

FSAD GENERAL INFORMATION & POLICIES FOR 2023/2024

OUR FACILITIES

First Street Academy of Dance's Studios are located in Menominee's Historic Waterfront Downtown.

STUDIO I is located at 521 First Street. Students may enter the studio through the alley next to Marmen Computing. If you are parking, be sure not to block the alley. Please do not let students run in the hallway leading to the studio.

STUDIO II is located at 108 6th Ave (across the street from the alley entrance to Studio I). Students may be dropped off in front of the studio doors. The front doors enter directly into the studio. We ask that you wait outside until class is done to avoid interruptions or distractions to the classes that are in session.

Please note, on-street and alley parking is limited in our area. There is a large parking lot on the corner on 2nd Street and 6th Ave that is open to the public and steps from both studios. PLEASE AVOID THE MARMEN COMPUTING PARKING LOT BETWEEN 8AM & 5PM ON WEEKDAYS. This is a private lot and only available after their office hours and on weekends.



CLASS PLACEMENT & CLASS CANCELLATIONS

Students will be placed in classes based on age, but upon further revision may be recommended to change levels to better suit their ability. If a class enrollment falls below five (5) students, the class times adjusted, class may be canceled or combined with another class at a different time. Please note, students may not have the same classmates year after year.

ATTENDANCE

Since classes meet once a week, class attendance is required. Student participation is necessary to absorb class material and form stronger relationships within the classroom. Tardies and absences affect the entire class, so please make a conscious effort to be on time and attend your classes consistently. Please contact the studio or faculty of any absences and illness prior to the class starting. We do not prorate tuition due to vacations, illness or injury.

If a student is absent for four (4) weeks consecutively with no notice from the family, we will consider that student dropped regardless of the time of year. All previous tuition charges or costume deposits will still be due regardless of the drop date.

INCLEMENT WEATHER & CLASS CANCELLATION POLICY

Announcements of cancellations will also be made on the FSAD Facebook Page, as well as a text message to the mobile number we have on file. Cancellations due to weather will not be made up. ***We do not prorate tuition in cases of weather or other closings beyond the studio's control.***

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

FSAD follows the Marinette, Menominee and Peshtigo school systems as closely as possible for breaks with major holidays. **The studios do not close for spring breaks.** A studio break calendar will be sent home with your dancer. Teacher work days or in-services are not considered holidays.

The Studio will be closed the following days:

- September 5th - Labor Day
- November 23rd - 25th - Thanksgiving Break
- December 20th - January 2nd - Christmas Break

The studios do not close for spring breaks.

ANNUAL RECITAL

Our 31st Annual Dance recital will be held at Blesch Auditorium in Menominee, MI on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11, 2024. Details of performance and rehearsal dates and times will be sent to families in early 2024.

Our Summer Sessions **do not** culminate in a performance at the end of the term.

DRESS CODE

Appropriate dance attire is expected in every class for visibility and functional purposes. If dancers are not dressed appropriately, they will be asked to change, or sit out and watch class.

Appropriate dance attire is:

- **Ballet/Tap Combo:** pink ballet shoes, black tap shoes, leotard, tights (black, pink or tan) & hair neatly pulled back in a bun.
- **Ballet (Girls, all ages):** pink ballet shoes, leotard tights (black, pink or tan) & hair neatly pulled back in a bun.
- **Ballet (Boys, all ages):** ballet shoes, shorts or dance pants, form fitting t-shirt or tank top. Please no

overly baggy fitting clothing!

- **Jazz & Tap (ages 6+):** leotard, dance shorts, leggings or dance pants. Tan Jazz shoes and/or Black tap shoes & hair neatly pulled back.
- **Hip Hop (ages 8+):** sweats, leggings, dance shorts, t-shirts and tank tops are permitted. Students should be able to move comfortably and maintain a level of modesty. Students have a pair of sneakers/tennis shoes that are reserved only for this class. Do not wear these shoes to/from the studio so we can ensure our floors are clean for everyone!

- *We ask that any warm-ups, tank tops, or t-shirts that are worn during class are form fitting so faculty and dancers can easily see body placement and body lines.*

The First Street Academy of Dance has a close relationship with Second Skin Dance Shop in Marquette, MI. You can visit their website (<https://secondskinshop.com>) to order any dance wear needs. They have very fast processing and shipping! Second Skin visits FSAD twice a year in August and April for shoe fitting and dance wear shopping. Announcements will be made in July with dates.

TUITION & COSTS

Payment is due the first week of the summer session and we prefer not to send monthly statements. You are required to pay the full amount, whether your dancer is in every class or not. A late fee of \$15 will be added onto the account for every 30 days late.

A one time registration fee will be applied to the accounts the first month of each dance season (We have 2 seasons - summer session & school year) This fee is \$15 per dancer or \$20 per family.

Costume Balances are applied in November of each year. They are \$55 per costume (Ballet/Tap Combo classes have 1 costume) and usually cover almost all the costumes costs.

FSAD reserves the right to suspend a student from classes for overdue tuition or costs after 60 days of nonpayment. Students may re-enroll when the account is paid for in full. There will be NO refunds given for missed, mid-session dropped, or suspended classes for any reason.

Tuition is due monthly and we kindly ask that you pay the first week of the month.

An updated Tuition Table for the 2023 - 2024 Season is below. Tuition is based on the number of classes enrolled by an account (Family).

ONE CLASS	\$40
TWO CLASSES	\$70
THREE CLASSES	\$90
FOUR CLASSES	\$110
FIVE CLASSES	\$120
SIX CLASSES	\$130

*** Continue to add \$10 for each additional class beyond 6 classes.*

CONTACTING FSAD

Parents can text or call our studio line with any questions: 715-600-0251

We answer messages and calls during regular business hours (Between 9AM and 3PM). We may not be able to

answer text messages and phone calls while we are teaching classes in the evenings. We do our best to return messages within a business day.

Please make an effort to not call faculty members on their personal cell phones, please. Please only utilize their numbers in an emergent situation.

FSAD's Studio Offices are located inside Studio II. To arrange time to meet, please call the office at 715-600-0251. **At this time, we do not have open office hours.**

FSAD's mailing address is:

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521 First Street
Menominee, MI 49858

You can email us at fsadance@gmail.com.

We can be found on and sent messages through Facebook: www.facebook.com/firststreetacademyofdance
Messages can be seen by all FSAD faculty members and we do our best to respond to you within a business day.

Additional information can always be found on our website:
www.firststreetacademyofdance.com