

Elite DANCE|S

2010 - 2011
Fall Schedule



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Whether you are a returning student or new to Elite Dance Co., we would like to welcome you!

Enclosed please find helpful information about our Fall Schedule for 2010-2011, Studio Policies, Dress Code, Tuition Information and FAQ's.

At Elite Dance Co., we strive to offer our students a comprehensive, well rounded dance education while giving you the parent, the customer service you deserve. With 30 years of teaching experience, I have a well respected reputation for teaching and running a dance business. Several former students can be found from coast to coast working as professional dance educators, professional artists in companies, television, free lance dancers and dance educators. For me, dance was not just a career of choice – after 30 years of teaching, it still remains my passion.

We look forward to speaking with you about the dancer in your family and are here to assist you in choosing the classes that you feel your child will most like and benefit from. After reading the enclosed booklet, please feel free to call us at any time to answer any of your questions or concerns. You may also choose to email us at: pennyknox@elitedanceltd.com

Where the passion begins

Sincerely,

Penny Knox
Director

Are All Dance Studios the Same? NO! Compare! Here is why Elite Dance Co. is the RIGHT choice!

Elite Dance Co.

- Small Class Sizes – Maximum of 8 students for 3 year olds, 10 students for 4 year olds, 12 students in grades K - 5 and 15 in grades 6 - high school.
- Dance rooms equipped with raised floors, barres, mirrors.
- Observation windows allowing you to watch your child's progress.
- Professionally educated teachers in dance, performing arts and education. We understand how a student learns from pre-school through adults.
- Friendly, first class customer service that you deserve. At Elite Dance Co. customer service is not a department – it is a way of doing business.
- FREE! Tights included with year-end student concert costumes –if needed.
- FREE! Class leotard for students registering by August 1st!
- Required dancewear available at the studio – no running around looking for proper dance and footwear.
- Optional, hassle free student performances. Low pressure year-end student concerts for all students.
- A December "Holiday Showcase" for students age 3 - 10 with beautiful costumes at NO CHARGE to you!
- Students or parents are never required to participate in fundraisers.
- FREE! All students receive a year end student concert t-shirt!
- All students receive year end certificates and attendance awards.
- Optional competition dance teams for students of all ages and abilities.
- Friendly payment plan available – No "full payments" required in September!
- Birthday parties may be booked at our studio. Please check with office.
- Special Classes for groups such as Brownies and Girl Scouts.
- Prompt reply to phone calls and emails.

Required Dance Class Attire

- Note: Dancers having classes scheduled back-to-back must wear pink tights for ballet. However, tan or pink tights are acceptable for all other classes.
- Check the schedule for new color coded leotard color. Some have changed.
- Be sure your name is in all dance shoes. We stock all required dancewear!
- All Ballet Classes: Lt. pink split sole ballets
- Tights: Classic Pink or Lt. Tan
- Tap: All combination classes - Revolution Tan Taps
- Tap Only: Teacher will advise
- All Jazz: Tan split sole, solid color leotard, jazz pants or shorts
- Lyrical & Modern: Check with teacher
- Hip Hop: T-shirts and jazz pants or baggy sweatpants
- Males: Black jazz pants, white t-shirts, black dance shoes
- All dance skirts must be finger tip length.
- No tutu's, "petticoat" skirts or street wear skirts.
- ALL Classes: Long hair in buns or ponytails at all times. Neatness counts!
- In the interest of classroom discipline and uniformity, neatness is a must as it affects the performance within the classroom. Therefore, all dancers must adhere to our class attire – no exceptions will be permitted!
- Dancers who come to class not dressed in appropriate, required attire will only be allowed to observe.
- No necklaces, dangling jewelry or watches.
- Loose fitting garments or T-shirts may be worn in hip hop

Registration

- You may register in person, by mail, website: www.elitedanceltd.com
- Email confirmations will be sent.
- Payments - MC, Visa, Discover or Check. Cash - in person only.
- Returned checks: \$25 fee
- All families must have a current credit card on file.
- Unless paying in full, all families may elect to pay monthly.
- Your credit card will automatically be charged on the 1st of each month if we do not receive payment by the first day of the month.

