



The Performing Arts Collective

STUDIO HANDBOOK 2026–2027

PASSION. PURPOSE. PROGRESS.

WELCOME TO THE PERFORMING ARTS COLLECTIVE

The Performing Arts Collective was created with a simple belief: **dance education should shape the whole person — the artist, the thinker, and the human being.**

Our studio is built on values-driven training, a culture of belonging, and a commitment to strong foundations. We teach with intention and clarity, we nurture confidence and character, and we honor every dancer's journey with care.

This handbook outlines the policies, expectations, and shared commitments that allow our community to thrive.

OUR MISSION

The Performing Arts Collective provides meaningful, values-driven dance education that empowers students to grow as artists and individuals, cultivating discipline, confidence, and community through every class and performance.

OUR PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE

PASSION — Where every journey begins



We nurture curiosity, joy, and the love of movement. Passion fuels consistency, discipline, and artistry.

PURPOSE — How we teach, train, and show up

We teach with intention so dancers can train with intention. Purpose shapes our culture, communication, and expectations.

PROGRESS — Honoring every step forward

We celebrate growth in all its forms. Progress is personal, continual, and rooted in thoughtful, developmentally appropriate training.

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

- ✦ **Values-Driven Training** - We teach with intention and clarity.
 - ✦ **A Culture of Belonging** - Every dancer is welcomed, supported, and seen.
 - ✦ **Strong Foundations** - Safe, developmentally appropriate technique is our priority.
 - ✦ **Character + Confidence** - We shape dancers as people, not just performers.
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Performing Arts Collective provides a structured, values-driven training environment designed to support dancers at every stage of development. Our programs emphasize strong foundations, intentional instruction, and a culture where every dancer can grow with confidence and clarity.

TRAINING PATHWAYS

The Performing Arts Collective offers three training pathways designed to support dancers at every stage of development.

Foundations — Builds confidence, coordination, and essential technique in a nurturing environment.

Progression — Strengthens discipline, technical growth, and artistry through structured, intentional training.

The Collective — Our competitive training program for dancers ready for elevated commitment, performance opportunities, and advanced technique.

Placement is determined by instructor evaluation to ensure each dancer trains at the level that best supports their growth.

ENROLLMENT & REGISTRATION



Registration Requirements

- ✦ Annual **\$45 non-refundable registration fee** per student
- ✦ Enrollment is **month-to-month**
- ✦ Regular Session: **August 30, 2026 – June 13, 2027**
- ✦ Summer Session: **6-week program (dates TBD)**
- ✦ Classes require **8 students** to run
- ✦ If a class does not meet minimum enrollment, families will be offered an alternate class
- ✦ Class times may adjust before the first class; families must check their student portal
- ✦ Summer sessions require a **\$50 non-refundable deposit** to hold a spot

Communication

- ✦ All communication is delivered via **email** and posted in the **parent portal**
- ✦ Families are responsible for staying informed
- ✦ Please update spam filters to ensure delivery

TUITION & FEES (2026–2027)

- ✦ Tuition based on weekly classes; billed monthly.

Classes Taken Per Week	Price Per Month
One Class	\$78 per month
Two Classes	\$138 per month
Three Classes	\$188 per month
Four Classes	\$238 per month
Five Classes	\$278 per month
Six Classes	\$318 per month
Competition Team	\$385
Private Lesson (1 Hour)	\$70
Private Lesson (30 Minutes)	\$35



Payment Policies

- ✦ Tuition is due on the **1st of each month**
- ✦ Late fee: **\$20** applied after the **10th**
- ✦ Returned payments: **\$25 fee**
- ✦ Tuition is **non-refundable, non-transferable**, and **not prorated** for absences, holidays, or closures
- ✦ Card payments incur a **5% convenience fee**
- ✦ All accounts must have an **active credit card on file**
- ✦ All accounts are required to be enrolled in **Auto-Pay**
- ✦ A **\$25 service fee** applies to declined Auto-Pay transactions
- ✦ Attendance does not alter tuition installments

Payment Options

Full Payment ***Applies to tuition only***

- ✦ Save **5%** by paying for the full dance year at registration
- ✦ No refunds on full-year payments
- ✦ Applies to **tuition only**

Half-Session Payments

- ✦ Half due at registration; remaining half due **February 1**
- ✦ Late fee applied after the 10th
- ✦ No refunds

