



# YMCA Dance Academy Winter/Spring Handbook 2021



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Thank you for enrolling your child into the YMCA Dance Academy Youth program! We are very excited to begin a new year of dance and tumbling. During the next few months, your child will learn more than just dance steps. While developing skill and coordination is important, the YMCA prides itself on developing our youth using our four pillars. Each month we will focus on one of the following:

HONESTY, CARING, RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY.

## **FEES**

- \$18/members and \$27/non-members per class (assistance available)
- Dance payments are due before the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. **\$5 LATE FEE** will be charged. There is an option to pay for the entire session to avoid a late fee.
- Recital costume fee \$50 (dance) \$20 (tumbling) class due on no later than February 4. **\$10 LATE FEE starting February 5th.**
- Assistance is available to members with income based memberships.
- There are **NO refunds** for costume fees once orders have been placed.
- There will be required classroom dancewear attire that will need to be purchased. A dress code list for each class has been provided in this handbook.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Monday, January 4 CLASSES BEGIN
- February 1-4 STUDENTS MEASURED (Do NOT miss)
- Friday, February 4 COSTUME FEE DUE
- Sunday, March 28 STUDENT SOLO/DUET AUDITION FORM DUE
- Sunday, April 4 STUDENT SOLO/DUET AUDITIONS 1PM
- Sunday, April 11 RECITAL PHOTO DAY 1
- Sunday, April 18 RECITAL PHOTO DAY 2 (back up date)
- Saturday, May 1 DRESS REHEARSAL 1-4pm (see tentative schedule)
- Sunday, May 2 RECITAL PERFORMANCE 3:00pm  
Ohnward Fine Art Center or may be held at the YMCA

## **WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY**

When the Maquoketa School district has an early dismissal DUE TO WEATHER or cancels school DUE TO INCLEMENT WINTER WEATHER, the YMCA will NOT hold dance classes for that afternoon/evening. Occasionally, if a full day of school has been accomplished and the weather is questionable, it is up to the discretion of the Program Director to decide if classes will be in session for that particular evening. In most cases if school activities are cancelled for an evening due to weather, the Y will opt to cancel as well. As such, we will announce on Facebook and attempt to make personal calls to the parents in that class. When in doubt, always call the YMCA for an update.

If there is a scheduled no school day on a dance day and the YMCA is OPEN, we conduct our classes as scheduled. We WILL HAVE DANCE on the following scheduled school closure dates: January 18 (MLK), February 15 (Presidents Day), March 10 & 11, April 5.

## **STAY IN THE LOOP!**

We have many families to communicate with and the best way we have found is through email, Facebook and our YMCA page. Please keep yourself in the LOOP by checking your emails for updates and joining our Facebook group page: **Maquoketa YMCA Dance Program Parent Info Page** and “like” the YMCA page **Maquoketa Area Family YMCA**. We will also send notes home with the children. Please feel free to call or email with any questions!

“Dance is the hidden language of the soul”  
– Martha Graham

## **DRESS CODE & Other costume requirements**

Dress code in the dance class room creates a professional, unified look in the classroom and onstage. Having a dress code makes costuming a class easier by adding simple accessories like skirts and tutus, therefore keeping your costs low. Leotards purchased will be used in the recital as a part of your child's costume for a second routine. ALL DANCE ATTIRE should be purchased through DISCOUNT DANCE so that all dancers have the same items in the same color.

**[www.discountdance.com](http://www.discountdance.com)**

**1-800-328-7107**

**Enter Teacher Referral code TP62898**

**10% off your first order**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Tiny Tot Combo	Theatricals Girls Tank Leotard	N5501C	Mulberry	\$10.80
Combo I	Theatricals Girls Tank Leotard	N5501C	Lavender	\$10.80
Combo II	Theatricals Girls Tank Leotard	N5501C	Turquoise	\$10.80
All combos	Bodywrappers footed tight	C80	Jazzy Tan	\$7.40
All combos	Bodywrappers footed tight	C80	Ballet pink	\$7.40
All Combos	Theatricals Child Velcro tap shoe	T9050C	Tan	\$19.95
Ballet shoe	Theatricals Child split sole ballet slipper	T2700C	Pink	\$13.95

<b>Class</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Dance Team/Hip Hop	Bodywrappers footed tight	C80	Jazzy Tan	\$7.40
Dance Team/Hip Hop	Any style/brand bike short	~	Black	Variable
Dance Team/Hip Hop	Dance Now Unisex Jazz Bootie	DN981G	Tan	25.10
Dance Team/Hip Hop	Dance Now Unisex Jazz Bootie (adult size)	DN981L	Tan	22.82
Dance Team/Hip Hop	Any color/style tank top	N/A	N/A	Variable

**\*\*For Boy styles, please contact Program Director \*\*Prices are subject to change by the distributor.**

**PICTURE DAY** SUNDAY, April 11 –Multipurpose Room YMCA

Back up date for pictures will be Sunday April 18 if Stacie is unavailable from the Photography Mill.

Below is the schedule for dance pictures with the Photography Mill. The time indicated for your child's group is the time you need to BE THERE, dressed and ready to have your photo taken. The times are approximate. Please attend even if you are not planning to purchase photos so we can have your child in the group shots. Order forms will be sent home prior to and available the day of the shoot.

