

# STUDIO 136 STUDENT HANDBOOK

Effective September 2025 – August 2026

#### REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE AT <u>www.studio136dancecenter.com</u> 330-268-4408

## **2025-26 CALENDAR**

**CLASSES START: September 8** 

HALLOWEEN WEEK: October 27-Nov. 1

THANKSGIVING BREAK: November 26- Dec. 1

REC. COSTUME FEES DUE: December 6 WINTER BREAK: December 22- January 4

SPRING BREAK: March 30- Apr. 5 PICTURE WEEK: April 20- 26

RECITAL: May 15 & 16

(Dates above are subject to change)

## Studio 136 Website/Information/Waivers

Please check our website for the following information...

https://www.studio136dancecenter.com/

A complete studio schedule (the schedule lists the room your child will be dancing in)
Monthly newsletters
Participation release (this need printed, signed, and returned to the office or your child's teacher asap)
Dress code
Spring Concert/costume information

We are eager to get back to the studio and start moving again! Please let us know if you have questions, concerns or need help with anything. Keep those lines of communication open!

## **TUITION GUIDELINES FOR ALL STUDENTS**

No registration fee for the 2025-26 season.

\_The yearly tuition is based on a season, regardless how many weeks are in a given month. The season is divided into NINE equal installments for recreational students and ELEVEN equal installments for competition students. The full monthly payment is due the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. When registering, your child is taking a spot in a class and tuition is due every month from September through May (recreational level) regardless of attendance. Skipping a month is not permitted. If permanently withdrawing from a class, a one month notice is required. A \$15.00 late fee will be automatically added if tuition is not received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Studio 136 Dance Center does not offer any refunds. This includes: Registration Fees, Costume Fees, Competition Fees, Dancewear, and all other fees acquired to your account.

The following payment options are currently available:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Cash

• Cashiers check or Bank/Automatic bill pay check

**Please Note:** A 3% processing fee will be applied to all credit card transactions, in office and online. To avoid this fee, we gladly accept alternative payment methods, including cash, cashier's checks, bank checks, or payments made via your bank's bill pay service.

## RECREATIONAL FIRST CHILD/STUDENT

1<sup>st</sup> class \$50.00/month 2<sup>nd</sup> class + \$35.00/month = \$85.00/month 3<sup>rd</sup> class + \$30.00/month = \$115.00/month 4<sup>th</sup> class + \$25.00/month = \$140.00/month

Each additional class after 4 will be 25.00 per month per class

## RECREATIONAL SIBLING DISCOUNT

10% sibling discount will apply to the family total.

## **COMPETITION PRICING**

Competition is based on an evaluation process. If a dancer is offered a position on the team you will receive a letter to notify the dancer and parent. The cost will be discussed during a scheduled meeting.

### POLICIES

We are committed to providing a well-rounded, quality dance program for our students. Our directors and staff continue to train, perform and participate in professional development activities statewide and nationally. We are confident in the quality, appropriateness, safety and content of our instruction.

Your child is entitled to an excellent dance education. Please know that the doors are always open and that we embrace and welcome all students; new and returning. Parents needing to speak to the owner or instructors should call the studio at any time rather than speak to them in between classes. We will be happy to schedule a conference time with you, to include the instructor, at any time that is mutually convenient.

ALL STUDENTS ARE SUBJECT TO AN EVALUATION PERIOD THEIR FIRST 6-8 WEEKS OF CLASS FOR PROPER CLASS PLACEMENT. Students may attend a current class to be used as an evaluation. The evaluations are to help ensure that students are placed in the proper class level. The viewing monitors will be on everyday for viewing and parent observation.

Please note: Participation in pointe class or any advanced level ballet class requires the concurrent participation in additional appropriate level ballet classes, as well as teacher approval.

## **EXTENDED CLOSURE & VIRTUAL LEARNING POLICY**

In the event that we have to have an extended closure such as, but not limited to, a global pandemic, or act of god, we will immediately resume our current schedule through virtual learning and tuition will be discounted 25%. Full tuition will resume once we are back in the classroom. A pivot to virtual learning could take place at any time.

★ There are absolutely no credits, refunds or prorated tuition due to class cancellations.

## RESCHEDULING AND SUBSTITUTION

Studio 136 Dance Center reserves the right to provide a substitute teacher if the regular teacher is ill or is otherwise unable to teach. Studio 136 Dance Center reserves the right to reschedule or combine classes.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

In the event of inclement weather, an email and text will be sent and social media posts made. Please note that we do not necessarily follow school closings. Any canceled classes may be made up on your own time from our regular schedule of classes (space permitting). There are no refunds or prorated fees if you choose not to schedule a make up class. To schedule email kbeebe136@gmail.com

#### ATTENDANCE

If your child is sick, please do not bring them to class. A parent must call the studio office and let us know they will be absent. When leaving a message, tell us your child's name and class they will be missing. You may make up missed classes in a class of the same discipline within one week of the absence, if a class is available. Make ups may be arranged but should be scheduled by the instructor. There are no refunds or prorated fees for missed classes, whether or not the class is made up. The space in the class is reserved for you/your dancer. You will be expected to pay for the class until we have received notice that you are withdrawing. Classes will be canceled due to inclement weather/road conditions. This information will be posted on Studio 136 social media outlets, mass-text for all student families and we will notify the given email address (on your registration sheet).

