

NANCY CHIPPENDALE'S DANCE STUDIOS

PREP STEP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

Prep Step is an accelerated program for advanced Kindergarten - 12th Grade dancers who are interested in improving their technique in a structured and age appropriate environment. The primary focus of this program is to prepare dancers for a competitive team.

SELECTION PROCESS

Dancers must be selected for this program at our annual PREP STEP or Competitive Program audition. Dancers must have performed in at least one CHIPPS recital prior to enrollment. Dancers must audition each year and will not automatically be placed in the next level of the Prep Step program.

Please reference the **PREP STEP or Competitive Program Audition Information** for additional details.

SCHEDULING

Classes will be held two days/week from September - June.

- **Day 1:** Ballet, Jazz & Tap (Prep Step 2 & Prep Step Teen - Ballet, Jazz, Tap & Hip Hop); Classes include recital choreography
- **Day 2:** Technique Only; No recital choreography

Prep Step dancers should try not to miss more than six (6) of each class from September - June.

Additional Requirement: Prep Step 2 & Teen ONLY

Prep Step 2 & Prep Step Teen dancers will perform one (1) routine at one (1) local competition in March/April. Prep Step dancers will need to purchase a CHIPPS sweatshirt (same as holiday parade) for awards ceremony at the competition.

DRESS CODE

Female dancers will have uniform leotard and tights, while male dancers will have a uniform top and pants. PREP STEP uniforms will be available for purchase through our retail store at a later date.

All dancers will need the appropriate dance shoes. Dancers may not wear their dance shoes outside, and may not wear their street shoes in the studios. Required dance shoe brands/styles are listed in the *Dancer Handbook* that is available / posted in the CHIPPS Parent Portal.

CALENDAR, POLICIES, PROCEDURES

The policies and rules of Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studios are detailed in the *Dancer Handbook*, which is available in the CHIPPS Parent Portal along with the 26/27 CHIPPS Calendar. Please read the *Dancer Handbook* in its entirety and save important dates in your calendar to ensure a positive experience as part of our Recreational Recital Program.

TUITION

Annual tuition is charged in (10) equal monthly installments from September through June* and is based on the total number of hours danced per week. September tuition is due upon registration and October - June tuition will be charged to your credit card on file on the 1st of each month and is valid through the end of that calendar month. Tuition amounts remain the same each month, even though some months hold more or fewer classes than others. All tuition payments are non-refundable. *Tuition rates listed below are from 25/26 season for your reference.

***25/26 TUITION RATES**

Class Level	Hours Per Week	Cost Per Month
Prep Step K	3.00 Hours / Week	\$175.00 / Month
Prep Step 1	3.00 Hours / Week	\$175.00 / Month
Prep Step 2	3.50 Hours / Week	\$185.00 / Month
Prep Step Teen	4.50 Hours / Week	\$225.00 / Month

RECITAL FEE

A non-refundable Recital Fee is due for all Recreational Recital Program dancers. This fee includes recital costumes for each dance style, a professional recital video and recital photos as well as a recital t-shirt and souvenir pin. The amount is based on how many costumes you will receive and is broken down below. The Recital Fee will be charged to your credit card on file between October 15th - October 31st. By paying the Recital Fee, your dancer is committing to the entire dance season, as recital choreography will begin shortly thereafter. Recital Fees are non-refundable for any and all reasons, including but not limited to schedule changes, withdrawal, injury, moving away, etc.

2026-2027 RECITAL FEE

Class Level	# of Costumes	Recital Fee
Prep Step K	(2-3) Costumes	\$280.00
Prep Step 1	(2-3) Costumes	\$280.00
Prep Step 2	(3-4) Costumes	\$350.00
Prep Step Teen	(3-4) Costumes	\$350.00

ADDITIONAL FEES

APPLICABLE TO PREP STEP 2 & TEEN

PREP STEP 2 & PREP STEP TEEN COMPETITION ENTRY FEE: Competitions charge entry fees which are approximately \$75 per dancer and per routine. A non-refundable Entry Fee will be automatically charged to your credit card on file during the month of December. The competition date/venue as well as the exact entry fee rate will be published in the Fall.

PREP STEP 2 & PREP STEP TEEN COSTUME BALANCE: There may be a small costume balance for the routine that will be competing. If so, it will be applied to your account in the spring.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY: The Prep Step Program at Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studios runs September through June. Although dancers are expected to participate in ten (10) months of classes and perform in the annual recital, dancers may withdraw at any point during the season. Depending on your withdrawal date, you may or may not have to pay for one more month of tuition before the withdrawal goes into effect. Please refer to the *Dancer Handbook* for our complete withdrawal policy.

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