




2025-26 STUDENT HANDBOOK

This handbook contains information about classes, the studio, and student and parent expectations. All of the teachers and staff at DiD are dedicated to making sure our customers' experience is positive. We look forward to making this year at DiD successful!


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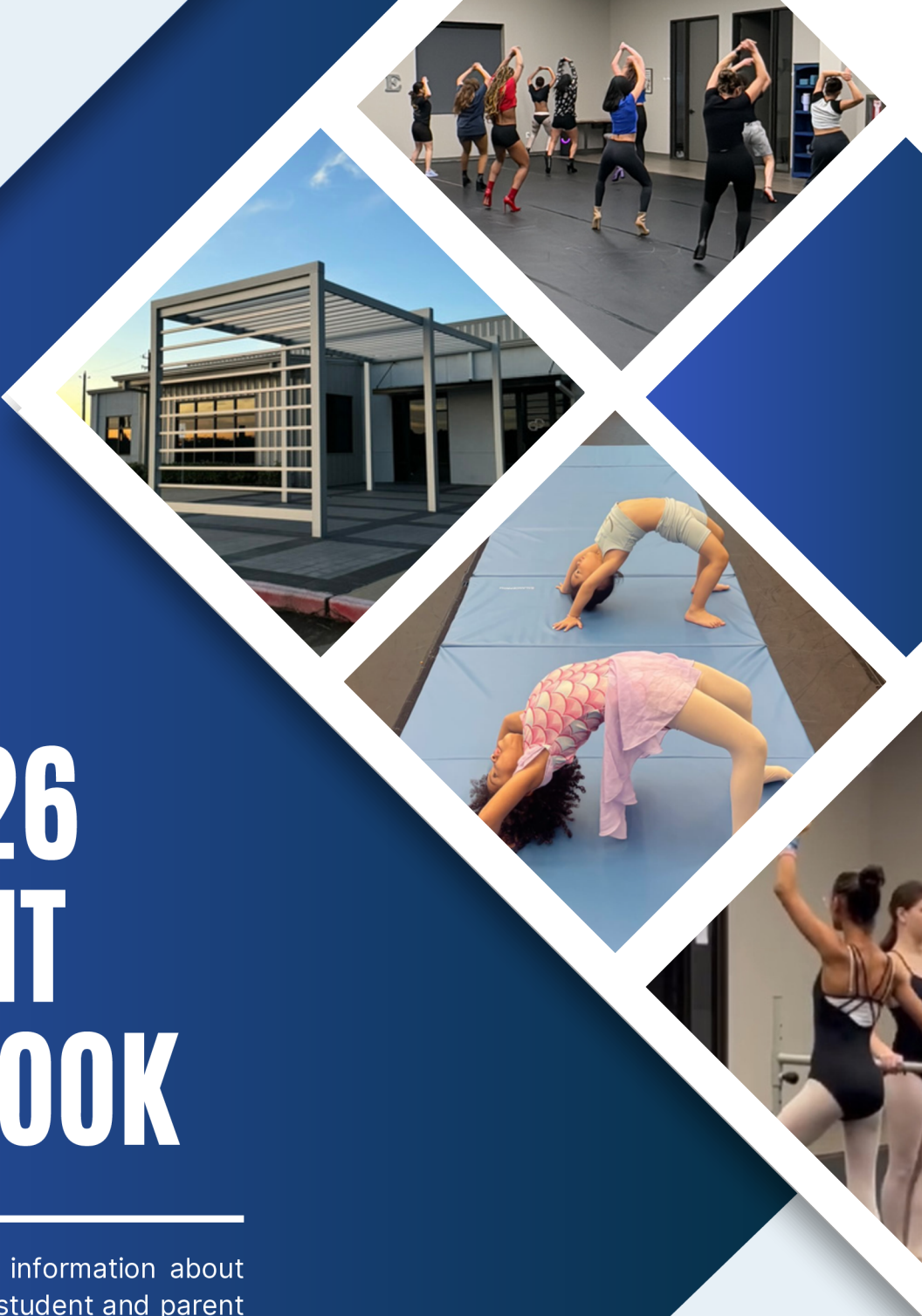
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DiD Instructors

The DiD Philosophy – More Than Just Great Dancing

The DiD staff participates in annual training on topics to help keep our students physically, emotionally, and mentally safe while in our care. As indicated by our name, DiD values diversity and inclusion in all aspects. Students are encouraged to be their full, authentic, best selves to our studio.

