



## 2020-2021 Policy Packet

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**Our Mission Statement: to educate, to inspire, to guide and encourage students that walk through our doors with the highest dance standards.** We teach so more than just dance. Our pursuit is to train brilliant dancers and also to support; Respect, Leadership, Humanity, Tolerance, and Loyalty. Thank you to the enthusiastic dance community, you develop and excite our passion of dance education at TNT Dance Studio.

"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think." -Albert Einstein

### Registration

The registration process must be completed online before a dancer may participate in class at TNT Dance Studio. Registration includes: Family account (billing account), dancer profile, and policy packet signature of acceptance. Registration fees are applied at the dancer's start of 2020-2021 season. The registration fee is \$35 a dancer, to be paid upon class registration. Families with multiple dancers will receive a discounted registration fee with each additional dancer (2 dancers is \$60, each additional dancer add \$15). Returning families will have a discounted registration fee.

### Tuition

Tuition is billed monthly to the family account on the first of the month. Any unpaid accounts after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month will incur a \$10 late fee charge to their account.

Tuition may be paid in 3 separate ways:

- Online Auto-Payment: Monthly (Accounts will be charged on the 5th of the month) \*Declined cards must be updated in 5 business days before a \$15 administration fee is charged
- Online Payments: Manually enter payments the 1st-10th of the month.
- Make a payment at the studio (Cash, Check, Credit Cards are accepted)

\*Any returned checks will be charged a \$30 Non-Sufficient Funds Fee to their account.  
Payment must be made within 7 business days of notice from TNT.

Discounts are available for families with multiple students (2 students 10% off, 3+ students 15%).

Tuition payments are not refundable and missed classes cannot be pro-rated. This also takes into consideration 3 snow days per day of the week.

Some missed classes can be made up in a comparable class as long as arrangements are made within 5 days of the missed class. Please reach out to the office to communicate options.

## Arrival

Please bring your dancer **10 minutes** prior to the start of class. If there is an instance your dancer needs to be dropped off earlier, TNT must be notified in advance. There will be someone to greet your child in the waiting room. Students should hang jackets up and place street shoes neatly together, out of the way. Only dance bags and water should enter the classroom at the start of class. \*All students should use the restroom prior to start of class time. \*Please encourage your child to enter the classroom independently when the studio doors are opened. If assistance is needed to change shoes, teachers and assistants will be available.

### **\*Covid-19 Arrival**

Please bring your dancer 5 Minutes prior to the start of their class time. Dancers will be greeted at the entry door by a TNT staff member as soon as the studio is prepared for class. Students will have temperature checks taken on their wrists with a contactless thermometer. Dancers may optionally wear a mask however, our staff will have face coverings. Please see Attendance section for more information on Covid-19 protocols.

## Dress Code

TNT Dance Studio strives to create a judgement free zone for an optimal learning environment. Our dress code enables the student to move properly and with free range of motion; allows the teacher to quickly identify and correct alignment and safety issues; reduces social and economic barriers within the studio; shows respect for the teacher and classmates by taking your time in class seriously, fosters self-discipline and personal responsibility; and creates pride in engaging with the long history of the art of dance!

### Attire

- Ballet – Black leotard (any sleeve style – no halters please), pink footed ballet tights with pink ballet slippers or flesh-toned footed tights with flesh-toned ballet slippers  
or Black/White t-shirt, with black soft pants or footless leggings, and black ballet slippers

(Ballet slippers will preferably be leather split sole, although canvas is permitted. Ballet skirts may be worn as long as they are not a distraction. Legwarmers and/or dance sweaters are permitted in cold weather. Dancers may be asked to remove warm-ups once class is in session.)

- Tap, Musical Theater, Jazz and Contemporary – Solid top: leotard, fitted shirt or tank top. Solid black bottoms: tights, soft pants or footless leggings.
- \*Hip Hop and break-dance students may accessorize with black sweatpants etc.\* (Note if clothing is too baggy teachers cannot be sure dancers are moving correctly.) Baseball hats or bandanas that are not distracting to learning will be permitted.

