

2009-10 policy

cornerstone studio

Our Mission

Cornerstone Studio was created to enrich the lives of children of all ages through the joys associated with the art of dance.

Registration

A new registration form is required for each student for each new academic year. Please be sure to fill it out completely even though you may have completed one for the previous year. It is especially important that telephone numbers, addresses, email addresses and emergency information are current. We do not share personal information.

The \$25 (per family) registration fee is due each year.

Communication

Please notify the Director of any questions or concerns that may arise during the year. You may leave a telephone message stating the best time to reach you by phone or you may email us at:

cornerstonestudio@earthlink.net.

Cheryl's personal address is cornerstone-too@verizon.net

Due to time constraints, instructors are unable to discuss issues between classes.

Safety

Student should arrive at the studio *no earlier than 5 minutes before class*. At this time we do not have separate waiting areas in either studio.

Please discuss with your child that they are to wait inside the studio to be picked up.

In both studios, we open the blinds to let waiting parents know that class is over.

Dance shoes only on the dance floor (in front of the mirrors.) Dance shoes may NOT be worn outside. If they are worn into the studio from the parking lot, the dancer will not be allowed to wear them in class.

Please, NO food or drink allowed in the studios with the exception of water bottles.

Thank you for helping us maintain maximum safety and minimum distraction .

Class Placement

Students will be placed in the class deemed most appropriate for them at the time of enrollment. Once classes begin, we may find that a different class would better meet the student's needs. Students will be "moved up" based on their own personal development and attitude in class.

Our primary concern is finding the most beneficial class for each student. It may take more than one move to determine the best fit. Classes with low enrollment may be shortened in length or cancelled completely.

Special Care

Please let us know if there are any special circumstances which may affect your child's performance or attitude in class. If we are aware of a new baby at home, a parent's illness, etc. it allows us to be even more sensitive to the student's needs.

In the case of misconduct, the student will be given a time out after the third request to discontinue the disruptive behavior. If the behavior becomes chronic, the parents will be notified. We can then work together to modify the behavior. Continuously disruptive students may be asked to leave the class permanently.

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Tuition

Tuition is based on a ten month academic year, September through the June performance. The monthly payment amount remains the same regardless of the number of classes attended in any given month.

Annual tuition may be paid in monthly payments by Automatic Credit Card Withdrawal.

Creative Movement	\$46
One dance class per week	\$56
Two dance classes per week	\$108
Three dance classes per week	\$155
Four dance classes per week	\$200
Five dance classes per week	\$225
Unlimited Classes!	\$250

Tuition credit is not given for classes missed due to illness or vacations.

If it is necessary for us to cancel a class, you may do a make-up in another class.

Students with delinquent tuition may be denied participation in class.

In the case of student withdrawal, Please complete a withdrawal notice 10 days prior to the first day of the following month, otherwise tuition will be due for that month. Withdrawal forms are available in our office and on our website.

Studio Calendar

September 10th: First day of classes

September 24th-September 30th: *Observation Week*

October 31-Halloween Dance

November 26th—29th: Thanksgiving Break

December 12 and 13: Nutcracker (tentative)

December 13th—January 4th: Winter Break

January 25th—30th: *Observation Week*

April 6th—13th: Bellevue School Dist. Spring Break

April 26th through May 1st: *Observation Week*

May 24th: Monday, Memorial Day

June 12th: Dress Rehearsal

June 19th: Spring Performances

Observation Days

Parents are invited to watch their child's first class of the academic year. Thereafter, Observation Days will be during the last classes of **September, January** and **April**. Creative Movement watch days are the last class of each month except May & June.

Spring Performance

The academic year culminates in a studio wide performance in June. Participation is an optional, but important part of our curriculum.

Recital Participation forms will be available in October. We don't want to leave anyone out (or order a costume for someone not participating) so it is important that we have a completed form for each dancer stating *whether or not they will be in our show*. Show participants should include their non-refundable recital fee/costume deposit of **\$75. (\$65 for Creative Movement)** An additional *non-refundable* per class costume deposit (\$65 for dance classes, \$55 for Creative Movement) is due for each additional class with which the student will be performing. Made-to-order costumes are ordered several months in advance of the performance.

You are welcome to videotape the dress rehearsal, however **photography is not permitted during the dress rehearsal or the show**.