Class Calendar for 2010-2011

September

1 Tuition Due
8 Classes begin

February

1 Tuition Due
TBA Elite Dance Competition
Teams and Private Lesson
Students - Showcase

October

1 Tuition Due
15 First payment for costumes

March

1 Tuition Due
14 Parent Viewing Week
TBA Spring Break

November

1 Tuition Due
15 Balance for costumes due
22-27 Thanksgiving Recess

April

1 Tuition Due
23 Student Concert
Tickets on sale

December

1 Tuition Due
4-5 Holiday Showcase
13 Parent Viewing Week
19 Winter Break Begins

May

1 Tuition Due
TBA Photos for Student Concert
7 All programs ads due
23-28 Last week of classes
28 Floral pre-orders due

January

1 Tuition Due
10 Class Resume

June

TBA Student Concert LZPAC
20 Summer Session 2011 begins

Inclement Weather and Snow Closing Policy

Generally, if the public schools close, Elite Dance Co. will also close. Please call our office (voicemail) if in doubt. We will make every effort to contact you via email – but we are unable to make personal phone calls. If a class cancels due to weather, there will not be a scheduled make up class. You may attend another class to make up within one month.

Tuition and Fee Schedule

Bonus for Early Bird Registration when you register by August 1st

- FREE color code class leotard! Does not include black.
- Use our Payment Plan! Make 9-10 payments!
- 5% rebate for tuition paid in full by August 14th
- 3% credit card processing fees waived *

*Due to rising credit card and bank processing fees, we will need to charge a 3% fee on all credit card transactions for tuition. We are waiving the fee for all those registering before August 1st.

Note: When comparing tuition, please note that the number of classes may vary from studio to studio. Tuition is based on 33-34 classes Sept. thru May.

Registration/ Insurance Fee \$ 25

Tuition for 2010 - 2011

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| 30 Minute Class | \$325 |
| 45 Minute Class | \$425 |
| 60 Minute Class | \$475 |
| 75 Minute Class | \$550 |
| 90 Minutes | \$600 |

NEW! ONLY at Elite Dance Co.! SAVE!!

Mini Student Carte Blanche

\$1200

- For students 8 yrs. and under
- Total of 3 class hours
- Additional classes discounted at 40%
- Includes one team

Mini Family Carte Blanche

\$1900

- For students in families 8 yrs. and under
- Total of 5 class hours
- Additional classes discounted at 40%
- Includes up to two teams

Student Carte Blanche

\$2200

- For students 9 and older
- Total of 6 class hours
- Additional classes discounted at 40%
- Includes up to two teams

Family Carte Blanche

\$3600

- Total of 12 class hours
- Additional hours discounted at 40%
- Includes up to three teams

Note! For your convenience, we offer "Auto Charge". Your payment is automatically charged to your credit card on file on the 1st of the month. We require a credit card on file for every family. You do not have to pay by credit card, but if we do not receive payment by the 1st of each month, your account will be charged to the credit card on file. We accept Visa, Master Card and Discover credit/debit cards.

NEW THIS YEAR! You will be given a Customer Portal Password so at any time you can check your statement account online, change contact information etc. However, you may request a transaction statement at any time.

Competitive & Recreational Dance Team Requirements

- Auditions for team placement will be held in July.
- Students are required to buy an Elite Dance Co. studio jacket (\$50-\$55). These are ordered through our office. Jackets are personalized with student's name.
- Students must take a minimum of one dance class (any style) plus a ballet class. Ballet may be part of a combo class for recreational teams. The level dance class(es) and audition will be used to determine which team a student is placed on. All team members must take ballet. Lyrical and Hip Hop Team members may choose ballet or jazz.
- Attendance is crucial. Only 2 excused missed classes a semester are allowed.
- Students are required to attend awards at competitions unless previously excused by their teacher.
- Students must be "stage ready" to compete 1 hour before scheduled time.
- If you are interested or have questions on becoming an Elite Dance Co. team member, please call our office. 847-837-1414.

