

# STUDIO POLICIES 2026-27



Please read these policies carefully as they may have changed from last season.

## REGISTRATION

**Register Online at: [MistysDance.com](https://www.mistysdance.com).** Registration for our 2026-27 School Year Program will begin on Saturday, June 6 at 8:00am. Our School Year Program runs mid-August through mid-May.

## 2026-27 CALENDAR

You can find our current studio calendar at [MistysDance.com/events](https://www.mistysdance.com/events)

## TUITION FEES & PAYMENTS

- Tuition rates are for the full dance year (including studio breaks/holidays), not by the number of classes in the month. A full season of dance includes a minimum of 33 lessons. Tuition fees are paid monthly or annually.
- After registering (payment for 1<sup>st</sup> Month and annual student membership fee), monthly tuition must be paid by automatic EFT, debit or credit card payment. Tuition will be debited from your account (or charged to your credit card) on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each remaining month. Cash payments are accepted prior to the tuition due date.
- There is a 3.5% convenience fee on credit or debit card payments. To avoid this fee please provide a checking account and routing number.
- Accounts not paid within 30 days are subject to an accruing 5% monthly finance charge and discontinued services until paid or a signed payment plan is received. Accounts more than 60 days past due may be submitted to collection services.
- Payments returned by your financial institution will incur a \$25 fee.

## DISCOUNTS

- Siblings receive a 10% discount on the smaller tuition account only. There are no sibling discounts on Performing Groups, Pre-Professional Ballet, Private Lessons, Mini-Sessions, Pop-Up Classes or Membership Fees.
- Annual tuition payments received by September 15<sup>th</sup> may qualify for promotional benefits. Annual payments are non-refundable. Please contact us at [info@mistysdance.com](mailto:info@mistysdance.com) for more details.

## ROLLOVER MEMBERSHIP

- For your convenience, and to reserve a space for the following season, annual membership fees will automatically rollover and be applied to your account on May 1, 2027 unless an online withdrawal form is completed before that date.
- Rollover membership fees are \$55 for Children's Level Classes and \$65 for Graded Level classes. Membership rates increase by \$10 for new memberships.

## WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASS

- One month notice is required to withdraw from class. A parent must email the studio and fill out a withdrawal form to initiate this change. Automatic bank debiting or credit card charges will stop after the one-month notice period. There is a one month minimum for all classes.

## RESCHEDULING, TEACHER & CLASS SUBSTITUTION

- MDU reserves the right to reschedule or combine classes.
- MDU reserves the right to combine classes for the Christmas Social or Spring Recital.
- MDU reserves the right to provide a substitute or replacement teacher as MDU may deem necessary.
- MDU reserves the right to deliver class content via an online system in the event that classes are not able to be conducted live for any reason including, but not limited to: weather, teacher absence, or governmental advisory.

## REFUNDS/CREDIT ON ACCOUNT

- Refunds are only issued when MDU cancels a class due to low enrollment.
- Account credit will be issued when the student initiates the schedule change. Credit will be applied to any MDU tuition or fees due within one year.

## PRIVATE LESSONS

- Private lessons must be paid for at the time of booking.
- Tuition accounts must be current to book or attend a private lesson.
- All private lessons canceled with more than 24 hours notice will receive a refund in the form of studio credit. Lessons canceled less than 24 hours prior will be subject to a 50% cancellation fee. No-show lessons will be charged the full amount.

## DRESS CODE

Proper attire is required for all classes. Class attire, including shoes and hair, are listed in the class schedule. All required items are available in our Willow & Grace Boutique. Jewelry and bare midriff are not allowed in class.

## ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is vital to student progress and group choreography. Please make every effort to attend each class. Students may make up missed classes until March 1st. If you miss more than two of the final eight classes before recital, you may be dismissed from participating in the recital routine at the discretion of the instructor. Please report all absences via Studio Director.

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

MDU works to keep you informed and up to date on regular studio happenings:

- Monthly Email Newsletter, Email reminders and Lobby Communication Center
- Follow @MistysDance on Facebook and Instagram for additional updates
- Join our private MDU Parent & Student Community on Facebook to connect with faculty and other families

We are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding your dancer or our programs. Let us know if we can help in any way!

## INTER-SESSIONAL & HOLIDAY BREAKS

MDU provides inter-sessional and holiday breaks that create flexibility during the dance season including a Fall break, one week off at Thanksgiving, two weeks off at Christmas/New Years, Winter break and one week off at Easter. These breaks allow for rest and family time as well as potential makeup of classes in the event of a cessation of classes for any reason.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, an email will be sent and Facebook/Instagram posts will be made by 2:00 pm if our afternoon/evening classes are canceled (by 8:00 am for morning classes). We do not necessarily follow school closings. Any canceled classes may be made up on your own time from our regular schedule of classes. In the event there is not a make up class available, a replacement option will be offered.

## LOST & FOUND, SECURITY & SAFETY

- Lost and found baskets are located in the girls dressing room and the boys lockerroom. Please check the lost and found regularly as all unclaimed items are donated on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- Security cameras are located in the public areas for safety and security. MDU does not make security or video data available to students or parents.
- MDU is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please do not leave belongings unattended. Dancers are encouraged to take dance bags into classrooms with them.
- Lockers are available for rent for your security and convenience.
- Children are not allowed to be unattended in the building.

## CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

- Every December we finish our first semester of Children's Classes with a fun and informal fundraising program - the Christmas Social. Selected classes are invited to perform from each age group as listed in the class schedule.
- Details about this event are released in our November E-newsletter.
- Tickets will be available for purchase via an online ticketing site. On sale dates/rates will be published in November.
- Tuition accounts must be current in order to participate in Christmas Social.
- Some classes will incur a small fee (\$5-20) prior to Christmas Social for special props or accessories used in the performance. These will be communicated prior to December 1st.

## SPRING RECITAL

- We end our dance year with our Spring Recital. We encourage but do not require participation. See our studio calendar for this year's dates.
- Spring Recital show assignments will be published via email on February 21st.
- Mandatory dress rehearsal assignments will be published via email on March 21st.
- Special requests to adjust rehearsal and recital times/assignments are accepted until February 1st. Email the office to obtain our online request form link. We attempt to accommodate as many requests as possible while still meeting the technical demands of the production.
- Tuition accounts must be current in order to participate in recital.
- Tickets will be available for purchase via Viterbo University's Box Office. On sale dates/rates will be published on February 21st.

## SPRING RECITAL COSTUME ORDERS/EXCHANGES

- All classes have a Spring Recital costume unless otherwise noted on the class schedule.
- Spring Recital costumes will be paid by automatic EFT, debit or credit card payment on November 15<sup>th</sup> and are not refundable after November 20<sup>th</sup>. Costumes will not be ordered unless payment is received in full.
- Students are sized for costumes in classes. Costumes will be handed out in classes upon delivery throughout the months of January-April.
- If a costume does not fit, we are able to exchange it within one week of delivery at no cost to you, if it is returned in its original packaging. After that week, there may be additional shipping/handling fees and/or limited availability.

## WAIVER OF LIABILITY/PHOTO RELEASE

All families must electronically sign our waiver of liability, photo release, and studio policies acceptance before attending class. To revoke photo authorization, families must email [info@mistysdance.com](mailto:info@mistysdance.com).

*I have read, understand and agree to abide by these policies.*

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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