



Allure
Dance Creation
School of the Arts

2023-24

Handbook

July 31, 2023-June 29, 2024

This handbook will have all the information you will need to know for the entire year. Any additional information will be provided in our communication board.

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CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Mermaid is a 30-minute class structured to stimulate coordination skills, listening skills, balance, music interpretation, creative movement and motor development in the youngest dancers, ages 2-3 years. This program is an excellent introduction to the world of dance.

Creative Movement is a combo class dedicated to our Twirlers ages 4-6. This 1-hour class dedicated to teaching a combination of Ballet and Jazz.

Ballet I: Ballet I introduces students to the fundamentals of classical ballet technique. In each class, students participate in conditioning, movement exercises and dance phrases designed to increase knowledge and improve execution of basic ballet steps. The instructor uses verbal instructions and physical demonstrations to teach ballet, and students are expected to participate fully in each class. Practice and repetition are the primary modes of learning, followed by corrections, clarification, and detailed analysis.

Contemporary II: Contemporary Dance stems from the core, or torso, of the body and uses elements of contract, release, spiral, floor work, fall and recovery, and improvisation. Dancers who completed Ballet I and are interested in enhancing their ballet skillset can join Contemp II. In this class, dancers can learn combinations of Jazz, Modern and Liturgical dance. Levels II and III meet to collaborate, build knowledge and teamwork and create a succession plan for our senior teams.

Contemporary III is our Senior Contemporary dance team with enhanced knowledge of Ballet. Level III is automatically placed in competition and is focused on solos, tricks, improvisation, and performance.

Hip-Hop I teach the fundamentals of rhythm, across the floor, conditional.

Hip-Hop II: Those interested in learning a higher level of hip-hop are welcome to join level II. Basic rhythm must be mastered to enter Level II.

Hip-Hop III is our advanced, competitive hip hop class. Dancers must be able to perform isolations, krump, floorwork, old school and new school style of dancing, wack, street. Level III hip hop dancers must capture beats that is hidden. Level III classes are for the most interested in enhancing their dance career.

Acro-dance I This is an acrobatic style class that combines floor rolls, cartwheels, tumbling, and aerial with basic dance techniques.

TUITION RATES & FEES

Mermaids	\$45 monthly per dancer
1- Class Selection	\$50 monthly per dancer
2- Class Selections	\$75 monthly per dancer
3- Class Selections	\$100 monthly per dancer

For each sibling, you will follow the same schedule as above. Example: If you have two kids and register them both for one class selection each, 1st dancer will be \$50 per month, 2nd dancer will be \$25 (a \$25 discount). Your total monthly payment will be \$75

Payment

Payments are due on the 1st of each month and can be made using the cash app: \$GG2ADC or in the studio via money order and credit card (3% surcharge). 1st payment will be prorated based on your actual 1st day of class.

After, Tuition is not pro-rated for absences or studioclosures. Your monthly rate will always remain the same whether a short month of 3- weeks or a long month of 5 weeks.

Late Payments:

Late notices will be sent via Band Messenger. If payment is not made on the 5th of each month, there will be a \$25 late fee. If payment plus late fee is still not paid by the 5th of the month, your dancer will not be allowed to return until all fees are made (tuition plus late fee).

Fees:

ADC has 3-4 additional fees:

- 1 *Competition Fees; Info sent in comp team welcome package
- 2 **Recital Costume Fees
- 3 ***Mandatory Recital Fee \$35 per dancer to include 1 parent ticket.

Notes Regarding Fees:

**Costume Note: If classes change, then costume amount can also change. Costume fees are approximate and are subject to change.

IMPORTANT DATES

Season 11 Dates

Add these to your calendar.

ADC reserves the right to change these dates if needed.

Please visit your BAND page for the most up to date schedule.

1 st of each month August. 2023.-June 2023	Tuition Due
July 31 2023	First day of class
September 4	Closed for Labor Day
November 20-25	Closed for Thanksgiving break
December 15 or 16	Winterfest Performance
December 19, 2023-January 1, 2024	Closed for Holiday break. Class resume 1/2/23
February 15	Costume Fee Due
April 1-5	Closed for Spring Break
April 20 th	Picture Day
May 15	Recital Fee Due
June 10-June 15 th	Closed for Studio Break. Class resumes 6/17
June 28	Stage /Tech Rehearsal
June 29	Season 11 Recital

Class Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
Mermaids (A) 5:45-6:15	Acro 5:30-6:15 pm	Twirlers: 5:30-6:30	CW	Contemporary II and III: 9:45 am-11:45 am
Mermaids (B) 6:15-6:45	Hip- Hop I: 6:15 pm-7:15 pm	Ballet/Jazz I: 6:45-7:45	CW	Hip-Hop II and III 12:00 noon-2:00 pm

Schedule Changes

- Class Changes:** A student may drop and add classes at any time depending on availability.
- Withdrawals:** To withdraw a student from any class, you must notify the studio office. Failure to attend classes does not constitute a withdrawal. Students and their parents/guardians are responsible for giving a written or verbal notice of withdrawal, paying tuition and other fees incurred during this timeframe, and continuing to comply with the Handbook policy on payment. No refunds will be issued for the month if you decide to leave in the middle of any month. No costume fees, competition fees, or other fees will be refunded.