**\*\*Times are approximate and subject to CHANGE.**

Tiny tots	12:30pm
Hip Hop	12:50pm
Combo I	1:10pm
Combo II	1:20pm
Dance Team	1:40pm
Tumbling	2:00 pm

- ❖ Try on all costumes and accessories immediately when you get them
- ❖ Inform Director of any problems with sizing immediately
- ❖ Costumes should be wrinkle free
- ❖ Light make up for picture day.
  - o Red lips, rosy cheeks, eye color, mascara, shadow, liner
- ❖ Hair is to be up in a high bun unless otherwise noted
- ❖ Examples of how the costumes should look with hair/makeup will be posted in the Facebook dance group page for your reference.

“Every day brings a chance for you to draw in a breath,  
kick off your shoes, and dance.”  
– **Oprah Winfrey**

## **Costume Deposits**

In an effort to ensure that all costumes arrive in time for picture day, costume deposits MUST be paid no later than February 4. Costume manufacturers do not accept cancellations or offer refunds therefore once costumes have been ordered, the YMCA does not offer costume fee refunds.

Parents or guardians accept full responsibility for all expenses, including surcharges and shipping if costumes are ordered late due to late payment of costume fee. The YMCA is not responsible for costumes not received in time for picture day or recital due to late payments.

## **Sizing/Alterations**

Each child will be measured individually to determine his/her proper costume size. Costumes are made in bulk and are NOT custom designed for each child so although rare, alterations may sometimes be needed. This is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian. Please contact the director for recommendations.

## **Costume Distribution**

Costumes will be distributed when all outstanding balances for the fall dance season are paid in full. January-April dance tuition must be paid PRIOR to receiving costume.

## **Withdrawal**

No refunds will be made if a child is withdrawn from the dance program once costumes have been ordered and prior to the dance recital. Parents or guardians may pick up the purchased costume at the YMCA at the time of general costume distribution and up to 30 days after the performance. Any costume that is not picked up during that time, will remain the property of the YMCA dance program.

*Costumes are ALWAYS age appropriate and of the highest possible quality.*

## Dress Rehearsal-Costumes only

Saturday, May 1 1-4pm – Ohnward Fine Arts Center

Below is the TENTATIVE dress rehearsal schedule. We will run each dance on the stage to mark spacing and give the kids time to get used to the space. Times are approximate. Please bring ALL costumes, dancewear and accessories with you if your child has more than one dance.

**\*\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

- 1:00 Tiny Tot Tap/Combo 1 Tap
- 1:30 Tiny Tot Ballet/ Combo 1 Ballet
- 2:00 Combo 2 Tap/Hip Hop
- 2:30 Combo 2 Ballet
- 2:50 Dance Team
- 3:15 Tumbling I/Tumbling II
- 3:40 Solos/Duets for Student Showcase (by audition only)

## Recital tips

Recital time can be stressful for the parents, students and instructors. To help everyone have a better sense of security during this time, it is best to plan ahead and be prepared. On the next page is a checklist to remember for your child's performance day!

## Rehearsal/Recital Checklist

- o **Hair:** High bun unless otherwise noted.  
Do your child's hair at home but don't forget, just in case....
  - o Hairspray
  - o Hair ties and bobby pins
  - o Hair accessories
  - o Glitter
  - o Hair nets
- o **Make up:**  
Done at home. Heavy and dark for the stage so that the bright lights don't wash their faces out. Don't forget...
  - o Red lips (Products like Lipsense that won't come off on costumes is recommended)
  - o Blush- Color on the cheeks so that stage lights don't wash out
  - o Eye shadow-browns are best for the stage
  - o Eye liner and mascara
  - o NO jewelry except for post earrings.
- o **Costumes**
  - o Costume (wrinkle free)
  - o Tights (an extra pair couldn't hurt) and shoes
  - o Undergarments (bras that don't show straps)
  - o Hair accessories
- o **Entertainment**  
There will be some down time backstage while the kids are waiting to be called to go onstage so bring QUIET things to keep your child entertained.
  - o Coloring books
  - o iPads, Phones, iPods with earbuds
  - o Blanket to sit on backstage to keep your belongings in "your" area.
  - o Water and snacks that are NOT messy (no Cheetos or sticky candy/drinks)



The YMCA relies on the assistance of volunteers in many of our youth programs. Your children will benefit directly from the volunteer effort of our families and we hope that you will become a member of our pool of volunteers to help provide a high quality performance experience for your children. We encourage families to volunteer and welcome any contribution you are willing to make.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer Form

**Please check your area of interest:**

\_\_\_\_ **Tickets/Programs:** Take tickets/hand out programs, make sure theatre is closed to seating until 6:30pm

\_\_\_\_ **Food:** Donate baked item, water, snacks

\_\_\_\_ **Check in:** check in dancers as they arrive and direct to dressing room

\_\_\_\_ **Monitor:** Make sure only dancers/volunteers are backstage during show/Quiet during show

\_\_\_\_ **Dressing Room Mom:** Assist with costume changes and keep students quiet while waiting

\_\_\_\_ **OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

All **BACKSTAGE** volunteers will be able to watch their child's dance from the audience and do not have to purchase a ticket.

*Thank you!*