



*The official Dance Academy
for Dallas Black Dance Theatre*

Professionally Instructed Classes In:

**Ballet * Modern * Jazz * Tap * African
*Hip Hop *
Mommy & Me Toddler Classes**

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Dallas Black Dance Academy

Founded in 1974 by Mrs. Ann Williams, **Dallas Black Dance Academy** is the official school of the **Dallas Black Dance Theatre**. The Academy emphasizes that through directed dance studies in a learning environment, the mind is disciplined to control one's total body in making better decisions for life and developing self-esteem. DBDT's academy offers classes four evenings per week and Saturdays during the school year and offers several programs during the summer. The academy trains 400 students per week in year-round classes. Students of all ages, ethnicities, races, and backgrounds attend these classes and participate in Academy performances.

Students must be age 4 to enroll in the Academy. Mommy & Me classes are available for toddlers ages 2-3 years old and must be accompanied by an adult in class. Students ages 7 and older may add additional classes in Jazz, African, Modern or Hip Hop to their training schedule.

All students age 4-14 are required to take ballet each year. We strongly encourage older students to continue their ballet training each year as well. It is the prerequisite for taking other forms of dance and necessary for continued dance development.

In all classes, the first classes are devoted to discipline, placement and body awareness. DBDA uses this time to evaluate student placement within the proper classes. Professional instructors teach all Academy classes. Many are present and former dancers of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre. Instructors may also use an assistant to help with classes. Students are placed by the instructors based on their independent mastery of the skills and techniques that are taught. Please note regular attendance in class is paramount to a student's progression.

Performing Ensemble and Company Auditions

Students who are age 9-15 that show exceptional promise are encouraged to audition for the school's **Performing Ensembles**. These groups of students perform locally at festivals and various events in the Dallas area. Students auditioning for the Performing Ensembles must be enrolled in 3 or more intermediate or advanced academy classes. Auditions are held each fall. For complete requirements on age and technique level, please contact our Academy office. Participation fees and rehearsals are additional to regular enrollment.

Students who progress through the professional level may have the opportunity to audition for the semi-professional company - DBDT II, and later audition for the professional company, **Dallas Black Dance Theatre**. Auditions for Dallas Black Dance Theatre's professional company as well as DBDT II- the company's semi-professional company are held during the summer.

TECHNIQUES: FORMS OF DANCE

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Ballet: All students age 4-14 are required to take ballet each year. It is the prerequisite for taking other forms of dance.

Beginning Ballet, for the younger ages (4-5) is a combination of creative movement and basic Ballet positions. For ages 6 and older, students will be introduced to Ballet positions, proper execution, self-discipline, body awareness and correct body alignment. **Intermediate Ballet** classes build upon the foundation taught in the beginning classes, and **Advanced Ballet** progresses the student through more difficult technique and eventually preparing the student for Pointe work.

Tap: Tap challenges the students' minds with the use of syncopation, isolation and rhythmic patterns done by the feet.

Jazz: Jazz is a technique-based form of dance that combines elements of ballet and tap. There are many styles of jazz, including traditional, lyrical and hip-hop. Jazz teaches and enhances coordination, strength and quickness.

Modern: Modern dance is a more free-style form of dance, emphasizing the use of more varied, natural movements. Modern dancers have traditionally danced barefoot, making their movement more grounded and natural.

African: This class is designed to give the student a mixture of regional dances of Africa. It develops coordination, flexibility and a sense of musicality.

OTHER CLASSES:

During the academic year, the Academy may offer other classes like Yoga, Body Conditioning, Social Dance Genres (Salsa, Swing or Ballroom) or even Dance Aerobics and Zumba. These classes vary from year to year. Please inquire with the Academy staff regarding other classes available and studio rental space.

SCHEDULING

ALL students receive a recommendation from their instructors as to what class level they are to enroll.

New students transferring from another dance school or studio will enroll in their current level then be assessed by the instructor for each class. New students enrolling will be advised on classes by their age level and then be assessed by the instructor of each class.

****For a current schedule of classes please contact the Academy office.**

TUITION FEES

There is a non-refundable registration fee of **\$30.00** per person per year, due at the time of registration, along with the first tuition payment. The actual academic year is from **September to May**. Enrolled students/parents are responsible for tuition for the full academic year. (This does not apply to summer only enrollees.)