All teachers are background checked prior to hiring. We teach choreography, use music, and choose costumes that are age appropriate and that present an overall experience that reflects DiD's values and standards of a safe-space and inclusive studio. We are committed to body-positive language that is mindful of tone and content and aims to avoid body shaming or ableism in any capacity. Our staff conducts itself in a professional manner at all times. DiD staff and leadership communicate and attend trainings continually to uphold these standards. DiD staff are first-aid and CPR trained and certified.

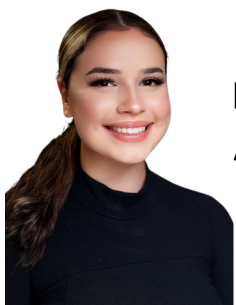
DiD also believes in the importance of exploring other art forms, engaging in community outreach, and fostering a supportive dance community that celebrates diversity and collaboration. Remember, being a well-rounded dancer involves focusing on more than just the steps; it's about cultivating a lifelong passion for the art and embracing personal growth along the way.

We are so happy that you have chosen Diversity in Dance as this next step in your dance and/or fitness journey!

Sincerely,

Madelynn

Madelynn Moreno
Artistic Director



Chas & Annie

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Owners

Dance Year and Important Dates

Regular Classes

The regular DiD Dance Year is split into two seasons – Fall/Winter and Spring. Unless otherwise noted on the calendar, the Fall/Winter Season begins the day after Labor Day and ends after the third complete week of December; and the Spring Season begins the first Monday after New Years Day and ends the last week of May/first week of June. Dance should be considered a full-Dance Year commitment.

Diversity in Dance generally follows the Friendswood ISD calendar for holidays/closures.

Optional classes, camps, master classes, and intensives will be offered in the summertime. To best accommodate family travel schedules, most summer classes will have a “drop in” option, and dancers can purchase Drop-In Punch Cards from the Dance Studio Pro Portal at a discount on the drop-in rate.

Adult Classes

Regardless of season, all adult classes will have a registration or drop-in option. Registered students may change their enrollment type for the subsequent month prior to the beginning of the month. Drop-in students for adult classes must pay for classes upon arrival.

2025-2026 Season Important Dates	
Monday, September 8th	First Day of Regular Season
Friday, October 31	Halloween (Studio Closed)
November 22 nd - 29 th	Thanksgiving Week (Studio Closed)
December 22 nd - January 4th	Winter Holiday (Studio Closed)
Monday, January 19th	MLK Day (Studio Closed)
Monday, February 16th	Presidents Day (Studio Closed)
March 15 th - 21 st	Spring Break (Studio Closed)
Friday, April 3 rd	Good Friday (Studio Closed)
Monday, May 25 th	Memorial Day (Studio Closed)
Saturday, May 30 th	Last Day of Season/Recital

Studio Communication

Parents/Adult Students must sign up for the Studio Pro Portal ("Studio Pro") and ensure that all contact, financial, and student information is kept up to date. DiD sends out a monthly newsletter and other announcements via email. For the fastest and most thorough answer to any questions you may have, please contact us via email at info@diversityindance.net. We will do our best to respond to all emails within two business days. We encourage you to use all available resources (i.e., our website, Studio Pro, social media sites, Parent Handbook, etc.) to find readily available answers to your questions prior to emailing the studio. Please add "admin@diversityindance.net" to your contacts to avoid emails going to your SPAM/junk folders.



Studio Pro



Website



Facebook



Instagram



TikTok

Registration

Registration for new and returning members is easy via our Studio Pro enrollment link (see QR Code above). Please take note that registration is not "completed" in Studio Pro until the waivers are signed and classes are added, so be sure to complete all steps!

An Annual Registration Fee covers non-tuition essentials such as music licenses, studio communication, and administration and helps keep monthly tuition costs lower.

We reserve the right to cancel any classes with insufficient registration. If classes are full and demand is high, DiD may, within its discretion, create an additional class and split the larger classes. Faculty members may be subject to change.

Concurrent enrollment in a Ballet class is required for any Pointe classes.

For questions regarding enrollment, including any class suggestions, please contact us via e-mail or phone.



Tuition and Fees

Tuition is based on the nine-month dance calendar and is the same amount each month regardless of the number of classes per month. Tuition is due each month regardless of attendance.

The first month's tuition plus the Annual Registration Fee is due at the time of enrollment. For students registered in or after the third week of a month, tuition for the first month will be prorated accordingly.

