inclement Weather Both Studios Follow the Sampson County Schools Weather Policy.

September 5	CDC's 15th Season Of Dance Begins
September 15	Studio Fun Night (<i>Held At Roseboro Studio, All Dancers Invited</i>)
October 14	Clinton's Square Fair (<i>Select Classes Perform</i>)
October 16-19	Parent Participation Week
November 10	Studio Fun Night (<i>Held At Clinton Studio, All Dancers Invited</i>)
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Break (<i>studios closed while staff attends Macy's Parade with CDC performers</i>)
November 28	Roseboro Christmas Tree Lighting (<i>Select classes perform</i>)
December 7	Clinton's Christmas In The City (<i>select classes perform</i>)
December 8	Roseboro Christmas Parade Performance (<i>all studio dancers from both locations encouraged to perform</i>)
December 9	Clinton Christmas Parade Performance (<i>all studio dancers from both locations encouraged to perform</i>)
December 18-January 4	Christmas Break (<i>studios closed</i>)
January 8	Classes Resume
February 5-8	Studio Spirit Week
February 15-20	Presidents Day & Disney Trip (<i>Both Studios Closed</i>)
March 2	Clinton Recital Pictures (<i>Recreational & Premier Dance</i>)
March 16	Roseboro Recital Pictures
April 1-4	Spring Break
April 8-11	Mandatory Studio Tech Rehearsals <i>In Studio</i>
April 15-16	Mandatory Opening Number Rehearsals <i>Location TBD</i>
April 17-19	Mandatory Dress Rehearsals <i>On Stage, Sampson Expo Center</i>
April 20, 2024	2024 Recitals <i>On Stage, Sampson Expo Center</i>