

Registration Fee

There is a non-refundable \$30.00 registration fee per family due at the time of enrollment with a completed registration form. This fee must be paid and a registration form must be received before a student can take class.

Tuition

Our annual tuition rates are divided into 9 equal monthly payments (September through May) and are based on an annual course fee. All vacations and holidays have been taken into consideration in arriving at these fees. Student attendance does not affect tuition, and no tuition refunds will be given at any time, or for any reason, including but not limited to student absenteeism, students who quit lessons mid-month, or for any student whose tuition has been paid for the year in full. Students forced to withdraw from lessons because of a medical reason may show a doctor’s note and any prepaid tuition will be held as a credit towards tuition for the immediately following dance year (non-transferable). Tuition for any student starting after the first class will be prorated.

Payment Policy

September tuition is due by the first class with each following monthly payment due on the 10th of each month. Tuition payments received between the 11th and 20th of any given month will be charged a \$5.00 late fee. Tuition payments not received by the 20th of any given month will be charged a \$10.00 late fee.

We accept VISA, Master Card, Discover, American Express, checks and cash. Also accepting FlexFit, PersonalBest and Blue Cross/Blue Shield cards. Checks can be made payable to “Modern Movement Dance Studio, Inc.” and dropped off at the dance studio or mailed to 861 Brighton Road, Tonawanda, NY 14150.

We also offer the convenience of automatic recurring billing to your credit card each month. You must submit a signed authorization form (on the back of registration form) with your credit card information to set-up recurring payments. Recurring payments will be run on the 10th of each month, September through May, or, if your auto-bill is started after the first month of classes, then the month immediately following its submission.

There is a \$35.00 service charge on all returned checks. Any account with more than 2 returned checks will be required to pay in cash. Any student who falls behind more than 2 months on tuition will be required to sit out of class until their account is brought up-to-date including all late fees.

Tuition paid in full for the year by September 30th with cash or check will receive a 6% discount. Tuition paid in full by September 30th with a credit card will receive a 4% discount. Half year payments received by September 30th and January 30th will receive a 3% discount. *All tuition is non-refundable once paid - NO EXCEPTIONS.*

2022 – 2023 Tuition Fees

TOTAL HOURS OF CLASS EACH WEEK			MONTHLY	YEAR IN FULL	6% discount Cash or Checks FULL YEAR	4% discount Credit Cards FULL YEAR	3% discount HALF YEAR (2 pymts)
up to	1	hr	\$43	\$387	\$364	\$372	\$188
up to	1.5	hrs	\$60	\$540	\$508	\$518	\$262
up to	2	hrs	\$78	\$702	\$660	\$674	\$340
up to	2.5	hrs	\$91	\$819	\$770	\$786	\$397
up to	3	hrs	\$103	\$927	\$871	\$890	\$450
up to	3.5	hrs	\$115	\$1,031	\$969	\$989	\$500
up to	4	hrs	\$126	\$1,134	\$1,066	\$1,089	\$550
up to	4.5	hrs	\$132	\$1,188	\$1,117	\$1,140	\$576
up to	5	hrs	\$138	\$1,242	\$1,167	\$1,192	\$602

Please add \$10 per month tuition for each additional hour after 5.0 hours (i.e. 6 hours is \$148 per month, etc).

Any class consisting of 4 students or less will be charged for a full hour of class regardless of the actual length of class. Tuition fees apply to instruction given in-studio, with pre-recorded classes, or through a live-streaming platform.

Recital Fee and Information

A non-refundable \$35.00 recital fee per family is due by December 1, 2022. Payment of this fee constitutes your family's commitment to participate in the dance recital. Tickets will be available for purchase prior to the show (we are not responsible for lost or stolen tickets). Dancers do not need a ticket however all other guests do (including parents and siblings). Your account must have a \$0 balance in order to receive or purchase tickets. Students must attend all scheduled rehearsals to participate in the recital however participation in the recital is optional.

Costume Fees

Any student who chooses to participate in the recital must purchase the costume that is chosen by their teacher. Each separate performing class requires a \$70.00 costume fee due by December 1, 2022 (cash or checks ONLY; no credit cards). Costume fees not received by December 1, 2022 will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee *per costume* and if applicable, any additional shipping costs incurred to the studio because of late payment. Once paid, costume fees are non-refundable for any reason, **no exceptions**. No costume will be ordered for any student whose fee(s) have not been received.

Studio Calendar

We are not closed every time there is a day off of school, nor are we closed for every holiday that schools close for.

We will be closed on Halloween (if it falls on a weekday), the Wednesday through Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, two weeks surrounding Christmas and New Year's, President's week in February and one week surrounding Easter. If the dance recital date falls after Memorial Day, we will also be closed Memorial Day.

Class Attendance and Class Placement

Classes are based on dancer's age as of November 15, 2022. Good attendance and being on time to class is imperative and should be taken seriously. Excessive absences and tardiness can limit progress of a dancer and affect the overall growth and development of an entire class. Students consistently late to class or who miss frequently may not progress as quickly as their peers and may be asked to move down in level. The ability for a dancer to attend a makeup class at a different level is at the discretion of our teachers. Our class placement is based on skill mastery and readiness, not necessarily by age, and is solely at the discretion of the instructor.