Parents/Students must have a credit card or bank account on file via Studio Pro. Tuition will be automatically charged to the account on file at the beginning of each month (September-May). A \$25 fee will be assessed to any failed or incomplete charges, and an additional \$25 late fee will apply to any accounts with balances not paid in full before the 10th of the month. All payments must be up to date and balance paid in full in order for a student to receive apparel or merchandise, or before participating in class, any special event, showcase, recital, or competition.

2025-2026 MONTHLY TUITION RATES

# OF CLASSES*	MONTHLY RATE	ANNUAL RECITAL FEE**
1	\$85	\$175
2	\$160	\$275
3	\$210	\$375
4	\$260	\$475
5	\$300	\$575
6	\$340	\$675
7+	\$400	\$775
DISCOUNTS		
MULTIPLE FAMILY MEMBERS	10% OFF EACH ADDITIONAL	
MILITARY/VETERAN/ EDUCATOR (WITH VALID ID)	5%	

2025-2026 FEES

TYPE	COST
ANNUAL REGISTRATION (1 DANCER)	\$50
ANNUAL REGISTRATION (FAMILY)	\$90
LATE TUITION (AFTER THE 10TH)	\$25
RETURNED CHECK	\$35
VENMO/ACH	2%



Attendance & Punctuality

Dancing requires perseverance. For parents with child dancers, encourage your child in their dancing; impress upon them the importance of commitment and taking lessons for the entire year. Please email us (admin@diversityindance.net) as soon as possible if you are/your student is going to miss class for any reason. There will be no make-ups for missed classes.

Classes will begin at the scheduled time. Latecomers are disruptive to other students. Students should arrive prior to the scheduled class time, prepared, and ready to begin. Please call the front desk if you/your dancer will be more than 10 minutes late.

If a dancer must leave class early, please let the front desk know ahead of time so that the teacher may prepare accordingly.

Withdrawing Enrollment

Dance should be viewed as a season-long commitment. However, we understand that lifestyle changes do happen. If you/your student decides mid-year not to continue with a class during the Fall/Winter semester, DiD must be notified no later than the 20th of the month prior to withdrawal. Any withdrawal notifications received later than this date will still be subject to the following month's tuition payment. **All withdrawal notifications must be sent by email to admin@diversityindance.net.** Any other types of communication to withdraw from class (including, but not limited to, verbal requests to a DiD staff member), are not effective.

Any withdrawals after March 20th may result in the remaining tuition (April & May) balance due in full.

Class Cancellations

DiD may cancel class due to inclement weather or other emergencies. We will send out an email and update our studio's social media accounts and Studio Pro SMS messages. Check all outlets for the fastest and most accurate information. Canceled classes will not be refunded. Any rescheduling of canceled classes will be solely at the discretion of the teacher.



Parent Observation

For the safety of our students and to maintain order in the classroom, parents are not permitted to enter studios at any time during class hours, unless invited by the instructor.

We understand that adjusting to the first few classes may be difficult for some of our Creative Movement students. We permit parents to join students for the first few classes until dancers warm up to their teachers, peers, and surroundings. Parents are not permitted in Creative Movement classrooms one month after their dancer's enrollment. Parents may not participate in the class.

Lobby Expectations

Be considerate of other families and students while in the lobby or viewing areas of the studio. Just as you can hear some of the instructions coming from inside the studio, dancers and instructors inside the studio can hear loud noises from the lobby and conference rooms. Siblings of students must be supervised at all times within the walls of Diversity in Dance. There should be no running, yelling, or playing with merchandise in the lobby. Parents/guardians accompanying minors in the lobby may be responsible for purchasing any merchandise removed, altered/soiled, or destroyed by such minors.

Any parent desiring to have a private conversation or conference with DiD staff or instructors may request a closed room for such discussions.

Classroom Expectations

Students are to be ready to enter class on time, have used the restroom, with hair up and out of their face, and in the appropriate dress code for the class they are preparing to enter. If your student is not in the appropriate attire as it is stated in our studio's dress code, the necessary attire may be charged to your account on file, and they will be asked to leave class to change. Students are given a two-week grace period after registering for a class to obtain the proper attire for that class. We understand that some students may require time transitioning dress codes between classes. A grace period of five minutes will be allowed for dress code changes. That grace period time is not to be used for cell phone use, snacks, conversations with other students, or any other usage that has not been previously authorized by the class instructor. Students who abuse the grace period for class transitions may be subject to discipline at the instructor's discretion.