### Shoes

- Tap – Dancers 9 years old and younger may wear a black Mary-Jane styled tap shoe. Dancers 10 years old and up should wear black Oxford style tap shoes.
- Jazz/Musical Theater – Black slip on Jazz shoes are preferred, however tie up jazz shoes are okay also (dancer must be able to tie their own shoe).
- Contemporary/Acro – Dancers should be barefoot or wear a gripping sock.
- Hip Hop/Breakdancing – Black none marking-sole sneakers (ankle support recommended).

## Attendance

If your child will be absent from dance please notify TNT Dance Studio as soon as possible. Consistent attendance and timely arrival are very important for your child's progress in the classroom. We ask that you try to plan trips and days off during vacation times. Instances involving consistent tardiness and extended absences (for reasons other than illness) may require a class change or private lesson to catch up (separate expense). Keeping the child's best interest in mind, parents may be contacted to discuss the situation.

### **\*Covid-19 Attendance**

TNT Dance studio will be basing classroom operation the same as the public school system's color designation program. This program can be found on the Maine Department of Education or Maine Department of Health and Human services, for those looking for more information. Since TNT has such a geographical diversity we find the color designation system to be applied to the individual dancer. If your dancers school/county is in the green, your dancer will take in-studio instruction 100% of the time, with temperature checks on the dancer's wrist as they enter and hand sanitizer on the way in and way out. (Please ensure your dancer has entered the studio with a healthy temperature (below 99.9 F) before leaving). Masks are optional for students. If your dancer's school/county is in the yellow, your dancer will go to a hybrid of online (zoom) and in studio instruction, temperatures will be checked at the door on the dancer's wrist and squirt of sanitizer in and out. Students are encouraged to wear masks into the studio and then placing them in a plastic bag, under the yellow designation. If your dancer's school is in red, your dancer will take 100% online classes for their regularly scheduled time on zoom. Students who are home schooled with their individual family will be exempt from the color system however home schooled students who engage in group activities are encouraged to use their county color designation. Thank you for your understanding and know we hope to have the dancers all in studio as much as possible!

## Classroom Rules

At TNT Dance Studio the following rules apply to all classes:

**No Food, Gum, or Soft Drinks allowed in the studio.**

**Water Bottles Only.**

**No Cell Phones allowed in the classroom.**

**Please encourage your child to use the restroom before class.**

**NO RUNNING...we walk or skip.**

**We use indoor voices.**

**We raise our hand if we have something to say.**

**We keep our hands on our own bodies.**

**We say please and thank you.**

**We know that every person is special and important.**

## "Dance It Forward" Holiday Show

## Scholarship Program

**\*Covid-19 Update** - Show details to be announced as we get closer to December. Right now we are unsure how this show will look, however we are confident that there will be a great option. Please read below to learn about our scholarship show.

TNT Dance Studio presents "Dance It Forward" to provide dancers with a performance opportunity midway through the season. This show does not require costumes to be purchased and (most) dancers will have one routine on stage. Our "low budget" show admission and donations generates the money we give out each spring. Last season TNT awarded over \$5,700 to help students continue their dance education. Whatever you can do to help would be appreciated, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities available! Please see message board for details throughout the year. Everyone is eligible to apply for a scholarship in the spring!

## Production Costumes

The general perception is that dance costumes are expensive, which in some respects is true. But, when you take into consideration that costume companies are sewing to order, albeit less than tailoring, and that this is a once a year event, you may have a better understanding of the costume pricing structure.

Costume Deposits are non – refundable under any circumstances! Costuming any production is a labor intensive task that requires measuring, ordering, checking the order, and trying to predict which students are going to grow beyond the measurement allowances. Altering costumes is sometimes inevitable. TNT Dance Studio is not responsible for any minor alterations that costumes may need.

Costume costs range from \$65 to \$75 each. Half of the costume balance is due with November's tuition and the remaining balance is due with December's tuition. Payments may be made earlier and will be tracked through the online family account.