Communication

Allure Dance Creation uses the BAND app as the studio's main source of 2-way communication. All parents are asked to stay in the know by turning **on** their BAND notification. In the BAND app:

- You can view weekly notifications.
- You will find the sign in/out sheet.
- The link for virtual classes can be found.
- You can send me a private message.
- I will post last minute memos like studio closures or delays and any other quick reminders.

How to use BAND:

- Download the BAND app. There are two Band Apps; please do Not download Band Kids



This is the correct one.

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incorrect one.

- When signing up, please use your dancer's name and put your name in parenthesis: ex: Allure (Ms. Gee)
- Please do not use your child's birth year, you will have to use your birth year.

In a welcome email, you will receive an invite to join the page for Allure Dance Creation.

If you ever have any questions or concerns regarding BAND, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Preparing for Class

Dancers are to enter the dance studio fully dressed for class with proper dance wear and shoes on. Please be sure all cell phones and electronic devices left in dancer's bags have their ringers and sounds set to silent. No gum/candy chewing. Water is allowed and highly encouraged.

Hair

Long hair that obstructs vision and / or interferes with a dancer's performance must be pulled back and secured, preferably in a bun or ponytail.

Jewelry

PLEASE NONE. Stud Earrings Are Ok

Footwear

Please do not wear street shoes on dance floor.

Clothing

Mermaids, Twirlers, Acro, Ballet/Contemporary I, II and III	Navy Blue Leotard ADC t-shirt is also allowed Black Tights or leggings (spandex), Black Ballet or Jazz shoes	\$15 Purchased from ADC Studio Purchase from Target/Walmart
Tap, Hip Hop I, II and III	ADC t-shirt Black joggers or shorts. Ladies can wear black leggings (spandex) black sneakers	\$15 Purchased from ADC Studio Purchase from any outside sources

Leotards and shirts are ordered in bulk on the dates below and take two weeks to arrive. Payment must be made at the time of your order. In the winter/cold days, students can wear a long sleeve shirt or sweater. OR an ADC jacket can be purchased.

- Blank Leotards \$15
- Printed t-shirts \$15
- Jackets name on back \$65/name of front \$75
- Sweatshirts \$25

ADC will order leotards and t-shirts on the following dates. Please allow 2 weeks to arrive. Sept 10, November 5th, February 3rd

ALL ABOUT RECITAL

Location of Rehearsal & Recital

June 29, 2024

Stanly County Agri-Civic Center

26032-B Newt Road

Albemarle, NC 28001

Each year we have a recital that gives all our dancers and performers the opportunity to demonstrate their hard work and skills to an audience of family and friends. All students are encouraged to participate in the recital but are not required to do so.

Recital Fees: The annual recital fee of \$35 is due May 15, 2024 to include one parent recital ticket. The recital fee assists with the overall labor cost to run the recital. If your dancer withdraws from classes after May 15, 2024, the recital fee will not be refunded.

Tickets: Tickets cost for the year end dance recital are \$10 per person for ages 4+. Dancers do not need a ticket. However, all family and friends are required to purchase a ticket at \$10 each.

Opting Out of Recital: Dancers must participate in recital for all classes or not participate in the recital at all. Dancers cannot pick and choose particular classes for recital. Students and parents are responsible for informing ADC if a student is not going to participate in recital. Students are assumed to be performing in end-of-year recital unless they have opted out in writing. Students who wish to opt out must do so for **all** their classes.

Costume Fees: Costume amounts are approximate and subject to change. Changes in a student's schedule can result in a change of costume and costume fees. Please note that this is merely an estimated cost.

Most class selections perform two dance routines:

\$60-\$70 per performance

Level III [above plus competition]

Our Season 11 Theme is "**Working 9-5**"

Mission Statement

Providing an environment that is fun, non-intimidating, and energetic! We want our students to explore the beautiful world of dance and love it while doing so. Our focus is not just in perfecting the techniques but, developing the passion and commitment that strengthens the soul of the dancer and opens the doors to creative expression.

Goals

Our year-round goals:

- Quality dance training, taught in a positive learning environment where creativity and self-esteem are priorities.
- Implementation of strong technical skills in an enjoyable, dedicated, and structured atmosphere
- Positive growth experiences, recognizing each dancer's individual needs, strengths and abilities.
- Building a sense of self through performing arts expression, music appreciation, and discipline
- To offer teaching from instructors with significant performing arts backgrounds

The study of dance helps enable the student to develop proper body alignment, posture, grace, rhythm, coordination, motor skills, strength, flexibility, and stamina. Dance can be used to enlighten, motivate, and inspire while providing a creative outlet for both the physical and emotional spirit of children. We are dedicated to the needs of each individual dancer and strive to ensure that they have the best possible experience. Dancers will build confidence, self-esteem, character, respect for self and others, and talent through a quality performing arts experience.

