



Step South Dance, LLC
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Step South Dance of Rock Hill, SC is a Limited Liability Company that provides dance instruction in ballet, lyrical/contemporary, jazz, hip hop, pointe, and tap.

Mission Statement:

It is our mission at Step South Dance to provide high quality dance instruction to children of all ages in a fair and friendly environment. At Step South Dance we will encourage children to express themselves through age appropriate movement and technique among various styles of dance. We at Step South Dance are dedicated in providing each student with a comprehensive dance education that will help them grow both mentally and physically as performing artists.

General Rules

- All students should be on time to all classes
- All students, family members or friends are not to enter the dance Studio rooms until their class is ready to begin
- All students, family members or friends should be polite and respectful of all students, instructors and staff members at all times
- No student, family member or friend should use foul language or negative behavior around any of our students, instructors or staff members (Parental or Student Gossiping will not be tolerated)
- Absolutely no food, candy, gum or drink is permitted in the dance Studio rooms at any time - only clear resealable bottled water
- All students should place their name inside all costumes, shoes and dance bags
- All children not with an Instructor or staff member must be accompanied by a parent at all times

Tuition: All Tuition is due by the first class of each month. A **\$10.00 late fee** will be applied to your account after this date. Tuition remains the same whether it is a three or five week month, regardless of student absences. If for any reason your dancer is unable to continue his/her dance education at Step South, you must notify the owner/instructor in writing, otherwise your tuition will continue to accrue. Tuition will be accepted through cash, check, Visa or MasterCard.

Returned checks

Any returned check will be subject to a \$25 service charge per item.

Class Levels: Our class levels are based on both age and ability. Final class placement is at the discretion of the Instructor and Director. Students not meeting minimum class level requirements will remain in their current class or placed in a lower level. If the enrollment quota is not met for a particular class, it may be combined with another level class - only for that particular dance season.

Step South Dance Policies and Requirements

Attendance: Attendance is imperative to improvement and advancement in dance.

*Students are allowed three excused absences and two un-excused absences.

Holidays: Step South Dance will follow the Rock Hill School District Calendar for student and teacher approved holidays. This does **NOT include** Teacher Work Days and some Monday Holidays. If you are unsure, please check with the studio or on our website calendar. Tuition is not wavered for months with Holidays.

Website: Our website will keep you up to date on current and future happenings around the studio. You can find information on all classes, schedules, teachers, calendars, and take a look at the photo galleries.

Monthly Newsletter: Step South Dance will send home a monthly newsletter with each dancer at the beginning of each month. This newsletter will have important information about upcoming dates, fees, and happenings at Step South Dance.

Costumes: All dance costumes will be ordered in November/December. Costumes will require a \$50.00 deposit due in November. The remaining balance will be due in January/February. Dancers will not receive their costumes without the balance being paid in full.

There are NO refunds for costumes.

Observation: It is Step South's belief that dancers work more efficiently when they are not being observed. Therefore parents/family/friends are not allowed in the dance studio during the time of class. There will be a waiting area/lobby out front in which parents may wait if they choose. It is very important for the teacher to have the student's full attention during class so that he/she may learn and grow to their fullest potential as dancers. Therefore SSD will offer parents/families/friends the opportunity to attend family week in the spring of each dance year. This will be a time that friends and families can observe their children in dance class.

Recital: Step South Dance will hold its annual recital in May/June. This will be a time where the students can shine and showcase their talents and all they have learned throughout the dance school year. A recital fee of \$25 per family will be due in the spring. This fee covers the facility for both dress rehearsal and recital and a set number of tickets for the actual recital. Additional tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at the studio.

Dress Rehearsal: There will be a mandatory dress rehearsal for the recital. Information will be given out closer to time.

Picture Week: Each spring SSD will hold picture week. This is when group and individual pictures will be taken by a professional in the studio. Picture information and pricing will be given out early spring.

Class Policies

Dress Code: All dancers are expected to wear proper dance attire during class. Dress code for each class is as follows:

Ballet/Pointe: Solid color leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet shoes/pointe shoes

Jazz/Hip Hop/Lyrical: Leotard, dance pants, dance shorts, tights, and jazz or hip hop shoes.

(Please see instructor for specific type and shoe color)

Tap: Leotard, dance pants or shorts, tights and appropriate tap shoes

Boys: T- shirt, black dance pants, or sweatpants. Shoes: Black jazz, tap, or ballet, shoes.

Adults: Please wear dancewear that is comfortable and appropriate to dance in.

Hair: Hair must be properly secured and out of the face for all dance classes.

Jewelry: No jewelry other than small earrings will be permitted.

SSD will not be held responsible for any lost or damaged jewelry or personal belongings.

Food and Drink: Absolutely no food or drink will be allowed in the Dance Studio. Sealed Water Bottles only.

****Dancewear and shoes may be purchased online at discountdance.com***

Solos/Duets/Trios/Small Groups

Students often express interest in competing and performing as a solo, duet, trio, or small group. This takes a significant amount of courage and discipline and can be a very rewarding experience. Parents and students should discuss their options with a faculty member. Special policies and pricing apply and are available through Lindsey Farris.

Summer Programs: Students who continue dancing during the summer will see dramatic improvements in their dance ability. Summer is a great time to try new classes and perfect technique. Information on Dance Camps and classes will be given out prior to the end of the dance year.

***If you have any questions/concerns about Step South Dance Student Handbook please feel free to contact the studio!**