

2026-2027 Dance Connection Policies & Procedures

Registration

- A **non-refundable registration fee of \$65 per child (\$110 per family)** is due at the time of registration.
- Families participating in **Priority Pre-Registration** must also pay a **\$75 non-refundable tuition deposit** at registration. This deposit will be applied to the **first month's tuition (August 1, 2026)**.
- Registration covers the dance year **August 1, 2026 – June 9, 2027**.
- **All tuition and other payments are non-refundable.**

Payment of Fees

- Tuition must be paid via **automatic bank account debit or credit card**.
- **In-person monthly payments** by credit card or bank debit are **not accepted**.
- Tuition will be processed on the **1st of each month (August–May)**. The **June payment** will be processed on **May 25, 2027**.
- The **first month's tuition is non-refundable** and is due upon registration.
- Charges will appear on statements as **The Dance Connection**.
- By registering, the customer authorizes DC to charge additional fees such as **costumes, accessories, and other purchases**. All such charges are **non-refundable**.
- **Company members** agree to participate in **three regional competitions and one national competition**, with all related costs charged to their account. All company-related costs (tuition, costumes, fees, and performance expenses) are **non-refundable**.
- Payments not made through auto debit/credit may incur a **\$15/month service fee (August–June)** for paperwork.

Note: Tuition does not include extras such as **solo, specialty, competition, or outside performance fees**.

Late Fees

- A **\$40 late fee per child** will be charged for:
 - tuition **7 days past due**, and/or
 - costume payments not made by **October 20**.
- Late fees **cannot be reversed** once charged.

NSF Payments / Expired Cards

- If a payment is declined, DC may electronically charge for the declined amount **plus a \$40 NSF/expired card fee**.

- It is the customer's responsibility to notify DC of card updates/expiration changes.
- DC does not monitor expiration dates and is not responsible for notifying customers.

Past Due Accounts

- Accounts more than **60 days past due** will result in the student sitting out and not participating in class until the account is paid in full.

Payment Changes During the Year

- A **\$10 fee** may be charged each time you change monthly payment method (e.g., switching cards or moving to cash/check).

Costume Fees

- On **October 20**, a **\$140 costume fee per class, per child** will be charged for the year-end recital.
- Costume fees are **non-refundable after October 20**, even if the student withdraws.
- Competitive classes (**Company students**) require more than one costume.
 - **Company costume fee: \$160 per costume**
 - Broken into **two payments: October 20 and November 5**
 - Refer to company guidelines for details.
- Company students who have not withdrawn before **October 10** are responsible for **all costume fees**.
- If a costume exchange is requested, parents may be responsible for shipping costs

Withdrawal & Refunds

- There is a **2-month minimum** for all lessons.
- **One full month notice (from the 1st of the month)** is required to discontinue classes.
- Withdrawals must be completed **in person at the front desk** (not by phone or email).
- A **\$50 withdrawal fee** will be charged to your credit card.

- Withdrawal must occur within the **first 7 days of the month**.
- No withdrawals or tuition reductions will be accepted after **April 1**.

To withdraw, a parent/adult student must:

1. Inform DC administration **in person**
2. Complete and sign the DC withdrawal form
3. Automatic payments will stop after the one-month notice period

If any refunds are issued, a **4% credit card processing fee** will be deducted. Refunds will be handled by DC—parents/guardians agree not to contact the credit card company directly for credit.

Extreme Weather or Unexpected Interruption of Classes

- If DC cancels classes due to extreme weather or events beyond our control, **no refunds** will be given for missed lessons.

Virtual/Online Classes

- DC may transition from in-person classes to virtual/online classes if needed for health and safety.
- Virtual classes will be charged at the **same rate** and are **not discounted or refunded**.

Substitutions

- DC may provide a substitute teacher when needed.
- If no substitute can be arranged, **make-up classes** will be offered

Choreography

- Routines choreographed at DC and/or by a DC teacher may only be performed or competed under **The Dance Connection name**, as authorized by **Laurie Nazarian Knott**.

Dance Dress Code

- Required dancewear and shoes must be worn to all classes.
- Students may be asked to sit out if not properly dressed.
- No jewelry is permitted for safety.
- Long hair must be tied back.

Parent/Student Responsibility for Dates & Events

- Parents/adult students are responsible for knowing all DC activities, recital dates, extra classes, and studio closures.
- DC will post notices on its website and send emails; families are responsible for checking regularly.
- Families must notify DC of any changes to address, phone number, or email.

Care of Students

- DC is not responsible for students left at the studio for excessive time before or after scheduled class times.

Injuries

- Parents/guardians waive the right to legal action for injuries sustained on studio property resulting from dance/gym/cheer activities or any other activity before, during, or after class.

Photo Release

- DC may photograph students for use in brochures, websites, posters, advertisements, and other promotional materials.
- Permission is granted for DC to copyright photographs in its name.

Annual Recital

- An annual recital is held in **May/June**.
- Tickets may be purchased in **April or May**.

Release and Hold Harmless

By registering, I release and agree to hold DC harmless from all claims, damages, costs, expenses, or losses to myself and/or property arising from services received from DC. This release includes DC and all owners, partners, and employees and covers bodily injury, illness, death, medical treatment, or property damage arising in connection with any services received from DC.

Signing

By signing this registration form/agreement and/or checking the box when registering online, I agree to all terms on both sides of this agreement.