Tuition can be paid monthly, by semester or annually. Semester tuition is due the 1st of September and again the 1st of January. Monthly fees are due the 1st of each month. Fees are considered late after the 10th of the month and a \$15.00 late fee is charged. Fees not paid by the 15th of the month will incur an additional \$5.00 per day until the balance is cleared. After thirty days, students will be dropped and must pay the enrollment fee and balances before being accepted to the Academy again.

Payment may be made in the form of cash, check, money order or credit card. There is an additional \$2.50 processing fee on all credit or debit cards. There is a **\$30.00 charge** for all returned checks. ***Summer tuition will vary from the academic year tuition.*

<u>Tuition for:</u>	<u>Annual Fee</u>	-or-	<u>Semester Fee</u>	-or-	<u>Monthly Fee</u>
1 class/wk	\$440.00		\$220.00		\$55.00
2 classes/wk	\$720.00		\$360.00		\$90.00
3 classes/wk	\$960.00		\$480.00		\$120.00
4 classes/wk	\$1160.00		\$580.00		\$145.00
Single class	\$15.00				

Multi-student family discounts:

Discounts are available for families with two or more students ***within the same household*** enrolled. A 10% discount is applied to the 2nd student enrolled from the same household. A 15% discount is applied to the 3rd student enrolled from the same household.

Class Cards are available for **adult students** who are unable to attend on a regular basis or attend only during non-performance seasons. A set number of classes are pre-paid and the card must be stamped for each attendance. Class Card students do not pay registration fees and are considered drop-in students only. Rates are as follows:

<u>Number of classes</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10 classes	for \$120
6 classes	for \$75
4 classes	for \$55

***Summer Tuition costs vary by program. Please refer to the summer application for cost of tuition.*

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Dallas Black Dance Academy provides dance instruction of the highest quality. Students who do not respect the policies and procedures may be asked to leave.

- ◆ Class attire is strictly enforced; no chewing gum, cell phones or snacks in class. No street shoes are allowed on the classroom/studio floors.
- ◆ Less than 5 students in attendance/enrolled - class canceled therefore schedule of classes may change with enrollment status.
- ◆ Parents/Students must notify us in the event of an absence or tardy **in writing or email to: academy@dbdt.com**
- ◆ Students tardy after 10 minutes may not be permitted to participate in class.
- ◆ Three absences without prior notification -student may be DROPPED from roll.
- ◆ Students should carry a dance bag at all times to hold shoes & other needs. *The Academy is not responsible for lost items.* Please write names in all shoes and belongings.
- ◆ Snacks, food and drink items are allowed only in the student lounge/break room.
- ◆ Tuition is due on the 1st class of the month; a \$15 late fee is added to tuition paid after the 10th of the month. Tuition not paid by the 15th of the month will incur a daily charge of \$5 until the account is clear. Student will not be permitted to class with outstanding tuition balances.
- ◆ Acceptable forms of payment are cash, check and credit card. There is a \$2.50 fee to process all credit and debit cards.
- ◆ A \$30 fee is added to all returned checks and must be reconciled within 7 days in cash. No personal checks will be accepted after a check has been returned, cash only or money order only will be accepted for payment.
- ◆ **Refunds must be requested in writing within 10 business days and will be issued within 4-6 weeks from the date of request. For refunds on costumes, please ask the office staff.**
- ◆ Students will receive periodic newsletters in class and by email to keep everyone up to date.
- ◆ The Academy observes the same holidays and inclement weather closings as the Dallas Public Schools. In the case of inclement weather, parents are also advised to call the office.
- ◆ **Parents are to drop off students at the beginning of classes and pick them up as soon as classes are dismissed. Waiting areas are reserved only for students preparing for their next class.**

PERFORMANCES

OPEN HOUSE

In December, at the close of the fall semester, an informal studio recital is held so students may demonstrate what skills they are mastering. No special costumes are needed for this event.

★ **ANNUAL SPRING RECITAL** ★

Each student will be presented in May in the Annual Spring Recital. A dress rehearsal will be held on the same day. There will be special costumes required for this memorable occasion, costs for participation and costumes are not included in tuition. All classes will learn special choreography for the recital. Costume payments are accepted October through December. All Costumes and Recital fees must be paid in full by the last class in December. Students who enroll mid-year are expected to have costume fees paid by the end of January.

