# great gig DANCE co.

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# **INFORMATION & POLICIES (2024-2025)**

### Season

Our season lasts 10 months (August 5, 2024 through May 31, 2025). We will be closed the week of Thanksgiving (November 25-30), two weeks during the Winter holidays (December 22- January 4) and one week during Spring Break (April 7-12). We will be open all other holidays, including all the Monday Holidays and other school breaks! We will close for inclement weather if necessary—please check our website and Facebook page or call us for updates on snow closings.

# **Tuition and Fees**

45-minute class	\$65 monthly
1-hour class	\$72 monthly

- Each student registered for 2 or more classes will receive a 10% discount on their total tuition.
- Additional family members will receive a 10% discount on their tuition (not in addition to the multi-class discount).
- Tuition paid as one annual payment will receive an additional 10% discount. This payment must be made by September 15<sup>th</sup>. All tuition payments are non-refundable.
- There is a \$40 registration fee per season per family. This fee is non-refundable.
- Tuition is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- A \$15 late fee will be charged for payments that are 1 week late.
- A \$25 fee will be charged for any checks with insufficient funds.
- Tuition is a monthly fee and will not be pro-rated based on holidays or missed classes. Tuition is non-refundable.

# **Payments & Customer Portal**

We accept Cash, Check, VISA, MasterCard and Discover. You may pay online by setting up an account through our website at www.greatgigdance.com, or you may choose to set up an automatic payment with your credit card by signing a consent form at the front desk. Each family will have a portal to process payments, register for classes, etc. It is your responsibility to keep all info (contact info, payment info, etc.) up to date. You can sign up or log in on the homepage of our website. Please contact lindsay@greatgigdance.com with any questions about your portal and/or account info. In this portal, when registering a parent or guardian will need to sign off on all the policies below.

## Showcase 2025

Performance experience is essential for a well-rounded dancer. Our annual Showcase in June presents the student with the excitement of a live stage performance and the opportunity for recognition for all their hard work. *Great Gig Dance Co.'s Showcase* 2025 will be May 29-31, 2025, at Kennesaw Mountain High School. Each family will

purchase tickets to the event. A \$40 per dancer/ \$75 per family, Media Fee will be charged to each account to cover professional filming and photography for all shows by Lamplight Media Works. Dancers will have access to download HD videos and high-quality photos from all performances. All downloads are included in this fee. Videos and photos will be ready within 2 weeks following the showcase and will remain available for 1 year.

## Costume

Each student must purchase the costume and accessories required for the recital. A \$60 costume deposit is due on or before November 1. Costumes will be ordered in December, and usually cost between \$75 and \$95. The balance of the costume payment will be due in February. Costume deposits and fees are NOT refundable. Costumes will be distributed in early March. Professional dance portraits will be taken in the Spring.

# **Attendance**

Promptness and regular attendance are important in each student's progress. Attendance is especially critical as dancers are learning their performance routines for the annual showcase. Excessive absences can result in the dancer not being prepared for the performance and can also adversely affect the entire class.

# **Make-up Classes**

Classes missed due to illness may be made up. Please inquire at the front counter for an appropriate day and time to make up classes. No refunds will be given for unattended classes.

## Virtual Classes

If we are mandated to close our physical location due to any government order, classes will immediately 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.

# Withdrawing from Class

Withdrawal notice must be submitted online by filling out our Withdrawal Form found on our website. Notice must be submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month prior to the next billing cycle. If you decide to re-enroll you will need to pay another registration fee. This withdrawal policy remains in effect even if we have a shelter in place mandate from federal, state or local government. 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, meaning your dancer can choose a convenient make-up class from an appropriate class on our schedule. No refunds will be given for this week. Please call or email to sign up for your make-up class.

#### Attire & Shoes

Class	Bodywear	Shoes
Preschool	Leotard & tights (any color), skirts optional	Tan tap shoes (Capezio or Bloch "Mary-Jane"
		Style) AND Pink leather Ballet shoes
Primary	Leotard & tights (any color), skirts optional	Tan tap shoes (Capezio or Bloch "Mary-Jane"
		Style) AND Pink leather Ballet shoes
Secondary	Leotard & tights (any color), skirts/shorts/jazz	Tan slip-on jazz shoes without laces (Capezio
	pants optional	or Bloch), AND Tan tap shoes (Capezio of
		Bloch "Mary-Jane" Style)
Intermediate	Leotard & tights (any color), skirts/shorts/jazz	Tan slip-on jazz shoes without laces (Capezio
	pants optional	or Bloch), AND Black lace-up Tap shoes
		(Capezio or Bloch)
Ballet	Black leotard, pink tights	Pink split-sole Ballet shoes
Contemporary	Appropriate dancewear (leotard & tights,	Bare feet or "Foot Undies"
	dance shorts, dance leggings or pants)	
Hip-Hop	Appropriate dancewear (sweatpants,	Flat-bottom sneakers (recital color to be
	leggings, shorts, tanks—no jeans!)	selected by instructor)

