



Frequently Asked Questions

A quick help guide for you and your dancer

Welcome to the Vibe Tribe!! We are thrilled you're here and we look forward to building your child's confidence and technical skills through our dance programs. It's going to be a fantastic year! Questions covered by category:

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Dance Class Specifics

What styles do you offer? Can my dancer enroll in different styles?

View a breakdown of our programs [here \(or under our programs tab\)](#). We have a power packed staff who are trained in many styles. As a result, we offer classes in ballet, jazz, contemporary, hip hop, and tumbling. The price per class goes down with each additional class. These classes are not required but are here as an option for those dancer's that can't get enough of it! In many cases, training in

one style overlaps with training in another style of dance. We aim to have well rounded dancers.

What is the team environment like?

You will not find any drama or negativity at our studio. No drama mamas allowed! We as a staff do not tolerate bullying or negative attitudes, in fact we squash it with positive reinforcement and sharing class appreciations. We aim to make sure every individual feels a part of the team and hope our dancers create lasting friendships. Positive vibes all the way!!! Our positive energy sets us apart from other studios and was the inspiration for our studio name.

What does it take to become a great dancer?

Natural talent is extremely helpful, but hard work beats talent when talent stops working hard!! If you want your child to have their best chance of realizing their full potential as a dancer she needs to have good attendance, pay attention in class, practice at home (parent involvement makes a world of difference) and have a positive attitude. Many of our students who graduate as phenomenal dancers started as shy 3-year-olds with no idea what they were doing. What made them great? Consistent effort, supportive care givers, and slow and steady progress! Technique takes time. We can't reiterate enough how much improvement is seen when dancers practice at home with their caregiver.

What are the benefits of dance?

- CONFIDENCE!:) This is coming from the shyest of kids, believe me. In the right atmosphere and environment a child can learn to feel secure and sure of themselves. We empower children and teens through dance. We provide a challenging environment and coach our students to reach that level.
- Other benefits include- rhythm, learning how to count music, coordination, muscle strength and toning, body awareness, overall flexibility, self discipline, the ability to cope with stress through the storytelling and artistry of dance, and learning to perform in front of an audience.
- Team Camaraderie- Our students will also learn how to work as a team. Our team members celebrate others successes. In essence, our students will learn how to be a secure loser and a humble winner- good

sportsmanship is a huge part of our program. **Dance at The Vibe is where art and athletics meet.**

What do I wear to dance class?

- JAZZ– leggings and fitted shirt, or shorts and a leotard or fitted dance tops. Hair should be pulled back and secured tight. No gum.
- BALLET – black leotard, pink tights and pink canvas ballet shoes/pointe shoes. Hair should be pulled back and secured tight in a bun. No gum.
- HIP HOP- something you can move in. Don't forget those tennis shoes.
- TUMBLING- leotard or stretchy activewear you can move in. Many tumblers prefer to wear a leotard so they don't have to worry about their shirt coming up when they are tumbling.

Where do I buy dance shoes?

You can purchase shoes and dancewear through the studio during Wardrobe week or during the first week of classes. We have shoes available to try on. We will put a shoe order in the second week of class. After we have placed a shoe order, you'll need to purchase shoes elsewhere.

Tell me about the Jazz Club Teams-

The Mini and Senior Jazz Club teams train one day a week for 2 hours (1 hour jazz, 1 hour ballet). These dancers are competitive and balance other extracurricular activities. These jazz dancers are also required to train in ballet because ballet is the foundation of everything. With ballet training, you will see their technical ability grow exponentially this year. Technique takes time and repetition. Ballet focuses on all those repetitive movements to help them point their feet, engage their core muscles and learn body control. We fully realize that ballet takes discipline. Ballet training goes hand in hand with Jazz technique. For this reason, Jazz Club teams have one hour of jazz a week and one hour of ballet. Mini Jazz club are required to take the "Ballet 2" class. Senior Jazz club members are required to take "Ballet 3."

Will all classes perform at the end of the year Recital?

Our 2-3 year olds as well as our Tumbling classes will NOT perform at recital. However, these classes will have a showcase in the studio for parents to come and watch in December and in May. These classes will strictly focus on technique and learning new skills. Our Tumbling classes will also have a December and May showcase for parents to watch them.

Competitions and Performances

Will my dancer be competing?

We are thrilled to announce that we will be taking all of our club teams who are 7+ year olds to one competition this year! We feel it is important for our dancers to have something to work towards and we want to give them the opportunity to experience the competitive environment. It's such a neat experience to see your dancer performing on stage and a fun event for the family to cheer on their favorite dancer! We love competition season. To enter the competition each individual pays a set amount ranging from \$60-70 depending on the competition's price. This is my best estimate based on last year's prices. We are looking forward to seeing these dancers compete this year!!

Will there be performance opportunities?

Recital: the first weekend in June

February- April: the goal is to provide 1-2 local performances and 1-4 competitions depending on your team

Attendance Policy

What is the attendance policy?

