

Faith in Motion Christian School of Dance

Student Handbook



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Our Purpose

FIM is a Christ-centered worship facility that offers instruction in dance technique without compromising lyrics or movements. Our desire is to place the attention on the Giver, not the gift. We dance with the purpose of worshiping our King and progressing the Kingdom by proclaiming the gospel one dance at a time!

"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."
1 Corinthians 10:31

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Dress Code

Proper dance attire helps every dancer move safely, confidently, and with excellence.

Female Dancers

- ✓ Wide-strap leotard
- ✓ Dance tights & proper dance shoes
- ✓ Appropriate cover-up
- ✓ Hair secured in a bun or ponytail

Male Dancers

- ✓ T-shirt
- ✓ Sweatpants or fingertip-length athletic shorts
- ✓ Proper dance shoes

Students enrolled in **60-minute or longer classes** are also required to purchase a **FIMdance Unitard**, which is worn for community ministry opportunities and may also be worn during class.

✓ Approved Cover-Ups

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| ✓ Leggings | ✓ Ballet skirt |
| ✓ Sweatpants | ✓ Yoga pants |
| ✓ Capri pants | ✓ Fingertip-length athletic shorts |

⊘ Not Permitted

- Toys
- Street shoes
- Jeans
- Hot pants
- Spaghetti straps
- Crop tops or half shirts
- Clothing with writing across the buttocks
- Gum or candy
- Food or drinks (except water)
- Jewelry (except a wedding band)
- Apple Watches, smart watches, cell phones, or electronic devices inside the dance room

Modesty Matters Clothing should always provide full coverage and reflect the Christ-centered values of FIM.



FIM Gear is available for purchase at the Front Desk.

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Attendance

Every Dancer Matters

Your attendance affects not only your own progress but also the success of the entire class. If an absence is necessary, a parent or guardian must notify the studio by leaving a voicemail at: ☎ (765) 674-2346

Attendance Guidelines

- ✓ We do not offer make-up classes.
- ✓ Excessive absences may affect participation in ministry opportunities, including Winter & Spring recitals.
- ✓ Beginning in April, **Mandatory Saturday Sessions** are held at FIM as our pre-recital rehearsals. Attendance is required for recital participants.

Honored Holidays

- ✓ Labor Day ✓ Fall Break ✓ Thanksgiving ✓ Christmas Break ✓ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ✓ President's Day ✓ Spring Break ✓ Memorial Day

Studio Closings

Class cancellations due to weather will follow the MCS closings & will be posted on FIM's social media.

"Let all things be done decently and in order."
1 Corinthians 14:40

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Easy Payment Plan If tuition is not paid in full at early enrollment, your EPP Payment is due on the 1st of each month *regardless of attendance, holidays or closings* • All accounts must be paid in full by April 1 • Payments received after the 8th of each month will receive a **\$15 late fee** • NSF check fee is \$30 & future payments will be required to be made in cash • Class tuition & registration fees are non-refundable • Tuition does NOT include shoes, costume, FIMgear or recital fees.

Discounts

REFER A FRIEND: FIM students receive a \$5 tuition credit for every referral that pays a minimum of 1- month tuition.

FAMILY FAVORS: FIM offers \$50 tuition savings on multiple family members, beginning with the 3rd sibling. *All dancers must reside in the same household.*

ALL IN: Accounts paid in full **by September 1** will receive 5% off the total tuition.

TECHNIQUE ADD-ON: Students receive \$50 off of class tuition beginning with the second technique (excluding Foundation "BUN"dles).

FIM SCHOLARSHIPS: N2K, Inc. Dance Scholarship applications, when available, can be retrieved at the front desk. **Registration fees, shoes & costumes are NOT included in special offers, scholarships or favors.*

FUNDRAISERS: FIM students may utilize fundraiser credits for costume and/or tuition fees. **NO cash refunds; ALL leftover credits will be donated to the N2K, Inc. Dance Scholarship Fund.*

Withdrawal Procedures Our classes and recital choreography are developed each year based on student enrollment. If you wish to discontinue classes, the parent (or financially responsible party) must email rachelle@fimdance.com to request a withdrawal form and settle any remaining balance on the students' account on or before **November 1** OR the entire year tuition will be due. If the November 1st deadline is met, the parent is only held financially responsible for the amount of weeks the student was actually enrolled, regardless of attendance.

Recital & Costumes FIM'S annual recital will be held in **May**. **Recital Fees** are due **March 1**: \$100 for the first dancer, & \$50 for each additional dancer in the same household. **Recital ticket** pre-sales begin **April 1**. **Costume fees:** are **\$100 per student, per class** (for classes 60 min or longer), **\$80 per student, per class** (for classes 45 min or less). Costume fees must be paid in full by **November 1** or your child will *not* be permitted to minister in the annual recital. **Ticket and costume fees are non-refundable.*

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Dance Tuition

Babies

Classes include Tap & Ballet techniques. DRESS CODE: Wide strap leotard & tights w/ballet skirt, leggings, shorts, yoga or sweatpants. Black Tap & Pink Ballet shoes. Full year enrollees will participate in the spring recital.