10-Month Payment Plan

- ✧ Tuition is due on or before the 1st of each month
- ✧ Auto-Pay recommended
- ✧ All accounts must be paid in full before costumes are released

Trial Classes

- ✧ First trial class: **Free**
- ✧ Additional trials: **\$10**

Other Fees

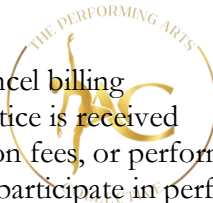
- ✧ Recital Costume Fee (2027): **\$125 per class**
- ✧ Annual Recital Participation Fee: **\$50** (venue, crew, lighting, sound, video copy)
- ✧ Dress code attire and practice clothes are the responsibility of the family
- ✧ Performance tickets sold separately
- ✧ Optional merchandise available

Payments by Check

- ✧ Personal checks accepted for **single-month payments only**
- ✧ Returned check fee: **\$35**

BILLING POLICIES

- ✧ Tuition is billed monthly
- ✧ **30-day written notice** required to cancel billing
- ✧ Tuition continues to be billed until notice is received
- ✧ No refunds for tuition, class reservation fees, or performance fees
- ✧ Students must be present regularly to participate in performances



WITHDRAWAL / CANCELLATION

- ✧ 30-day written notice required to withdraw from any class
- ✧ Tuition continues until notice is received
- ✧ Medical withdrawals require a physician's release
- ✧ If withdrawing before classes begin, **half of the registration fee** may be refunded
- ✧ No refunds for tuition or performance fees
- ✧ Summer withdrawals not accepted after **July 15, 2027**

ATTENDANCE & ABSENCES

Regular attendance helps dancers feel confident, prepared, and successful in their training. We understand that occasional absences happen, but consistent tardiness or frequent missed classes can impact a dancer's progress and the flow of the class. To support all dancers fairly, class time will not be used to re-teach material that was missed. Make-up classes may be available when scheduling allows, but they are not guaranteed.

Attendance Expectations

- ✧ Consistent attendance is essential for progress
 - ✧ Arrive on time and prepared
 - ✧ Report absences through the parent portal
 - ✧ Use make-up classes within 30 days
 - ✧ Excessive absences may affect placement or performance roles
 - ✧ No tuition reimbursement for missed classes
 - ✧ If sick, dancers should stay home
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STUDIO CLOSURES & WEATHER

- ✧ If **Volusia County Public Schools** close for severe weather, the Performing Arts Collective may also close
- ✧ Updates will be sent via email and posted on social media
- ✧ Classes canceled due to weather will not be made up

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

- ✧ Parents/guardians must accompany dancers to and from the studio
 - ✧ The Performing Arts Collective is not responsible for students arriving early or leaving unsupervised
 - ✧ Students must remain inside until a parent/guardian arrives
 - ✧ Notify the studio of any changes in transportation arrangements
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DRESS CODE

General Requirements

- ✧ Required dance attire must be worn for all classes
 - ✧ Dress code details can be found in the class description portion of the website, and attire can be purchased on our [online dancewear store](#).
 - ✧ Hair secured away from the face; a **bun is required for ballet**
 - ✧ Limited or no jewelry
 - ✧ Dance shoes may not be worn outside
 - ✧ Cheer-style shorts are not permitted; if shorts are worn, a leotard must be worn underneath
 - ✧ Dancers must wear cover-ups outside the studio
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STUDIO ETIQUETTE

For Students

- ✧ Arrive prepared and ready to learn

- ✧ Respect corrections; they are a gift
- ✧ No phones in class
- ✧ No gum, food, or drinks (water only)
- ✧ Treat peers and instructors with kindness
- ✧ Keep your hands off mirrors and barres
- ✧ Practice at home and take pride in progress
- ✧ No unnecessary talking; zero tolerance for disrespect
- ✧ Students may not enter studios without faculty approval

For Parents

- ✧ Support your dancer's commitment to attendance and preparation
- ✧ Encourage without comparison
- ✧ Speak respectfully to staff and families
- ✧ The lobby is a quiet space
- ✧ Do not interrupt classes
- ✧ Address concerns privately with the director
- ✧ Avoid gossip or negativity

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

- ✧ Do not post choreography without permission
- ✧ Do not post videos/photos of other dancers without consent
- ✧ No negative comments about dancers, staff, or other studios
- ✧ The Performing Arts Collective may share photos/videos unless a parent opts out in writing. Email info@theperformingartscollectivefl.com for media consent form.