Students are expected to be kind and respectful to others, which includes other students, teachers, DiD staff, and other studio guests. Repeated classroom disruptions or words and behaviors that cause mental or emotional distress in others will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, unenrollment without refund.

Dress Code

It is important that young dancers follow our guidelines for dance attire and footwear within the walls of our studios. The DiD Dress Code was created to keep young dancers safe, prevent injuries, and ensure that they receive the best dance instruction possible. Copies of the DiD Dress Code are available from the front desk, on Studio Pro, and on the DiD website. Most attire required for classes, other than shoes, is available for purchase or order in the DiD Boutique (located in the front lobby), on our website, or in Studio Pro.

Dress Code for adult dancers is more relaxed and within the discretion of the instructor.



Student Evaluations/Levels

Staff and teachers at DiD reserve the right to place students in the appropriate level. Students ages 6 and up will be placed in levels based on technical ability and maturity in addition to their age. Students are evaluated every Fall and Spring. In the Spring, an email will be sent with recommendations for the following year prior to early-enrollment in May. Students in Beginner/Intermediate classes should plan on spending at least two years at such level before continuing to the next level. Teachers are more than happy to provide additional feedback via Studio Pro to help students develop and succeed in their dance goals. If during the Fall/Winter Season, a teacher feels that your student has improved past the Spring recommendations, we will contact you to reassess such class level.



Recital Information

Winter Showcase

DiD will hold a Winter Showcase in mid-December to showcase the on-going progress of our dancers.

There will be no costumes for the Winter Showcase. Dancers/Parents will receive information regarding the theme and style of dress for each class prior to the performance.

Spring Recital

The annual dance recital will be held in the last week of May or first week of June, with a full dress rehearsal the day prior or earlier in the same day. This is a more elaborate showcase of all the skills dancers have learned throughout the year. Each family will receive an information packet with information in April. We ask that you read this information completely and thoroughly. Recital season is incredibly busy and we dedicate many hours to putting on an incredible and unforgettable performance for your family and your dancers to remember for years to come.

Recital Costumes

All classes except for Leaps, Turns, & Conditioning; Stretching & Fitness; and Acro will participate in the Recital. Students will be sized for costumes during the month of February. All children's measurements will be adjusted to account for growth before young dancers receive the costume. Costumes will be sent home throughout the month of April or May. We will not send home costumes until all class costumes have been received. No costumes will be sent home unless the dancer's account, including all Recital Fees, is paid in full at the time of distribution; costumes will be distributed after all payments are received.

Recital Fees

Our goal is to make recital day a truly memorable event, offering dancers a professional performance experience. A Recital Fee of \$175 for the first class and \$100 for each additional class includes the dancers' costume, recital t-shirt, a digital program, and a participation award. Recital fees can be paid in full or split into three equal monthly payments in January, February, and March. *Please communicate your preference the first week of class in January.*

Each family will receive four complimentary tickets to the Recital. Additional tickets are available for purchase via Studio Pro during the month leading up to the big show. More information regarding complimentary tickets will be included in the Recital Packet. Recital fees are non-transferable or refundable.

DiD Company and Private Lessons

For those dancers desiring more than recreational dance, there is the DiD Company, our competition team for ages 4 through 18. The DiD Company participates in several competitions and conventions throughout the Spring Season and early Summer Session. Additionally, the DiD Company engages in bonding activities, community service events, and special performances throughout the year. Auditions will be held annually every June and July; however, a private audition may be requested any time prior to January.

There are three “teams” of DiD Company. The Convention Team attends dance conventions throughout the Spring and does not compete dances. They may, however, participate in special DiD Company performances. The Special Hip Hop Team focuses on hip hop duet, trio, or group performances in addition to attending dance conventions and participating in special DiD Company performances. The full DiD Company participates in dance conventions, special performances, and competes dances in a variety of styles, including solos.

More detailed information about the DiD Company is available in the DiD Company Handbook.

DiD also offers private lessons and studio rentals. For dancers who would like to rent studio space for private lessons from one of our DiD instructors, please contact the front desk for pricing and availability.

Studio Rentals

The DiD studio is also available for rental for other events, including private parties (with or without dance instruction), photography use, and meeting space.

Additionally, exterior offices on both sides are available for short- or longer-term rental, with priority given to businesses with compatible uses (doctors, nutritionists, physical therapists, therapists, nonprofits, tutoring services, photographers, exercise services, etc.).

Please contact DiD’s legal counsel/owner for more information at legal@diversityindance.net.