

Natchez Ballet Academy, LLC

Inspiring the hearts of children one step at a time...

Classes begin August 14, 2017



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2017 - 2018 Fee Schedule

Registration Fee: \$50.00 per family.

Tuition: *Pre-K 3's & Pre-K 4's - \$378 ANNUALLY or nine payments of \$42*
One hour classes meeting once per week - \$423 ANNUALLY or nine payments of \$47
One hour classes meeting twice per week - \$495 ANNUALLY or nine payments of \$55
Ballet 3 & Ballet 4 - \$567 ANNUALLY or nine payments of \$63

NOTE: If you choose to make monthly payments, your first payment is due at registration AND IS NON-REFUNDABLE. Tuition is not based on attendance.

- Families may deduct 15% annually per child for TWO (2) children or 20% annually for THREE (3) children from TUITION ONLY. Tuition waived for fourth and beyond. (**Children must be siblings**)
- All tuition is due in advance. *For your convenience*, NBA will allow monthly payments. If you choose to make payments, you will receive a monthly statement. Your tuition payments will be due **on the FIRST of each month beginning in September. After the TENTH, your account will accrue a 5% FINANCE CHARGE.**
- **All tuition and fees must be paid before April 10, 2018.**
- There is a \$30.00 charge for any returned checks *in addition to* charges issued by the bank. If a check is returned for the second time, we will only accept cash or money orders for future payments.

Performance Fees for our Spring Show:

Includes two (2) costumes, accessories, tights and a class t-shirt. This is due at registration. You may pay this in as many as 4 monthly payments. If you choose to pay monthly your performance fee payment will be due in addition to your tuition fee and must be paid in full by November 1st. If you decide not to participate, you must let me know BEFORE December 1st to receive a refund. After December 1st, it becomes NON-REFUNDABLE.

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| • Pre-K 3's & 4's | \$90 |
| • Pre-Ballet, Ballet 1 & 2 | \$100 |
| • Ballet 3 & 4 | \$140 |

Workshop fee for Ballet 4: We will be participating in workshops throughout the year with guest artists. There will be a one-time workshop fee of \$100 to help with the cost.

STUDIO POLICIES

Please go over these with your children so they understand what is expected of them. Thank you.

1. **All students are required to have hair properly secured for class.** Long hair should be in a bun, short hair secured with cloth headbands. **(No plastic headbands, ponytails, or plastic clippies!)** Students without buns must observe class. This rule will be enforced in all classes.
2. **Please be on time for class.** Students should arrive at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start of class to change clothes, etc. **The first ten minutes of a ballet class are very important.** Students arriving more than 15 minutes late for class will be required to observe.
3. **Students are expected to wear the proper attire for class, NO EXCEPTIONS!** Students not properly dressed will be required to observe. Proper attire for class is an important part of the **discipline** of a good ballet school. **Laundry is no excuse.**
4. **Parents, please write your child's name on their things.** This includes bags, shoes, skirts, jackets, etc. This is especially important with Pre-K through 2nd grades.
5. **Cell phones are not allowed in class or rehearsals.** They must be turned OFF before class or rehearsal begins. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
6. **Absolutely NO gum allowed in class or rehearsal!**
7. **NO FOOD OR DRINK EXCEPT BOTTLED WATER ALLOWED IN THE WAITING AREA, DRESSING ROOM, OR STUDIO!**
8. **NO TALKING IN CLASS!** If a student cannot adhere to this rule, he/she will be required to observe, and parents will be notified.
9. **No student should ever correct or criticize another student.** This is the job of the instructor only. Any student who does so will be required to observe.
10. Pre-K, Pre-Ballet, Ballet I and Ballet 2 students will be instructed to wait inside the studio for someone to pick them up after class. I will call them to the door so I know who is picking them up. Please don't walk into the studio to pick up unless you have an emergency. And, please do not tell your children to walk outside to your car.
11. Please do not drop your child off just because the outside door to the building is open. **THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THE**

TEACHER IS INSIDE. There are other tenants in this building with access to the outside door. Always park and bring your children inside to be sure that the studio is open and the teacher is present.