WHAT TO WEAR FOR CLASS - MANDATORY

Girls/Ladies - must have hair pulled back away from face in a bun

- Convertible tights in either suntan, toast, or caramel color, no shimmer allowed
- appropriate class leotard (please check with staff for student's color)

Class Leotard Colors - Mandatory for all academy students ages 2-14

- Black Leotard Mommy & Me, Youth Beginners
- Navy Blue Leotard Youth Beginner and Ballet & Tap Classes
- Hunter Green Leotard Youth Intermediate Ballet Classes
- Burgundy Leotard Youth Advanced Ballet Classes
- Teen and adult students may choose to wear any color leotard listed above for class.

Shoes - Mandatory

- **Ballet:** matching flesh color ballet shoes (pink shoes must be sprayed/painted to match if you cannot find tan)
- **Tap:** black tap shoes (smaller feet need Mary Jane style with tap-ties, ages 7 and older may use an oxford)
- **Jazz:** black jazz shoes (oxford or slip-on bootie not sneakers)
- **Modern/African:** no shoes will be worn (an African print wrap or "lappa" for African class)

Other Attire -

- **Hip Hop:** comfortable shirt, dance pants, jazz sneakers (street shoes and sneakers are not allowed)

Boys/Men - neat hair, white t-shirt, black dance pants, white or black dance socks and **Shoes - Mandatory**

- **Ballet:** black ballet shoes
- **Tap:** black tap shoes
- **Jazz:** black jazz shoes (oxford or slip-on bootie not sneakers)
- **Modern/African:** no shoes will be worn
- ****Summer dance attire varies by program. Please refer to the summer application for attire.**

NOTES:

- ✓ Class attire is strictly enforced. Students may wear skirts, warm ups or cover ups to and from class only. Please check with the staff on the leotard color assignments.
- ✓ Stud earrings are allowed but no other jewelry is permitted during class.. Males must have neat hair and no jewelry.
- ✓ Undergarments, if worn, should **never** be visible
- ✓ Ballet Shoe Note: Both Capezio and Sansha dancewear companies make a tan (caramel or flesh color) ballet shoe. If you cannot find a tan ballet shoe for your child—pink ballet shoes may be sprayed with NU-LIFE COLOR SPRAY for SHOES Color #602 Camel or Color # 634 Chamois.
- ✓ Students must have ALL mandatory attire and shoes must be dyed by the 2nd class day.

Dance wear stores that are familiar with our dress code are:

<u>Sandy's Shoes & Dancewear</u> 2211 Gus Thomasson Rd. #104A	(East Dallas) Dallas, 75228	214-321-1764
<u>Capezio Dancewear</u> 5600 Lovers Lane (@Tollway)	(North Dallas) Dallas, 75209	214-351-2555
<u>Artful Dancewear</u> 9665 N. Central Exp (@ Walnut Hill)	(North Dallas) Dallas, 75231	214-739-9999
<u>Sandy's Dancewear Too</u> 3115 W. Parker Rd. #190	(Plano) Plano, 75023	214-473-6600
<u>June's Dancewear</u> 1921 East Abram	(Arlington) Arlington, 76010	817-275-2303
<u>Dancewear ETC.</u> 4353 Gannon Ln	(Southern Dallas, Duncanville) Dallas, 75237	972-780-8657
<u>Spotlight Dancewear</u> 2325 South Stemmons Fwy	(Lewisville) Lewisville, 75067	972-459-5556

WHAT TO WEAR FOR CLASS (cont'd)

Mandatory Class Attire - The leotard styles listed below are available in Black, Navy Blue, Hunter Green and Burgundy. The class color is mandatory however the style is only a suggestion. Please contact the Academy office for questions about attire 214-871-2387.



Traditional Leotard



Capezio Style 201/201C



Capezio Style 100/100C



Capezio Style 102/102C



Convertible/Transition Tights



Flesh Color (Tan) Ballet Slippers



Black Tap Shoes



Black Slip-On Jazz Shoe



Tap Oxford



White Shirt



Jazz Pants



Black Ballet Shoe for Males