SAFETY & WELL-BEING

- ✧ Report injuries immediately
- ✧ Dancers must follow medical restrictions
- ✧ The Performing Arts Collective is not responsible for lost or stolen items
- ✧ Parents must supervise siblings
- ✧ Dancers must wait inside for pickup
- ✧ No weapons, drugs, or alcohol permitted
- ✧ Students under 18 may not leave the building without a parent unless in an emergency

PERFORMANCES, REHEARSALS & COSTUMES

Rehearsal Requirements

- ✧ Attendance is strongly encouraged for all scheduled classes
- ✧ Tech and dress rehearsals are mandatory for the recital performance

- ✦ Additional rehearsals may be required

Costume Care

- ✦ Costumes must be labeled, wrinkle-free, and complete
 - ✦ Lost or damaged pieces may require replacement
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CELL PHONE & SMART DEVICE POLICY

- ✦ The Performing Arts Collective is a **cell-phone-free facility**
 - ✦ Devices must be stored in the **Cell Cubby** upon arrival
 - ✦ Devices returned at the end of class
 - ✦ Smart watches are also prohibited
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THE COLLECTIVE - COMPETITIVE DANCE PROGRAM

- ✦ Season-long commitment required
- ✦ Consistent attendance and a strong work ethic are expected
- ✦ Additional rehearsals and performances may be required
- ✦ Placement is determined by the faculty and may be adjusted
- ✦ [Learn more here](#)



LOBBY & VIEWING POLICY

- The lobby is a quiet waiting space
 - Siblings must remain supervised
 - Parents may not enter studios unless invited
 - Observation Days announced via email
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DISCOUNTS

- 10% military discount for active-duty families
 - Discounts do not stack
 - Discounts apply to regular-season tuition only
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STUDIO LOGO USAGE

The Performing Arts Collective logo is the property of the studio and may not be used, printed, reproduced, or distributed outside of official studio purposes. This includes apparel, merchandise, digital graphics, social media content, and promotional materials.

To maintain brand consistency and protect the integrity of our visual identity, all logo usage must be created or approved by studio administration.

PRIVACY POLICY (SUMMARY)

- The Performing Arts Collective collects personal data for registration, communication, safety, and service improvement
- Parents may request data deletion
- COPPA compliant for dancers under 13
- SMS messaging opt-in required; phone numbers not shared with third parties
- Email info@theperformingartscollectivefl.com for the full Privacy Policy.

CONDUCT & BEHAVIOR / DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

We strive to provide an encouraging, nurturing environment for all dancers. To ensure each dancer feels safe and comfortable during class, we have a zero-tolerance policy for inappropriate behavior that may disrupt the learning environment or cause emotional harm to fellow dancers and instructors.

Our instructors reserve the right to dismiss any student from a class due to discipline problems or verbal disrespect.

- Zero tolerance for disruptive or disrespectful behavior
- **Level 1:** Discussion + signed acknowledgment
- **Level 2:** Meeting + temporary suspension (no refunds)
- **Level 3:** Removal from program (no refunds)
- Level 3 may be applied immediately, depending on severity

2026-27 Important Dates

For most holiday breaks, we follow the Volusia County Public School calendar. All breaks and updates to closures will be communicated via email in advance.

Key Dates

- **First Day of Fall Classes** — August 31, 2026
- **Labor Day – Studio Closed** — September 7, 2026
- **Fall Break** — October 12–16, 2026
- **Thanksgiving Break** — November 22–28, 2026

- **Holiday Break** — December 20, 2026 – January 2, 2027
- **Spring Break** — March 14–20, 2027
- **Memorial Day – Studio Closed** — May 23, 2027

End-of-Year Events

- **Dress Rehearsal – Tentative** — June 11, 2027
- **Recital Performance – Tentative** – June 12, 2027

WE ARE THE PERFORMING ARTS COLLECTIVE

Every dancer, every family, every instructor contributes to the culture we build together.
Thank you for choosing The Performing Arts Collective— where passion begins, purpose guides, and progress is honored.