12. Students are only allowed to enter our rented space. This includes the dressing room, bathroom, waiting area, and the studio. Occasionally we will use the stage, but students are not allowed in this area without permission and an adult present. Students should not go upstairs or roam the hallways. *This is by request of the City of Natchez.*
13. **Please note that the drive is one-way.** Enter on the left side of the building and circle around to the studio to drop off students. Please use the gravel lot to park when coming in to pick up students. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE DRIVEWAY!** There are other businesses in this building, so your consideration in this matter is most appreciated. This will eliminate traffic jams or possible accidents.
14. Please do not wear street shoes inside the studio. Place street shoes on the shelf in the hallway.
15. Horseplay or any activity that may cause harm to other students or self will not be tolerated. No running, climbing on barres, pushing, hitting, etc. Students engaging in these activities will be required to observe.
16. In the event of inclement weather, Natchez Ballet Academy will follow the lead of the local schools. If schools are closed, we will also be closed. Make-up classes will be announced when necessary.
17. If we are closed for any reason, all students are welcome to attend the next level class to make up for the missed session. Ballet 4 students are welcome in Ballet 3.
18. There is a TV in the dressing room for parents to observe classes while in session. Please do not enter the studio unless you have an emergency. Please do not enter the studio if you hear music playing. This applies to students waiting for their classes. The dressing room is available for waiting for your class to begin. Thank you.
19. Classes meeting before rehearsals will be held during the week of *The Nutcracker* for those students who *do not* participate in the show. All participants follow the rehearsal schedule.
20. Attendance is important, especially during performance times. Excessive absences result in poor performances. Please be here as often as possible to ensure your child is confident and secure in his/her experience at Natchez Ballet Academy.

21. Anti-Bullying Policy:

- a. Natchez Ballet Academy is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for students. Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated.
- b. Bullying is the intentional harmful (electronic, written, verbal, non-verbal, psychological or physical) act or series of acts that is directed at another person, in and/or outside of the studio setting.
- c. Upon receipt of a complaint, the students involved will be asked separately to meet with myself and parents to investigate the reported allegations. If confirmed, the student who violates this policy shall be subject to the following:
 - i. First Offense: Documented warning and meeting with parents.
 - ii. Second Offense: Meeting with parents, loss of privileges.
 - iii. Third Offense: Meeting with parents, expulsion.

Class Schedule (Schedule is tentative and contingent upon registration)

Pre-K 3's	Monday	3:45 – 4:30
Pre-K 4's	Monday	4:30 – 5:15
Pre-Ballet (Kindergarten)	Thursday	4:00 – 5:00
Ballet 1 (1 st grade)	Tuesday	4:00 – 5:00
Ballet 2 (grades 2 & 3)	Wednesday	4:00 – 5:00
Ballet 3 (grades 4 - 7)	Tues/Thurs	5:00 – 6:30
Ballet 4 (grades 7 – 12)	Mon/Wed	5:15 – 7:00

Performances

The Nutcracker: Volunteers by audition

Students ages 5 & up are eligible to audition.

- Auditions will be held on Sunday, August 19 @ 2:00PM.
- A NON-REFUNDABLE costume rental fee of \$40.00 per child is required.
- The performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 17 & 18 at the Natchez City Auditorium.

Recital:

- Our student performance is held each year at the end of our dance season, depending on the availability of local theaters.
- This year's performance theme is TBA.
- The recital is tentatively scheduled for May 5, 2018 at the City Auditorium.

Dress Code

These are REQUIRED, not optional

Pre-K 3's

Pink Leotard
Pink BALLETTights
Pink Ballet Shoes
Skirts are acceptable

Pre-K 4's

Light Blue Leotard
Pink BALLETTights
Pink Ballet Shoes
Skirts are acceptable

Pre-Ballet (Kindergarten)

Seafoam Leotard
Pink BALLETTights
Pink Ballet Shoes
Black Tap Shoes

Ballet 1 (1st grade)

Lavender Leotard
Pink BALLETTights
Pink Ballet Shoes
Black Tap Shoes

Ballet 2 (Grades 2 & 3)

Purple Leotard
Pink BALLEET Tights
Pink Ballet Shoes

Ballet 3 (Grades 4-7)

Black Leotard
Pink BALLEET Tights
Pink Ballet Shoes
Pink Pointe Shoes/Pink Ribbons

Ballet 4 (Grades 7-12)

Any Solid Color Leotard
Pink BALLEET Tights
Pink Ballet Shoes
Pink Pointe Shoes/Pink Ribbons

Male Students:

Black BALLEET Tights
White T-shirt
White or Black Ballet Shoes
Male Dance Belt

Accessories:

Solid color legwarmers and short ballet sweaters may be worn in class. Skirts, shorts, tights, and leotards other than those listed above may be worn for *rehearsals only*.