Competition Dance Teams

We recognize dance first as a performing art. However, dance has also recently been recognized as a "sport" in high schools allowing students to compete on teams. Elite Dance Co. offers competition teams for our students so they may begin understanding what it takes to be a part of and work as a team as well as what is needed to do their personal best at a competition. We offer two levels of teams: Recreational and Competitive. Recreational teams are intended for students taking 3 hours or less of dance per week. Competitive teams are a selective process for those taking more than 3 hours of dance per week. Teams meet weekly. There may be an extra fee for costumes. Travel is usually within 1 to 1½ hours from Mundelein area. Since all our students are already taking classes at Elite Dance Co., we have structured the fee to give as many students as possible the opportunity to compete on teams.

Dance Teams Fees and Private Lessons

- \$195 - Recreational Teams (30 minutes)
- \$250 - Competitive Teams (45 minutes)
- \$125 - Each Additional Team
- Entry Fees - \$35 per competition
- Private Lessons available for ½ hour and 1 hour – Call for scheduling
- Solos, Duet/Trios - Only Competitive dancers meeting a certain criteria may petition to perform in the year end student concert.

Studio Policies

- All missed classes must be made up within one month. There is no refund for missed classes. Please call the office to schedule a make-up class. Classes not made up are forfeited.
- Please arrive 10 minutes before your class. If you must change into dancewear, please leave enough extra time to change.
- Please be sure young children use the bathroom before class.
- Students arriving after a class has begun may only observe.
- Our dress code is to be respected and adhered to. A neat appearance and cleanliness is expected. Hair should be in a bun for all "ballet only" classes and is the preferred hairstyle for all classes. No long ponytails. Hip hop is an exception.
- Dangling jewelry, watches, gum or food are not allowed in classrooms.
- Cell phones must be turned off and kept in dance bag or purse.
- Ballet skirts are optional but must be no longer than finger tip length.
- No tutus, layered, street wear or "petticoat" type skirts allowed in classroom.
- "Costume" style leotards or costumes are not allowed.
- Tights must be worn. Convertible or footless tights may be worn for modern, lyrical and tumbling classes.
- Food and drinks should be consumed in the "break room" area. Please clean up after you or your child is finished. We have a broom or vacuum if needed.
- Only water bottles are allowed in the dance studios.
- Outdoor street shoes are not allowed on the dance floors.
- Please! For safety and health reasons, do not allow children to stand on the waiting room chairs. Keep voice & noise levels to a minimum.
- Never wear dance shoes outdoors or going to and from class. Cement, concrete floors and asphalt will ruin dance shoes and taps on tap shoes.
- Costumes for our spring concert are ordered in January. All costumes must be paid for by December and are a final sale. No refunds!
- Students must be picked up immediately after class. Once a child is done with class, they are your responsibility. Please make arrangements if you will be late picking up your child. We cannot babysit your child.
- A medical release and photo/video release must be signed before the first class.
- We must be made aware of any medical issues or allergies.
- Due to allergies, NO peanuts or nuts are allowed in Elite Dance Co.

FAQ'S

Q. My child has had previous dance training, but is new to your program. How should I determine the level and class to enroll in?

A. By answering a few questions, we will determine the best class. If after the first few classes we feel your child would receive benefit from a different level class we will recommend it. This will save you the cost of an audition class. If you prefer, we have a private class audition for a fee of \$20.

Q. What is your attendance policy and do you offer make up classes?

A. Attendance is crucial to a positive experience in dance education. Each class builds upon the previous class. If you must miss, please call and we will offer you a time to make up your missed class in another like class. We request that you make up your missed class within 2 weeks. When a teacher is working on choreography, it is important for all the students to attend class on time and regularly. When a teacher needs to continually review material for missed classes, the entire class progress is slowed down and all students suffer. If a student misses three consecutive classes without notification for a parent or guardian, (s)he will be dropped from the class. If a class is not made up in a timely matter it is forfeited. There will be no refunds for missed classes or closings due to inclement weather.