Picture Day

As a service to our families, Cornerstone hosts a recital portraits day. This is an optional service, but it would be really wonderful if we could have everyone present for the group photos even if you don't wish to purchase any portraits. The students appreciate being included in their group pictures which are displayed in albums in the studio office.

Packets will be sent home with the students in May. Each class will have a specific time at which group and individual pictures will be taken.

On picture day, please arrive at the designated location in full costume and make-up.

Snow Days

We no longer follow the Bellevue School District closure for inclement weather. Please check our website for closures relating to hazardous weather conditions.

Girls' Class Attire

Cornerstone Studio adheres to a dress code for classes. This allows each student to focus on learning while minimizing distraction. New students will not be required to wear their specific class attire until they have been at the studio for at least one month. During this time it will be determined whether or not the student is in the most suitable class.

For your convenience, class leotards and tights are available for purchase at the studio for purchase. We also have a shoe loaner program. Please feel free to borrow or donate.

Jewelry should be kept to a minimum. Please do not send your student in her own costume or tutu.

Hair must be worn up off the face and neck for all dance classes.

A neat, secured hairdo is required for Ballet, traditional bun is preferred. No hair may be hanging down on the face or neck.

All Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, and Ballet classes require **pink tights and pink ballet shoes.**

Leotard colors are as follows:

Creative Movement 1-2 Pink leotard

PreBallet 1-2 = Pastel Blue leotard

Beg Ballet 1 = White leotard

Beg Ballet 2 = Purple leotard

Beg Int Ballet = Burgundy leotard

Int Ballet = Dark blue leotard

Adv Int Ballet = Black leotard

Adv Ballet = Any color leotard

Warm-up clothes

(sweatshirts, leg-warmers, etc). may be worn in cold weather but are to be taken off after plies.

Jazz and Lyrical - Black leggings, dance shorts, jazz pants, tights, etc with any color leotard. Black or tan jazz (or ballet) shoes. No loose shorts, pajamas, or low-rise pants. Make sure pants are not long enough to slip under the shoes.

Combo class – ballet attire

Hip Hop – T-shirt or dance top and warm-up pants.

Tap – Any cool, comfortable street clothes. Make sure that pants are not too long.

Girls' Shoes

Ballet – All ballet classes require PINK ballet shoes. There are many different brands and styles of ballet shoes. To obtain the best fit, the student should be present when the shoes are purchased or borrowed. It is recommended that the student's instructor check the fit before any elastics are sewn on or drawstrings drawn up.

When a good fit has been determined, follow the instructions provided below.

Hip Hop – Non-marking athletic shoes or dance sneakers may be worn to class. **The shoes that will be danced in should not be worn outside, including from the car to the studio.**

Tap – Young beginner students may wear the "Mary Jane" style. Ribbons should be replaced with black elastic available at the studio. This allows the students to slip the shoes on by themselves. It also prevents the ribbons from coming untied. More advanced students may be required to have oxfords. Please check with your child's instructor.

Jazz – Black jazz shoes are recommended for all jazz classes. Slip-on split-soled shoes are preferred.

Studio Loaner Shoes - Some dance shoes are available on a first come, first served basis. When outgrown, they may be exchanged for a larger size. Please return all borrowed shoes to the studio at year end. Thank you.

Boys' Attire

Ballet – White T-shirt, Black tights, shorts or leggings, white socks, black or white ballet shoes

Tap – Street clothes (loose, cool and comfortable), Black tap oxfords

Jazz – Black jazz or sweat pants, T-shirt, Black jazz shoes

HipHop – Sweat pants, T-shirt, Non-marking athletic shoes or dance sneakers.

No hats, jeans or objectionable T-shirts.

Pants should be loose and easy to move in, but not excessively baggy or low.

Ballet Shoe Preparation

1. Adjust the drawstrings being careful not to pull them too tightly over the Achilles tendon. A couple of small stitches can be made through the string on each side of the heel (1" apart) to prevent this.
2. Tie the drawstrings into a knot.
3. Trim the drawstrings to about two inches long. (almost to the end of the toe)
4. Tape the drawstrings to the inside of the shoe with masking tape. Following this procedure would be MOST appreciated by all ballet instructors.

We carry jazz and ballet shoes for sale in limited styles and quantities.