On the bright side... the costumes really make the show, and the dancers have a special outfit they can keep forever. We always try to provide the students with something they will feel confident performing in. TNT Dance Studio prides itself in age appropriate costuming.

### **\*Covid-19 Update**

We will have more information available in October regarding the plan for spring production costumes. We want to be creative during this unpredictable time to ensure that you can get use of what you purchase.

## Spring Productions Information

**\*Covid-19 Update** - Below is what we normally plan to do however this season we will have more information as the season progresses. Stay tuned and know that we appreciate the patience.

Each year TNT Dance Studio has two spring productions to showcase all the hard work the dancers have done during the dance season. Students are expected to preform in both Saturday and Sunday Shows.

**Saturday, May 1st at 6:00pm | Sunday, May 2nd at 2:00pm**

Waterville Opera House

*Please mark your calendars today to avoid conflicts with these mandatory performance practices\**

\*Stage Rehearsal **Monday-Wednesday (April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>)** Times T.B.A.

**\*Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**: Leotard Run through \*All Dancers

**\*Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**: Dress rehearsal is closed to the public. Parents and students will receive one ticket that they must have to enter! More details to follow in the spring.

## Production Tickets

First Day of Ticket Sales for TNT Parents Only: Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 from 8:00am – 2:00pm

Opening day ticket cost \$16.00 each. Every performer will get a discounted rate of \$10 a ticket (per show) on opening day only. All Seating is Reserved. \*At 8:00am numbers will be passed out in the order of people as they have arrived. (Like a supermarket deli) Parents will be served starting with number 1. More information to come this spring!

Tickets on Sale to the public: Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2021. Tickets will be on sale during studio hours at \$18 each. Please note: Production tickets will be \$20.00 each the week of Opera House rehearsals and performances.

\*\*\*All accounts must be paid in full before tickets may be purchased.

### **Storm Cancellations**

When there is early dismissal or no school, classes will NOT be automatically canceled! Cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced by **1:00pm**. E-mails will be sent out or check our TNT Dance Studio Facebook Page.

Please feel free to contact the studio (207) 453-2642 if you are unsure.

Make up classes for snow days will be made up if more than 3 snow days occur on the same day of the week.

TNT Dance Studio will leave early pick up to the discretion of the parents. If there is a storm, we will phone the parents of those remaining children and ask them to pick up their children.

### **Water & Snacks**

**\*Covid-19 Update -** We will only be selling water bottles for \$1. Unfortunately we will not be selling snacks or using the refillable water station.

**Water bottles will be available for \$1.00 / There is a water fill up station in the studio for free.**

Snacks will be for sale \$1.00 - \$2.00. Snacks must be eaten in the waiting area. **No food will enter the studio.**

Please do not send your child to dance with any **nut/peanut product snacks**. We do have students with allergies.

**RECYCLE:** Place all returnable bottles in the recycling bin outside the entrance. Deposit money will support the Competitive Edge Team.

### **Safety**

The safety of all the children is the priority of TNT. Our staff makes every attempt to provide our students with proper training and a safe environment. Students and their parents/guardians assume the risk involved with any injuries that can occur as a result of taking a dance class, and TNT Dance Studio and its instructors are not responsible for injuries as a result of the student's participation. Should a severe injury occur, the emergency contact provided on file will be notified.

### **Newsletters**

**\*Covid-19 Update –** Our normal events are on hold for the time being.

Monthly Newsletters are a great way to stay informed with TNT Studio News. We are a very active dance studio, with lots of team building opportunities for your child. We would hate for you to miss out on the fun! Newsletters will help you stay tuned for: Dance-A-Thons, "Kidz Nights", Teen Game Night, Parade, Maine Dance Workshops, Giving Tree for Little Wanderers, Food Drive & more.

### **Discipline**

We strive to protect a child's self-image at all times. Also, respect for other people and property is expected at all times. Students are asked to explore alternatives to the behavior involved. They are asked to think

about the effects their behavior has on others. This helps them to develop a sense of responsibility for their actions and to further develop consideration for others. Disciplinary problems are handled by the directors; Miss Tiffany, Mr. Jesse, or Miss Terri. When a situation warrants, parents are notified.

