

Grace Full Dance Academy Frequently Asked Questions

Where can we buy dance attire?

The studio sells a small supply of tights, ballet shoes, half-soles, and hair accessories for your convenience. However, we also have Twirly Toes Truckshop visit our studio frequently throughout the year in order to purchase any and all dance attire needs. Another great option is Dancewear Corner which is located at 136 S Semoran Blvd, Orlando, FL 32807. *Company members receive a 15% off discount at Dancewear Corner by mentioning the studio team and your name.

Will I be able to watch my child participate?

Yes! There are different options based on your child's class location. Room 1, 2, and 4 all have glass doors which are easily seen in and out of. Please keep in mind that the glass doors can also be a distraction to our students so please refrain from standing there for the duration of the class, making loud noises or trying to communicate through the door. Room 3 has a one way viewing window as well as a live TV feed which you can view from the nearby benches. Room 4 classes can be viewed from the live TV feed in the back lobby. Parents should not be in the classrooms while classes are taking place or allowing children in studio rooms without a teacher present.

How do I pay for classes?

The Parent Portal you created when registering has all the options for you to make payments, view your child's costume, listen to your child's music, see their schedule and pull up any necessary information. Payments can be made via Paypal or with a credit card via the portal. Payments via cash or check can be made in the office during our office hours or there is a payment drop box located on the office door.

What holidays is the dance studio closed? Do we still pay a full month of tuition during holiday months?

The studio is closed for major holidays and for our annual Winter Break, which happens around Christmas/New Year's. Please refer to the yearly calendar posted on the website, in your Parent Handbook, or on our sparkly bulletin boards throughout the studio. Payment is made in full for these months, as we factor this in when creating tuition prices based on our 10 month seasonal operations. We also do not charge more for months that have 5 weeks!

What is Convention?

Our biggest convention of the year is Dance Revolution, a Christian dance convention held at the Omni Championsgate Resort. Over the course of a weekend, students take Master Classes from talented and Godly instructors. This takes place in November every year. It is not mandatory, but open to all students 6+. If your student is interested, please ask for more details.

Who can fundraise?

Everyone can take part in our fundraising opportunities. These funds can be applied to costumes fees, convention and competition fees.

Do we have a midseason recital?

GFDA does not hold a midseason recital, but instead chooses to put our focus on an end of year recital which culminates to show the technique, skill development, and choreography learned throughout the year.

How much are costume/recital fees?

We do not charge recital fees. We do charge a costume fee based on the actual costume/tights price and a recital ticket price. Costume prices range from \$55-\$60 and recital tickets cost \$20 each. We do not place a limit on the amount of tickets that can be purchased.

When is recital?

Recital takes place each year at the end of the dance season. This is usually the last weekend in May. There is a mandatory dress rehearsal day prior to recital in order for you and your child to be prepared for the actual performance day. Both of these events take place at Metro Life Church, located at 910 S. Winter Park Dr., Casselberry, FL 32707. There are no classes after recital takes place, unless you wish to enroll for our Summer Season.

How do I continue dancing after recital with GFDA?

Recital signifies the end of our dance season. However, we do hold summer classes, dance intensives and day camps that you can register for. Fall classes begin every August and you must re-register every year to reserve your spot in the correct class. You are not automatically enrolled.

When are dance pictures?

Dance pictures are taken one full week in May once all costumes have arrived during normal class times, unless otherwise communicated. We have a professional dance photographer who takes these photos and pricing is directly from her. Pictures are purchased the day of the photos being taken and are emailed approximately 3-4 weeks later via digital download. Each class is posed by their dance teacher to make sure photos flow smoothly and timely. Parents are not allowed in photography room. Dance retakes are not given based on the fact that we hire an outside professional photographer who is scheduled a year in advance based on availability and time. Group photos are optional, but your child is only in the group photo if you are purchasing it. Otherwise, they will only have individual photos taken. *Group photos for Company members are required.

What are makeup requirements/policies for dance pictures/recital?

Makeup requirements vary based on age, however, it is required for dance pictures, dress rehearsal and recital! Under 8 years of age, you must wear mascara, blush, lipstick and skin colored face powder to eliminate shininess. 9 years of age and up must wear mascara, eyeshadow, blush, lipstick and skin colored face powder to eliminate any shine that is reflected from the lights and moisture on the skin. Eyeshadow is beige and light brown in color. Lipstick is Berry in color (refer to "Wild Berry" by Flower for color reference). We hold a makeup class once a year to practice and review makeup techniques. We also have a video tutorial on our GFDA Moms group on Facebook. **No earrings of ANY kind are allowed during these times, nor temporary tattoos or glitter.** *All Company members must wear full face makeup. This includes: mascara, eyeliner, false eyelashes, blush, lipstick, and face powder. Company members are required to purchase specific brands of makeup. This list can be obtained from Miss Tiffany in the office if you do not have it. Company members must also wear Company earrings.

Is there a video to purchase of recital?

We hire a professional videographer to video our recital. It can be pre-purchased at dress rehearsal or recital and is sent out 3-4 weeks later via a digital download link. Cost of this video is \$20.

Can we video or photograph during dress rehearsal/recital?

No. We do not allow videoing or photography during dress rehearsal or recital for the safety of our students. We do not have photo/video releases for all our students outside of our premises and we want to maintain our agreements with our parents to not do so. This also breaches our contract with our professional videographer. Therefore, we ask that all parents follow our no videoing/no photography policy during these events, or they will be asked to leave.

Why do students wearing costumes have to be covered up in the audience?

Costumes being covered in the audience is a common-practice dance principal. Costumes are a distraction to those on stage and those in the audience if you are not performing. We also do not want to ruin the element of surprise for our audience members. Lastly, we do not want anything to happen to the costume before or after performing and having something to cover costumes protects them from this happening. Cover ups can be jackets, large button up shirts, robes, etc.

Still have questions? Read our Parent Handbook or reach out to us via email!