All students are required to wear appropriate dance attire. This includes tights, leotard, unitard, hot shorts or jazz pants. Boys may wear sweatpants, shorts or jazz pants. Hair must be pulled back at all times. Please wear a cover-up to and from all dance classes. All dance accessories should be labeled with your child's name, including shoes, bags and clothing. Please do not wear your dance shoes outside on the sidewalk or in the parking lot! This will damage our flooring

## **Observers**

We encourage all parents, family and friends to observe class any time through the classroom windows. Please become involved in your child's dance experience! However, if you see that you are distracting your child, also be respectful of his or her need for privacy.

# **Waiting Area**

For safety reasons, students must remain in the waiting room for their rides. They are not permitted to wait in the parking lot area or outside the building. Great Gig Dance Co. accepts no responsibility for children who leave the premises unattended.

## **Food and Drink**

Students may bring water to class. However, other beverages and food are not permitted inside the studio. Gum chewing is not allowed in the studio or lobby.

# great gig DANCE co. - CLASSES OFFERED

#### **Combination Classes**

Our combination classes are designed to give each student a basic understanding of various types of dance. With age and experience, students may then make an educated choice in which dance forms they will focus on. Early combination classes include Ballet, because it is the foundation of many types of dance. Each class type is also based on the student's age.

### **Preschool**

We offer a 1-hour Preschool class for 3 & 4 year-old children that includes Tap, Ballet and Tumbling/Creative Movement. This class is designed not only to introduce basic dance skills, but also to offer age-appropriate physical development activities and to encourage creativity.

#### **Primary**

We offer a 1-hour Primary class for 5 & 6 year-old children that includes segments in Tap, Ballet and Tumbling/Creative Movement. This class is designed to continue developing dance skills as well as creativity and rhythm.

#### **Junior Jazz**

Our 45-minute add-on to the Primary Tap & Ballet class incorporates introductory movements in Jazz dance. Students will learn body isolations and basic jazz technique.

# Secondary\*

We offer a 1-hour Secondary class for 7-9 year-old children (Grades 1-3) including ½-hour segments in Jazz and Tap. This class is designed to prepare dancers for more advanced training at the next level. It includes longer segments with more complicated rhythms, patterns and combinations. More emphasis is placed on proper technique and terminology.

#### Intermediate\*

We offer 1-hour Intermediate classes (length of class depends on age and level) for children that are 9-12 years old (Grades 3-5), and teens. This class includes segments in Jazz and Tap and focuses on more advanced dance training, including proper body placement, technique and dance terminology.

\*We recommend that students in the Secondary and Intermediate programs also attend a 45-minute weekly Ballet class to reinforce their technique and body placement. Ballet is the foundation of all dance styles and it is an essential discipline for the properly trained dancer.

#### Adult

We offer adult classes in Tap, Hip-Hop, Contemporary and Jazz. The adult classes are 45 minutes in length. Adults are encouraged but not required to participate in our annual Showcase in June.

## **ASSUMPTIONS OF RISK & WAIVERS OF LIABILITY**

#### **Photo Release**

As a customer of Great Gig Dance Co., you grant permission to use you or your child's image in advertising, marketing and/or social media promotions, as well as on Great Gig Dance Co.'s website. Any exceptions to this policy should be made in writing.

#### COVID-19

Great gig Dance Co. follows all CDC guidelines pertaining to COVID- 19

### Release of Liability

By enrolling at Great Gig Dance Co., you are acknowledging that dance can be a strenuous activity and you agree to accept responsibility for any injuries you or your child(ren) may incur while participating in any activity at Great Gig Dance Co. Great Gig Dance Co. and its employees are not liable for personal injury, or loss of or damage to personal property.

By enrolling at Great Gig Dance Co., you agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to you or your child(ren) (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense of any kind that you or your child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with attending Great Gig Dance Co..

By enrolling at Great Gig Dance Co., you agree to release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Great Gig Dance Co., 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. You further agree that this includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of Great Gig Dance Co., its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 or other currently unknown virus infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Great Gig Dance Co. program or class.