Cancellations and Emergency Closings

The dance studio will close when the Kenmore-Tonawanda School District closes due to inclement weather. Please check our Facebook page as well as your email for closing information as these are your primary sources for closing information. Studio closings may also be posted on channels 2, 4 and 7 but that is not guaranteed. Text alerts are also available but are optional and must be signed up for each new dance year. Families *will not* be called individually if the studio closes for any reason. No tuition refunds will be given for any reason including studio closings and make up lessons are at the discretion of the teacher.

Should there be any reason that Modern Movement is forced to close to in-studio instruction for an extended period of time, pre-recorded classes, Zoom classes, or classes taught over any other live-streaming platforms will take over instruction. In this scenario, tuition payments will continue to be due as regularly scheduled and no refunds will be given for tuition paid in advance.

Solos, Duets and Trios

Any student who wishes to perform a solo, duet or trio in the dance recital must be enrolled in the style of dance they wish to perform, as well as be enrolled in a **ballet** class. The student wishing to perform a solo, duet or trio may miss up to 3 ballet classes during the dance year however more than 3 misses will disqualify that dancer from being eligible to perform a solo, duet or trio.

Class Assistants

Students ages 12 years or older who show a true love of dance and the desire to help others may be asked to become a class assistant. Students asked will have shown that they are responsible, outgoing, kind, and patient. They must be enrolled in a **ballet** class and may not miss more than 4 ballet classes during the year. They must have studied the style of dance they are to assist for a minimum of 3 years, as well as currently be enrolled in that style, and may not miss more than 4 of those classes in a year. Class assistants unable to make it to their assigned class must give their instructor at least 48 hours' notice, except in emergencies, and are responsible for finding their own coverage for the class they are missing. Class assistants who show poor class attendance, are frequently tardy, or who act in a way contradictory to their role model status, will be asked to step down from being a class assistant. Further guidelines will be reviewed with the dancers who are asked to be a class assistant.

COVID-19 Studio Guidelines

MMDS will follow any mandates issued by the Erie County and New York State governments. Studio closings, the usage of masks, and other safety precautions might vary throughout the year as state and county guidelines change.

Dress Code and Shoe Requirements

Specific dance attire and dance shoes required for each class. Students who do not follow the dress attire requirements will be asked not to participate in class. **Tights are mandatory for each class** excluding hip hop, and all students must have their hair secured out of their face.

Pajama pants and jeans are prohibited at all times.

**** For your convenience, all of the required dance shoes, tights and apparel are available for purchase at our dance studio ****

"DANCE WITH ME" – Any loose clothing that allows for easy movement. Sneakers or closed toe flat shoes. No flip flops or sandals.

TINY TOTS (ages 2 to 4) - Any color leotard and tights. Ballet skirt or tutu may be worn.

Tan buckle or Velcro tap shoes (**NO shoes with ties**) and proper pink ballet shoes (combo class), NOT bedroom slippers that look like a ballet shoe.

TAP - Any color and style leotard and pink, white, tan or black tights. Fitted black jazz pants or dance shorts allowed over leotard and tights.

Ages 5 and 6, levels 1 & 2 - tan buckle or Velcro shoes (**NO shoes with ties**).

Levels 3 and higher - tan slip-on tap shoes.

JAZZ & LYRICAL - Any color and style leotard and pink, white, tan or black tights. Fitted black jazz pants or dance shorts allowed over leotard and tights.

All jazz and lyrical classes - tan split sole, slip-on jazz shoe.

MUSICAL THEATER - Any color and style leotard and pink, white, tan or black tights. Fitted black jazz pants or dance shorts allowed over leotard and tights.

Beginner musical theater classes – tan split sole, slip-on jazz shoe.

Intermediate and higher musical theater classes – nude character shoe with 1.5 inch heel.

BALLET - Any style leotard and pink, white or tan tights. Ballet skirt optional.

Levels 2 and lower - pink leather full-sole ballet slipper.

Levels 3 and higher – Capezio Hanami canvas split sole ballet slipper in nude.

HIP HOP - Warm up pants or comfortable loose street clothes. No jeans or shorts. Kneepads are optional.

Levels 1 and lower - Black sequin low-top dance sneakers. Must be purchased through MMDS.

Levels 2 and higher - Black sequin high-top dance sneakers. Must be purchased through MMDS.

ACRO - Must wear leotard (any color and style) and footless or stirrup tights. Dance shorts optional. No shoes required. **No bare legs.**

MODERN - Any color and style leotard and pink, white, tan or black footless or stirrup tights. Dance shorts optional. Nude bear paws or bare feet.

MALE DANCER SHOES & APPAREL - T-shirt with shorts or loose pants of any color. No jeans.

Black tap shoes with laces. Black slip-on jazz shoes. Black ballet shoes. Black hip hop sneakers.

No shoes are required for acro.