

# Tuition Guidelines

## Tuition Satisfaction Guarantee/Refunds

Within the first four weeks of enrolling in a class, if you or your child either does not care for a class or needs to withdraw for any reason, we will give a full refund on tuition. You often do not know if you will like a class unless you try. We appreciate your trying, and will not penalize you if a class is not for you. If you choose to withdraw at some point after your first four weeks, we would charge for the classes you took and refund the balance of the any tuition that you paid.

## Payment Options

- **Registration Fee:** \$30 per family
- **Payment Option 1:** Place a Credit Card (or Bank EFT) on file with us. Your first month and registration is paid to us directly at the time of registering. Subsequent monthly tuition fees will be withdrawn on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. A bill will be sent on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month informing you of the tuition due. If you prefer, you may pay the studio by cash or check before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and no automatic charges will take place. Families will need to fill out a form to set up either "Auto Debiting" from a checking account or to place a "Credit Card on File" with us. Bank and Credit Card Information is secured under Federal Guidelines.
- **Payment Option 2:** Families who do not wish to place a credit card (or bank EFT) on file with us, will pay the first two months of tuition (and registration fee) upon registering and then monthly tuition for each subsequent month (thereby being one month ahead.) A bill will be sent on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month informing you of the tuition that will be due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of them month.
- **For all options:** any additional fees for the Spring Recital (or any other events) will be handled separately.
- **Note:** There is a \$25 fee for failed bank transfers and returned checks. There is a \$25 fee for any unpaid balances after second notices.
- If you have unexpected financial difficulties that affect your ability to pay, you will need to notify us immediately, and we will work with you.

## Monthly Payment Policy and missed Classes

- Payments for tuition are made on a monthly basis regardless of number of weeks in the month. Some months have two or three weeks of classes and some have five. Tuition is based upon a yearly amount and not on an individual monthly amount. We cannot give refunds for classes that the student misses during the year.

## Spring Recital Quandary

- For many years, our recital was held at the end of May at Swarthmore College (which was our preference); and we billed tuition over eight months from September through April. Last year, due to theater availability, we were forced to move our Recital to June (and it is quite possible that our Recital may have to stay in June - we are still negotiating with theaters). In anticipation of a likely June Recital, and by parent request, we have spread our tuition payments over nine months (September thru May) instead of eight to reduce everyone's monthly tuition payment. A dilemma will arise if we are in fact able to schedule a May Recital – this will put us in a position where we may be holding a Recital before the last month's tuition is collected. If this happens, we may have to modify our end of the year payment schedule and collect the last month's tuition on May 1<sup>st</sup> instead of May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will notify everyone in November as to what the situation is.

## To Enroll

- Registration Fee (\$30 per family) and first payment must be received to hold your place in class.
- To determine your tuition rate, add up the number of hours of classes your family is taking each week, and then refer to the chart to the right to get your base monthly rate.

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## Recital Fees

- Costume fees are approximately \$55-\$85 per costume, and will be divided into four payments due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, November, December, and January.
- The Recital Fee is \$75 per Family (includes 4 Recital tickets) and will be divided into two payments due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February and March.
- Additional Recital Tickets are \$15 per ticket.

## Family Rates - if you have more than One Student Enrolled

Families taking 8.75 hours per week or less, simply use the rate chart above.

Families taking 9 or more hours per week, add the following fees to their monthly rate.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Student - add \$30 per month
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Student - add \$25 per month
- 4<sup>th</sup> Student - add \$20 per month

## Tuition Paid Monthly (for one student)

**New: Monthly payments this year have been reduced and are being made over 9 months (September thru May) instead of over eight months.**

**Families with more than one student please see Family Rates below**

Registration Fee  
(\$30 per family)

Hrs/Wk	Rate/Month
.50	\$39
.75	\$54
1	\$68
1.25	\$83
1.5	\$97
1.75	\$111
2	\$124
2.25	\$137
2.5	\$150
2.75	\$164
3	\$176
3.25	\$189
3.5	\$201
3.75	\$213
4	\$224
4.25	\$236
4.5	\$247
4.75	\$259
5	\$269
5.25	\$280
5.5	\$290
5.75	\$300
6	\$311
6.25	\$321
6.5	\$330
6.75	\$340
7	\$348
7.25	\$358
7.5	\$366
7.75	\$375
8+	\$381