Baby I \$328EPP \$41 Age: 3-4yrs; No experience required; class meets **30min** once a week
Baby II \$328EPP \$41 Age: 4-5yrs; 1yr experience required; class meets **30min** once a week
Baby III \$364EPP \$44 Age: 5-6yrs; 2yrs experience required; class meets **45min** once a week

Intro to Baby \$60 Approximate age: 3-5yrs; No experience required; class meets **30min** once a week for six weeks. Includes Tap & Ballet. This class is only offered in our season's **2nd Semester**, typically beginning in February. It is intended to introduce students & parents to the FIMdance program. Students do NOT participate in the year-end recital. Dress code is more relaxed but still modest. Students are welcome to borrow shoes from our Shop 'n Swap wall in the main lobby.

Beginners

Individual class option of Ballet **OR** choose a Combination of Tap & Jazz

Level I \$424EPP \$53 Age: 6-9yrs; NO experience; class meets **60min** once a week
Levels II \$456EPP \$57 Prerequisite: 1-2yrs experience; class meets **75min** once a week
Level III, IV \$488EPP \$61 Prerequisite: 3+yrs experience; class meets **90min** once a week
*** Technique Add-on:** Students receive \$50 off of tuition beginning with the second technique

Pre-Intermediates

Individual class options of Tap, Ballet Pre-BUNdle **OR** Hip-Jazzy-Hop

Level I, II \$424EPP \$53 Prerequisite: Minimum 4yrs experience; class meets **60min** once a week
***Pre-BUNdle \$640EPP \$80** Includes **60min** ballet choreography class & **60min** Foundations I Class

*** Technique Add-on:** Students receive \$50 off of tuition beginning with the second technique

**Ballet Foundations are fundamentals including terminology, execution, form and alignment for Intermediate - Advanced Level Ballet & Pointe students; this mandatory class meets once a week in addition to the student's choreography class.*

Intermediates

Individual class options of Tap, Ballet BUNdle, Pre-Pointe, Modern **OR** Hip-Jazzy-Hop

Level I, II \$456EPP \$57 Prerequisite: Minimum 5yrs experience; class meets **75min** once a week
Level III \$488EPP \$61 Prerequisite: Minimum 6yrs experience; class meets **90min** once a week
***BUNdle I \$672EPP \$84** Includes **75min** ballet choreography class & **60min** Foundations I Class
***BUNdle II \$728EPP \$91** Includes **90min** ballet choreography class & **75min** Foundations II Class
***Pre-pointe BUNdle III \$792EPP \$99** Requires Sr. Instructor recommendation; includes **90min** ballet choreography class & **90min** Foundations III Class

*** Technique Add-on:** Students receive \$50 off of tuition beginning with the second technique

**Ballet Foundations are fundamentals including terminology, execution, form and alignment for Intermediate - Advanced Level Ballet & Pointe students; this mandatory class meets once a week in addition to the student's choreography class.*

Advanced

Individual class options of Tap, Pointe, Modern **OR** Hip-Jazzy-Hop

ADVANCED \$488EPP \$61 Modern & Hip-Jazzy-Hop Class meets **90min** once a week
\$424EPP \$53 Advanced Tap Class meets **60min** once a week
***POINTE BUNdle \$1,048EPP \$131** Requires Sr. Instructor recommendation; includes **90min** Ballet choreography class, **45min** Pointe choreography class, **90min** Foundations III Class

*** Technique Add-on:** Students receive \$50 off of tuition beginning with the second technique

**Ballet Foundations are fundamentals including terminology, execution, form and alignment for Intermediate - Advanced Level Ballet & Pointe students; this mandatory class meets once a week in addition to the student's choreography class.*

Adult

Class options of Tap, Hip-Jazzy-Hop **OR** Ballet

\$424EPP \$53 Class meets **60min** once a week

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Classroom Expectations

Character Before Choreography

At FIM, we believe great dancers are first people of great character.

Every FIMdancer is expected to:

- ♥ Keep hands, feet, and belongings to yourself.
- ♥ Show respect to instructors, classmates, volunteers, and studio property.
- ♥ Speak/respond when spoken to.
- ♥ Listen quietly while instruction is being given.
- ♥ Follow directions the first time.
- ♥ Practice speaking words of life & ability; "can't" is not in our vocabulary.
- ♥ Remain in your classroom unless given permission by your Sr Instructor.
- ♥ Encourage others with kindness and Christ-like attitudes.
- ♥ Arrive on time and ready to learn.

We strive to create a classroom where every dancer feels safe, valued, encouraged, and challenged to become all God has created them to be.

Discipline

- ✗ 1 - Verbal warning ✗ 2 - Time out in classroom ✗ 3 - Dismissed from class for the day

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★ *Technique Evaluations*

Growing in Excellence

Every dancer will participate in two technique evaluations during the dance season:

📖 **December Evaluation**

📖 **April Evaluation**

These evaluations measure technical growth, encourage continued improvement, and assist instructors in placement and advancement decisions.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."
Colossians 3:23

💙 THE FIM PROMISE

At Faith in Motion, we are more than a dance studio, we are family...the FIM Family.

We are committed to providing a safe, encouraging, and Christ-centered environment where dancers grow in:

- ★ Faith
- ★ Character
- ★ Discipline
- ★ Excellence
- ★ Leadership
- ★ Worship

Together, we will continue to **Dance With a Purpose** as we share the love of Jesus **one dance at a time.**