Safety

Allure Dance Creation is equipped with PlasmaWaven Air Technology. ADC takes every possible measure to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 and other sickly diseases:

- Cleaning & Sanitizing: Before and after each class, ADC staff sanitizes the floors, equipment, and all other highly touched areas.
- Preventative Measures: ADC has slightly relaxed the mask policy.

- All dancers are required to wash their hands before they can participate and interact with other dancers.
- If dancers or teachers are sick, stay at home is a requirement.
- Dancers must bring their own water bottles.

Parent Observation Day

This year, our Winter Showcase will be Saturday, December 16th at TBA, Charlotte at 12:00 noon. There, you will be able to observe your child's progress as we continue to prepare for our annual concert. Please note that your child is still learning, we are still teaching, still preparing. This is not a reflection on our final performance nor outcome. Please be sure your dancer is well dressed in proper dance wear for our Winter Showcase.

Events

If health and safety allow, ADC will conduct and participate in a host of events throughout the year such as:

- Taste of Charlotte
- Family Fun Day
- Thanksgivings Day Parade- Indian Trail, NC
- Competition (details forthcoming)
- Juneteenth
- Holiday Festival

Staff

Our staff consists of highly trained and qualified Performing Arts Instructors with a great understanding of the importance of preparation and professionalism to provide an enriching experience for your child. Each instructor is required to complete a drug screening, and thorough background and reference check. Extensive training is also required prior to instructing your child.

Parking

ADC is located in the Saigon Square shopping center; 3000 Central Ave. #4. We are snuggled in the corner between Central Tea House and T&H Hair Salon. The parking area gets quite full in the evenings. Feel free to pull up in front of the studio to drop your child off in the studio. If the parking area is full, you can park at the gas station to the right of the shopping center, across the street at the Harbor Market or even behind the studio building to the left of the shopping center. When it's time to pick your child up, simply pull back up in front of the studio, come inside to dismiss your child.

Inclement Weather Policy

Allure Dance Creation will closely follow the Charlotte Mecklenburg School's cancellation policy. However, the days we are closed will not always correspond because the roads may improve or worsen. We will approach

these situations as they arise. If there is a late opening or delay our classes will meet as scheduled. If you have questions or are uncertain about whether classes will be held, please contact us on our communication page. We do not prorate or deduct from tuition due to weather, however, we may call in for a make-up day.

Wellness Guidelines

For the safety and well-being of all children and staff, the following health and wellness policies will be strictly enforced.

Children *should not* participate at Allure Dance Creation if one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. Illness that prevents the child from participating comfortably in class activity.
2. Illness that requires compromising the health and safety of other children or staff including:
 1. A fever higher than 100 degrees. Child must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before they can return to the program.
 2. Continuous, discolored nasal drainage, a note from a doctor is acceptable if drainage is caused by allergy.
 3. Diarrhea
 4. Vomiting within a 24-hour period
 5. Communicable diseases (including but not limited to: pink eye, head lice, skin rash, etc)

If children exhibit any of these symptoms during class, the parent/guardian will be asked to pick up child promptly. Child may return to the program once symptom-free for a 24-hour period or a doctor's note is provided.

Attendance

The student's regular attendance is imperative for consistent progress and ensures maximum benefits from class. Attendance and participation is vital on the outcome at our year end performance.

Please have your child use the bathroom before classes begin

- Arrive 5-10 minutes early in proper attire for class
- After 15 minutes of the class starting, the doors will be locked. Please do not knock on the doors to get in the classroom as you will not be able to attend that day.
- It is imperative that your child is picked up on time. If we are running late to get out of class, you must still be there on time to pick your child up.

Behavior and Conduct

Students are expected to listen, be courteous, and be respectful to instructors, fellow students, staff and all others. Disrespectful, mean, or uncooperative behavior/attitudes will not be accepted from anyone. **Any dancer or parent** displaying any of these behaviors will be discharged from Allure Dance Creation's program.

- We ask that parents ***stay out of eyesight*** while class is in progress. While we understand you would like to see your children in the studio, this is very distracting.
- This is your child's opportunity to develop self-confidence, explore their creativity, and... HAVE FUN!!!

Conferences

If you would like to speak with the instructor, or if you or your child has an issue, we are happy to discuss the situation with you. However, classes should begin promptly, and it is not always possible to speak or meet with the instructor during that time. You will need to arrange a time with the instructor. Any major concerns should always be directed to ADC's Director, Ms. Gee @ (704) 607-7692 or alluredancecreation@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ALLURE DANCE CREATION!