Q. What is your refund policy if my child must drop class?

A. We will refund unused tuition if a student has a note from a doctor or is relocating out of the area. Costume monies are not refundable for any reason. Once costumes are ordered, we cannot cancel with the costume manufacturers. Since costumes are a final sale, you will not receive a refund.

Q. Do you adhere to your age requirements?

A. YES! Students are grouped according to age maturity and physical capabilities. It is unreasonable to expect a young student to technically perform or act emotionally several years beyond their age. We are professional educators and therefore, our class age levels are held to strict standards.

Q. Are students required to participate in your year-end show?

A. Our year end show is optional. However, 99% of our families opt to take part. It is a fully staged production with costumes, lighting and scenery. We believe that students of all ages benefit from the stage experience. Our year end performance is a student concert. We ask that our patrons respect theatre etiquette. A DVD of our show is available for your review or consideration. Most students are in one show, with dance team members and more advanced classes performing in additional performances. Our show is usually held the first or second weekend of June at the Lake Zurich Performing Arts Center, a professionally run theatre, at Lake Zurich High School.

Q. What is your policy if a student also studies at another dance studio?

A. Sometimes cross training between studios is good emphasis on correction and technique. Occasionally, a student may want to take a class or an additional class of a particular dance style that is not offered at Elite Dance Co. We encourage our students to take from reputable studios and teachers. Please check the credentials as well as the reputation of the teachers and studio. Learning correct technique is important. Learning incorrectly confuses a student and can become frustrating as well as impair progress.

Q. Do you evaluate the progress of a student to determine if (s) he should be moved to a higher or lower level.

A. Absolutely! If we feel a child will benefit from a different level of learning, we will contact you. The first year a student is introduced to the dance syllabus and it may take one or two years for the teacher to feel that the student has reached a level of mastery at that level. It is normal for a student to repeat a level one or two times. At that time the student would then be evaluated to move onto the next level. Dance is not necessarily like school where a student progresses to the next level or grade each year. Only in rare circumstances would a student be placed into a lower level class.

Q. What is your tardiness policy?

A. Students arriving to class late will only be allowed to observe. Tardiness disrupts the entire class and valuable technique is missed. Continued tardiness will result in a student being asked to withdraw from the class. They may choose a later class time or one that is more conducive to their schedule.

Q. Your studio floors are raised. Why?

A. The studio floors were built with professional standards to reduce impact and injury. The floors are raised approximately 6" with high density foam blocks every foot under the bracing of the entire floor. They are then covered with ¾ inch plywood and Marley (solid surface vinyl) dance flooring. This type of flooring insures the longevity of a dancer's body and joints to reduce injury. The floor literally "gives" upon landing from jumps, leaps and the workout a dancer's body receives.

Elite Dance CO. Facility

We are located on the corner of Seymour Avenue and Hawley St, 1 block East of Rte 45 in Mundelein in the Hawley Commons Plaza. Our studio consists of:

- 5,000+ sq. feet
- Three classroom floors with Marley covering and 12' - 14' ceilings.
- Full length mirrored walls and barres.
- Parent observation windows.
- Clean, spacious entry and waiting room, dressing room & two restrooms.
- "Break" room with microwave, frig, sink and prep area with tables and chairs.
- "Cubbies" for dance bags, personal items such as purses & backpacks.

Registration Form By Mail

Please fill out and return this form with a
\$25 per family Registration/Insurance Fee.

You may mail it to:

Elite Dance Co., P.O. Box 1078 Mundelein, IL 60060

Parent or Guardian _____

Address _____ City _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email _____

Student #1 _____ D.O.B. _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Student #2 _____ D.O.B. _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Student #3 _____ D.O.B. _____ Age _____ Grade _____

| Student | Class | Code# | Time |
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4. _____

5. _____

Use additional sheet for additional students or classes.

All families must have a credit card on file with signature. If tuition is not paid by the first of the month, or in full, your credit card will be charged automatically on the 2nd.

Payment by Mail: Circle One: MasterCard Visa Discover

Exp. Date _____ SVC _____

C.C.# _____

Name on Credit Card _____

House Billing No. _____ Zip Code _____

Signature for File _____



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