If you want your child to have their best chance of reaching their full potential as a dancer, she needs to have good attendance, pay attention in class, practice at home and have a positive attitude. Dancers need to be in class to progress, grow and improve. When a planned event conflicts with dance, Instructors should be notified at least 24 hours in advance. It is the responsibility of the student to learn and practice the material covered in class before the next class. Even the most avid little dancers don't always want to come to class when a favorite TV show or neighborhood playmate is a viable option. That doesn't mean she doesn't love dance, it just means that she is a kid. She will thank you later for not letting her skip or quit dance!

Is there a way to make-up a missed class?

If you are worried about your dancer getting behind, feel free to schedule a private lesson with one of our instructors. Email us at info@thevibe.dance. We do not prorate for missed classes. However, if we cancel a class due to picture day or another studio conflict, we will plan a make-up class. The studio will be closed during holidays. We end up making those classes up with the extra practices, rehearsals and with the performances, and recitals.

Can we just try class today to see if we like it?

If there are spots available in the class then YES come try the class out for free! You will need to fill out a waiver at the front desk. If you choose to enroll at the studio, a registration fee will be added to your account and once paid your dancer will be officially enrolled! We cannot guarantee there will be spots available in the class if you decide to wait to try class out first.

Associated costs

Is a registration fee due before enrolling in a class?

Registration fees are applied when we begin Fall registration! It is \$25 per student or \$50 per family! Every dancer who enrolls in a fall class must be registered.

How much does it cost?

30 minute class each week: \$55

1 hour (1 hour): \$75

2 hours: \$110 a month

3 hours: \$140 a month

4 hours: \$175 a month

5 hours: \$205 a month

6 hours: \$230 a month

7 hours: \$255 a month

8+hours: FREE

We also include sibling discounts on top of the multiple class discount:

- 2nd child: 10% off
- 3rd child: 30% off
- 4th child: 50% off
- 5th child: free

How do I pay?

Parents pay through their parent portal found on our website- thevibe.dance. If you have not created a portal, register online. Insert your credit card information and it will be paid automatically each month.

When is tuition due?

Tuition is due by the 1st of each month and is based on enrollment, not attendance. We require credit cards. If payment has not been paid by the 10th, a late fee of \$10 will be added to your account. This is our Studio policy. Family payment plans are available and can be organized through Mattie. Monthly rates are determined by number of hours in the studio.

How quickly is my credit card processed?

So fast! Online payments through our Jackrabbit system make it quick and easy to pay via credit card. Your account will be billed automatically on the 1st of the month.

How gorgeous are our costumes?!

So gorgeous! Each recital piece requires a costume. In addition to being high quality and sparkly, our costumes are modest and age appropriate. The costume fee is \$75. Dancers must purchase the appropriate shoes to be worn weekly during set classes and/or rehearsals. These include ballet shoes, power tap shoes and hip hop shoes.

What are the other fees?

Please see our [fall prices document](#) or check click our Fees tab online to see a breakdown of everything you'll need to know.

Miscellaneous

How will I know what's going on? Stay in the know!

- Follow us on instagram and Facebook to stay in the know on studio updates! Instagram: thevibedanceacademy. Facebook: The Vibe Dance Academy.
- Studio information will also be sent out via email from The Vibe Dance Academy. If you have questions please email info@thevibe.dance.
- Team Communications will also take place on the GroupMe app. Please download the GroupMe App.
- We also send texts occasionally when there is info that needs to get out quickly like a class cancellation or time change. (Be sure that you are "opted in" for texting when you register on jackrabbit!)

Can I leave my child at the studio?

- Our desk staff do a great job keeping an eye on dancers between classes, however, individual supervision is not provided. Please be aware "The Vibe Dance Academy" is not responsible for children who are left unattended.

Can I post my dance routines?

Competition choreography may not be shared on your personal social media without permission until after competition season is over. When in doubt, just ask! The answer might be yes. All of the amazing Vibe choreography you will see is the sole property of The Vibe Dance Academy and may not be taught or shared by video to anyone outside of the studio without permission. Practice videos are intended for our students. Be sure to stay connected with us on social media because we post lots of fun pictures of our dancers and valuable dance tips and info.

Could my dancer do a solo?

Solos, Duets, and Trios are set by invitation from the Competition Directors. We encourage each graduating senior to compete a solo. Music, and the choreographer will need to be approved through our directors first. Optional pieces will be rehearsed during your assigned company rehearsal hour. It is a requirement that you have a 20-30 minute private once a month with one of our staff members so that your routine is stage ready. Pieces that are not stage ready will not be allowed to compete. Choreography fees for extra routines range from \$200-\$700, depending on the choreographer. Competition fees for solos/duos/trios range from \$120-150 per competition.

*Note: Solos will not be offered if the dancer is struggling with the group routines. Our group numbers are our first priority. Because extra numbers are also an added expense, dancers with delinquent payments will not be eligible for an extra number.

Should I send my child to dance when they are not feeling well?

Please don't bring a child with a fever or who has thrown up in the last 24 hours to dance class. We will also be on high alert this year and would ask that if your child is displaying any COVID symptoms they stay home. Please email us to let us know why your child is not in class.

Issues with a staff member, team-mate, or have other concerns?

Please email Mattie at mattie.lybbert@gmail.com. I am always open to hear about your experience with our Dance Academy and hope we leave a positive mark in our community and in the life of your dancer that will last long after they leave our studio. I welcome partnering with you, as the parent, to make your experience with our studio a remarkable one.

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