

Our Vision

To offer quality programming with qualified & experienced dance instructors in diverse genres. Our goal is to help grow your child into a well-rounded performer. Creativity, expression, teamwork and fun are all important factors of our studio dynamic!

Programs

For the young dancer (ages 3 – 5 years), we offer 12-week recreational sessions in a variety of disciplines.

For the recreational and more competitive dancer (ages 6+ years), we offer full year classes in a variety of dance styles. All full year classes will participate in the Year End Recital. Children may be asked to participate in local dance competitions as a soloist or part of a group at the discretion of the Program Coordinator.

Operating Policies

Dance Class Etiquette:

Respect- Dance classes are educational and fun; however, an important part of class work is developing an attitude of self-discipline and respect for teachers and fellow students. All members and registrants of Brite Studios are expected to practise utmost respect among fellow classmates, teachers and staff.

Abusive Behaviour- Bullying, aggressive or inappropriate behaviour from students, parents, or staff will not be tolerated at any time.

Class time- Students are not to be socializing in a disruptive manner during the class with other students. Please arrive early or stay late to enjoy friends and visit in the waiting area. Honor your teacher and fellow classmates by giving full attention and co-operation during class time. Should a student display continual disruptive behaviour, the Program Coordinator will set up a meeting with the student and parents to discuss further steps. Please ensure that your child uses bathroom facilities prior to entering class.

Late/Absent- Students are expected to arrive in time to enter their class at the scheduled start time, in their proper dance attire and with their hair done. Though we understand circumstances may arise that you cannot control, we ask that every effort is made to arrive early and on time to participate in class. Children who are sick may return to dance 24 hours after their symptoms end (symptoms such as infection, fever, vomiting or diarrhea). Students that are no longer in an infectious state or are injured, but unable to fully participate in class, will be welcomed to sit on the side and view the class. If you or your child are going to be late or absent, please inform the Program Coordinator, with as much notice as possible.

- Please note, absenteeism and tardiness have a large impact on the team and class morale. Poor attendance and repeated tardiness will be discussed at a meeting with the student, parents and Program Coordinator.
- Brite Studios does not pro-rate fees for missed classes.

Class Attire- Brite Studios has a dress code in place for all classes. A dress code is an important element of studying dance. Not only is it a form of respect for their studies, but it is also important for teachers to see muscle and body alignment in order to make appropriate corrections. Please refer to our dress code for more specific information on the requirements for each class.

Food & Drink- Water bottles only are permitted in the dance studios. All other food and drink should remain outside the studio space. Please respect other students' needs to utilize the space without having to roll or step in crumbs or puddles during their dance class.

Hallway- The hallway is considered studio space and we ask that it is treated as such. With this, please refrain from sitting, eating, or talking/visiting in the hallway. This is to ensure the hallway remains a clear pathway for all and that students are not disrupting classes or bringing in unwanted mess into the dance studios.

Questions/Concerns- Please forward all questions or concerns to the Program Coordinator. This is to provide our teachers the environment to focus fully on instruction and provide a quality and uninterrupted lesson to students.

The School Year:

The 12 week Sessional classes, for 3-5 year old's will run three times within the dance school year. The first semester will be the Fall session, the second semester will be the Winter session and the third semester will be the Spring session. Statutory holidays have been accounted for in the 12 week time period. Dates for the semester sessions will vary according to holidays for each school year. Please see our current calendar for specific start and end dates.

Full year classes begin in September and conclude in June. The school will be closed on all statutory holidays and school breaks that coincide with the school year.

Payment Methods:

All registration is online. Brite Studios accepts VISA and MasterCard. You will be required to enter your credit card information upon registration and all fees are due in full at time of registration. Your card will be processed once your registration has been received by our system.

Costumes:

Families will be charged a \$55 costume deposit per child per class upon registration for all full year classes. The remainder of the balance for the costume cost will be invoiced in February. Every effort will be made to keep costume costs low, however, several factors determine the total cost, including shipping & handling, duty fees and exchange rate. Costumes will not be released to families until the entire balance has been paid in full or arrangements have been made.

Please note, costumes are made for a generic size and may not fit children exactly. Alterations may need to be made upon receipt of costumes.

Should a student's costume be affected irrevocably, they may not be able to participate in competition and/or recital.



Picture Day:

All students registered in full year classes will participate in Picture Day. Students are expected to be in proper costume with their hair done according to class requirements. Full stage make up is required.

We ask that all parents drop their child off and pick them up from the studio for the specified time of their pictures. This is to avoid congestion within the studio space. Please remember to bring all necessary costuming (including tights, shoes, costume, and accessories) for your child and to have their hair done upon arrival. Teachers will be on hand for any hair adjustments and costume changes. Children will be assigned an arrival time and photo slot for their specific classes.

Class Withdrawal

Sessional Classes:

If you withdraw during the first 4 weeks of the class, we refund 60% of the class fee plus a \$25 administration fee. There is no refund of the registration fee. Withdrawals prior to the start of session will have a full refund minus a registration fee of \$25; registration fee is not refundable.

Monthly/Full Year Classes:

We take the following year June month's payment as a deposit. For withdrawals after August 21st, there is no refund of this fee. In addition, we require one (1) calendar month's written notice of withdrawal to avoid further charges. We regret that there are no withdrawals after March 1st and all remaining fees are due whether you attend or not. Registration fees are not refundable.

Class Cancellations:

Brite Studios reserves the right to cancel a class as a result of insufficient registration at the start of the session. A full tuition refund will be provided in this instance, or we will offer a suitable alternative for your child.

Inclement Weather:

Brite Studios reserves the right to cancel a class due to inclement weather that is hazardous for travel for our teachers and our students. Please check email for important messages. Classes may be rescheduled or prorated.

Class Viewing:

Brite Studios will hold a parent viewing week in the 1st term for all full year classes and 1 for each semester of Sessional classes. Parents will be welcomed to view the class in the last 15 minutes. This is to provide parents the opportunity to see the progress of their child and the quality instruction we provide at Brite, while not being disruptive to the class. Please refer to our calendar for the specific dates for the observation week.

Recital & Dress Rehearsal:

ALL full year classes will participate in the Year End Recital. Tickets will be available for purchase from the studio.

Students must be dropped off at the designated time, with all their necessary costuming, hair done and in full stage make up, at the theatre. Each class will run through their performance piece. Students must attend and participate in Dress Rehearsal in order to Dress rehearsal will take place in the morning of the recital day, with the recital performance commencing in the afternoon. Please send your child with a malleable change of clothes (sweater with a zipper or a buttoned shirt to avoid ruining hair and makeup). Children will stay at the recital hall for the entire day- please send your child with a mess and nut free lunch. We will provide snacks.

Competition:

Opportunities to compete will be at the discretion of the Program Coordinator and dance teachers. Students who show exceptional commitment to dance and students who display improvement and some technical ability will be considered for local competitions.

Promotional Material:

Brite Studios reserves the right to use photographic and video material for advertising and promotional purposes. Please fill out and return the release form the first day of classes or ensure you have checked off your acceptance of this through the online registration system.

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Parent Handbook

If you **DO NOT** want your child, yourself or a family member accessible for promotional purposes, please indicate on the form, as well as advising us promptly.