### **Observations**

**\*Covid-19 Update** – More information will be available January 2021

TNT Dance Studio's classes are closed to observers. Dancers are less distracted during their classes. TNT encourages parents to observe class during visiting week. Visiting week dates will be posted; see 2020-2021 spring calendar for more information.

### **Toys and Jewelry**

No toys, purses, blankets or non-appropriate jewelry may be brought to dancing as they distract the children from their lessons. Students will be less focused when they have something “special” with them at dance.

### **Messages and Phone Calls**

Telephone Calls to TNT should be made at 453-2642.

The preferred form of contact is through e-mail. Phone calls can be scheduled through e-mail or at the front desk. Phone calls can be made during studio hours, however the studio is an active environment, please leave a message.

E -mail any Questions: [tntdancestudiodesk@gmail.com](mailto:tntdancestudiodesk@gmail.com) or find us on facebook @TNT Dance Studio

**Sign and return last page!**

At TNT Dance Studio all students are placed in appropriate levels based on age and ability. This ensures the best, most appropriate environment for each student to learn and excel at their own pace. Our dance philosophy is to build self-esteem, motivate students to achieve their potential, and instill self-confidence while developing strong character. Please contact us with any questions or concerns about our dance program.

TNT Dance Studio and its employees are not responsible for personal injuries, damage or loss of personal property. If injury occurs it is understood that the own families insurance policy is the only source of reimbursement.

**I have read the 2020-21 Policy Information Packet. Parent/Guardian must sign below agreeing to the policies listed above in the studio policy terms and conditions.**

Welcome to TNT

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent / Guardian Name (Please Print)**

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**Parent / Guardian Signature**

Initial Below

\_\_\_\_\_ I give TNT Dance Studio permission to use photos/videos taken of my child for any advertising and promotions.

\_\_\_\_\_ If classes move to a hybrid zoom class (yellow designation), I give permission for TNT Dance Studio to stream my child's class to enrolled classmates learning from home.

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY 2020-2021 Dance Season**

I, a PARTICIPANT or LEGAL GUARDIAN OF PARTICIPANT of TNT Dance Studio, recognize and acknowledge receipt of the guidelines set by TNT Dance Studio for the safety of its staff, students, and families. In further consideration of being permitted to participate in TNT Dance Studio activities, including, but not limited to, classes, rehearsals and performances, the undersigned agrees to the following waivers and discharges of liability:

- All physical activities assume certain risks of physical injury, and I agree to assume full risk of any injuries, including damages, death, or loss with may be sustained, directly or indirectly, as a result of participation.
- In case of emergencies requiring medical care for myself/child/family member involving first aid, CPR, ambulance or related medical transportation or hospital provided care and incidents, I consent to allow TNT Faculty to initiate necessary medical intervention in my potential absence or incapacity.
- I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and other related, contagious diseases and viruses, and voluntarily assume the risk that I/my child/my family may be exposed to or infected by one such virus, and such exposure could result in injury, illness, disability and/or death.
- I acknowledge that exposure to illness can be caused, directly or indirectly, by the actions of myself and others, including faculty, staff, and families.
- I have read, understood, and acknowledge the studio policy information provided to me, and agree to follow those policies with a high standard of care.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND FURTHER AGREE THAT NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OR INDUCEMENT APART FROM THE FOREGOING WRITTEN AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS A PROMISE NOT TO SUE AND A RELEASE OF AND INDEMNIFICATION FOR ALL CLAIMS INVOLVING TNT DANCE STUDIO, ITS FACULTY AND PERFORMANCE STAFF.

IF SIGNING ON BEHALF OF MINOR: I also understand that this agreement is made on behalf of my minor child(ren) and/or legal wards and I represent and warrant to TNT Dance Studio that I have full authority to sign this agreement on behalf of such minor(s).

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Participant Name

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Participant Date of Birth

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Participant Signature (if over 18)

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Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (printed)