

Dancing Little Stars®

THE MOBILE DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS
TAP, BALLET, AND HIP-HOP CLASSES
AT YOUR PRESCHOOL!



45 MINUTES OR 1 HR OF DANCE INSTRUCTION EACH
WEEK: 1/2 **TAP** & 1/2 **BALLET**
WITH AGE-APPROPRIATE **HIP HOP** MIXED IN

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5TH 2023
REGISTER ONLINE: <https://dancinglittlestarsswfl.com>

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DANCING LITTLE STARS GUIDELINES

CLASSES: Dance classes will begin the week of **September 5, 2023** and will run through **May 2024**. Registration is open all year **EXCEPT** from February 1st until end of season, due to recital conflicts. Weekly dance instruction includes both **BALLET** and **TAP** classes plus age-appropriate **HIP HOP** mixed in. Classes will be held for 45 minutes or an hour, depending on your child's preschool. Classes consist of a maximum of ten dancers or less depending on the dance space provided as we strive for quality, not quantity with some schools allowing for multiple classes to be held. If your school only allows for one class and it is full, dancers can be placed on a wait list upon registration. Full classes are indicated in red on the class schedule page. Should your preschool be closed or cancel class for **ANY** reason-weather, holidays, field trips, etc. - we are not responsible for a make-up class. Should we cancel a class for any reason, a refund will be given if the class cannot be rescheduled. Please see our website for a calendar of our holidays as we do not follow public schools nor VPK calendars. A sweet treat or a sticker is provided to dancers who participate in class. We provide Skittles as they are made in a peanut free factory and are also gluten free. We strive to teach basic ballet and tap techniques along with the terminology. Dancers must be three years of age, potty trained and registered to participate in our program. Dancers are not automatically signed up from previous seasons.

DANCE ATTIRE: Dancers use both Tap and Ballet shoes. For your convenience, dance items can be purchased through our website- click on the "Order dance wear /Shoes" link. *****PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME OR INITIALS IN HIS/HER DANCE SHOES AND DANCE CLOTHES*****

Leotards (any color or style) are acceptable for dance class, but not required. We only allow tights in dance class **IF** your child already has them on when they arrive to dance. Please have your child wear socks on dance day. Some of the children "dress-out" for dance class, and some do not. Some dancers bring just a skirt or tutu to be pulled over their school clothes. If your child will not be changing into dance attire, please have "gym type" clothing on for maximum mobility. Our teachers can help with changing your child into their dance attire. By wearing less items on dance day, your child will receive more dance time. **Please bring all dance items in a separate bag** - i.e. a dance bag or a plastic grocery bag, etc. **IF** your child arrives to preschool close to dance class time, feel free to bring your child to school already in his or her dance attire.

RECITAL: Recital will take place in May or early June; you will be notified of the exact recital date. Each class will participate in either a ballet OR tap routine. Recital/Event fee is in addition to your regular monthly tuition. Recital information is emailed in November. Recital fee includes: a costume, any accessories, parking fees, venue and recital entrance. Tickets are required and go on sale in May. Recital fees are non-refundable and are split into two payments for your convenience – December 5th and March 5th or paid in full by December 5th. See the Dance Recital page for additional information/pricing. You are responsible for notifying us if your dancer is not participating in the recital so that we are able to delete those charges from your account. Payments can be made at any time towards the recital fee. Each dance class will prepare for and participate in a full scale recital that will end the dance season. Participation is optional. This is an all day event; no other plans should be made on recital day.

TUITION:

Monthly tuition is due the 5th of each month and made directly to DLS via our website. Do not send dance tuition to your preschool. Neither your school, nor instructors are allowed to take payment. Tuition is based on our dance season, September through May and is broken into monthly payments for your convenience. Tuition is not prorated unless your dancer starts classes mid-month. There is a yearly \$25.00 registration fee due upon registering and will reserve a spot. Online payments are accepted on our website at www.dancinglittlestarsswfl.com. If paying by personal check, indicate your dancers name in the memo portion and mail to us. Confirmation emails are sent upon registering your dancer.

PARENT PORTAL: To register, make a payment, set up auto pay or inquire about financial history; select the PARENT PORTAL located in the top right corner of DLS website. Enter an email address and password to log in. Select 'forgot password' and this will enable you to set a new password – Do not create another account. Sign up for auto pay and that will be deducted on the 5th of each month and you will avoid a late fee.

LATE FEE: \$15 is added to your account if payment is not received by the 5th of each month. To mail in your dance payment: send check to DLS, 5938 Untermeyer Ct, North Fort Myers, FL 33903. Please be sure to write the dancer's name and school on the memo line of the check to ensure proper credit is given to your child's account.

NON-PAYMENTS: Dancers are subject to termination should your account become delinquent and there is no contact with Amanda Davis to make arrangements.

PARENT OBSERVATION: We do not send out progress reports for dance class; however, you are welcome to come observe dance class. We encourage you to visit dance classes at least once a dance season, but we suggest not visiting the first two classes of our dance season as everyone is excited. We must establish our dance rules, routines, expectations and personalities of each dancer. We have found through experience, that when a visitor comes to watch classes some children – sometimes yours or someone else's – do not dance. Visitors are asked to watch from outside of the dance area through a window or from another room and that none of our dancers see you until dance class is completed. Visitors can be disruptive to the dance instruction and we want to retain the attention of our dancers at all times. For security purposes, only the Daycare or DLS employees may help the children get dressed or use the restroom.