#### ARRIVAL/PICKUP

Students must wait inside for a parent to pick them up. Please accompany children in the parking lot. Please have students use the restroom before, after or in between classes. Please plan to arrive 5-10 minutes early for class to allow time for student preparation before class.

Students should arrive dressed, according to the dress code, and with all the necessary hair accessories. Dance shoes should be brought to and from class in some sort of dance tote/bag. Students' names should be on every item, especially dance shoes and dance bags. Please do not bring electronic or expensive devices that will be left unattended. Studio 136 Dance Center staff will assume no responsibility for lost, stolen or misplaced items.

- Please no males/male siblings in the female dressing areas
- Infant changing stations are located in the restrooms

# BEHAVIOR/CLASS CONDUCT

Students are expected to participate respectfully and safely during class. If there happens to be any repeated behavior problems, it will be discussed between the teacher(s) and parent(s).

#### **CLASS RULES:**

- ★ Students are permitted to bring water only into the classrooms.
- ★ NO food, candy, gum, or pop/sports drinks on the dance floor.
- ★ NO cell phones/smart watches in class, it is a distraction to all students.
- ★ Studio 136 Dance Center has a strict dress code. Students are expected to be ready and in appropriate dancewear at the start of class.
- ★ Please use the restroom before or in between classes.
- ★ Parents are not permitted in the classrooms at any time unless approved by the teacher. Meetings can be scheduled with teachers to discuss student progress throughout the season.

# **HYGIENE**

It is very difficult to approach a child or parent about lack of cleanliness or foul body odor. However, in a dance studio where activities induce sweat and children are moving through space, odors can become a terrible distraction. To avoid these problems, please be sure all dancewear is laundered after each wearing, hair should be clean and pulled back properly, feet should be washed after activities, and deodorant should be a consideration for any student, if/as needed. Please, no strong perfumes prior to class. This can aggravate students and staff that are migraine and/or allergy prone.

#### FOOD AND DRINK

Food and drinks must be kept in the designated areas. No food of any kind, including gum is allowed inside the studios. Please only bring water (no pop, juice or sports drinks) to hydrate while in class. Be sure to clean up after yourself in the lobby areas, when eating or drinking. Thank you so much!

#### LOBBY

Be safe & respectful!

- ★ Keep noise level to a minimum.
- ★ Be respectful with words & actions.
- ★ Furniture is for sitting only. No standing or climbing.
- ★ Make safe choices. (i.e. Hide & seek and tag are not games that should be played at the studio. These types of games are unsafe and distracting in this setting.)
- ★ DO NOT touch another person's items! (Especially electronics, phones, etc. This is an invasion of privacy.)
- ★ PLEASE REFRAIN FROM GOSSIP! Think before you speak or ask. Kindness first! We truly want this to be a positive environment for these kids to flourish in.
- ★ Homework comes first! Dancers must respect their classmates that are working on school work. (Be mindful and quiet around others that are working.)

## ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT RECITAL

- ★ Each May, we end our season with our fully-staged, professional Spring Concert Recital at Massillon Washington High School. We encourage, but do not require participation.
- ★ All students participating in the recital must attend the dress rehearsal.
- ★ All balances must be paid in full in order to receive costumes and recital tickets.
- ★ FULL recital details will be communicated in the spring of 2025 and are subject to change due to state and local regulations.

## RECITAL COSTUMES

Costumes are required for our annual recital. If participating in our recreational program, you may opt out of recital if you wish. Please let the office know if you chose to opt out. Fees will be sent out by Nov. 1st.

# MEDIA RELEASE

We post pictures and videos to our social media sites (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) and our studio website. If you do not give permission for us to include your child, please be sure to let the office know! This was also stated on the participation release that was signed during the registration process.

## **LOST AND FOUND AND SECURITY**

- ★ Please label your child's belongings so they can be returned to you if necessary.
- ★ Lost and found bins are located in the front office.
- ★ TV monitors are provided in the lobby for you to view class if you wish.
- ★ Studio 136 is not responsible for student property.

## AROUND TOWN

Our classes excel with minimal distractions in class. This includes parents entering the dance room, loud chatter in the lobby etc. There are so many awesome places close to Studio 136 to go while your dancer is in class!

Chick-fil-A Aldi

Target Inspire Nail Bar
Tremont Coffee Starbucks

Erie St. Vinyl Johnny's Music Shoppe

Mystic Moon Pizza Oven

Reservoir Park Agavero Bar & Grille

Luvih Yoga Studio Perry Park

Panda Express