

Welcome to Miss Cindy's Dance Center of Southington!!

Tuition Policies

- A late fee of \$10.00 will be added to any tuition payment if it is not paid within the five days following its due date.
- If tuition remains unpaid past the due date, **a student will not be able to attend class until the payment is made.**
- If tuition is late, a bill will be emailed to the provided email address. If tuition is still not paid within 5 days of the email, a bill will be mailed to the provided postal address, which will incur a \$5 charge, in addition to the \$10 late fee.
- There is **no refund** for registration fee, tuition, competition payments, costume and / or tight payments, or recital fee payments.
- There will be a **\$40.00 registration fee** for each family.
- There is a **\$25.00 charge** for returned checks.

Class Policies

- Please report any absences to our absence email: absences@misscindysdance.com. There is no deduction in tuition for missed classes.
- Classes missed by students due to illness, vacation, etc. can be made up. Please speak to your instructor or send an email to absences@misscindysdance.com with your name and class in order to be given an appropriate class to attend.
- Any class that an instructor cancels due to sickness, etc. will be made up by that instructor.
- All students are expected to be respectful towards other students as well as towards the instructor. A student's insubordination will be handled according to the teacher's discretion and can result in expulsion from the class with no refund in tuition.
- All students must come to class dressed in the appropriate dance attire. It is at the teacher's discretion to ask any unprepared students to observe the class only. Please see below for the dress code.
- A minimum number of students is required to sustain a class; the studio reserves the right to cancel or combine classes as deemed appropriate.
- **The studio reserves the right to cancel or combine classes, adjust schedules or substitute teachers at any time.**

Tuition / Payment Plans

The yearly tuition for one class is \$630. This amount can be paid in a variety of ways using one of the following payment plans: one single payment (Plan A), two payments (Plan B), five payments (Plan C).

Plan	Number of Payments	One Class	Two Classes	Three Classes	Due Dates
PLAN A	One payment	\$610	\$1200	\$1790	1.) At registration
PLAN B	Two payments	\$310	\$610	\$910	1.) At registration 2.) February 1, 2016
PLAN C	Five payments	\$126	\$248	\$370	1.) At registration 2.) October 15, 2015 3.) December 15, 2015 4.) February 15, 2016 5.) April 15, 2016

Website

Our studio website (www.misscindysdance.com) is a tool we use to communicate important information to our students and their families. We have created a new layout for the website; all information relevant to students, such as monthly newsletters, announcements about rehearsals for additional performances, and notifications about studio events can be accessed by clicking on the small blue link, "Current Students," that is located in the upper right hand corner on the home page. The username is dancer and the password is southington. Please let us know if you have any questions about operating the new site.

2015 – 2016 Calendar

First Day of Classes – Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

Columbus Day Weekend – Saturday, October 10 through Monday, October 12, 2015. Classes resume Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

Veteran's Day – Wednesday, November 11, 2015.

Thanksgiving Recess – Wednesday, November 25 through Saturday, November 28, 2015. Classes resume Monday, November 30, 2015.

Christmas Recess – Wednesday, December 23 through Saturday, January 2, 2016. Classes resume Monday, January 4, 2016.

Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 18, 2016.

Winter Recess – Monday, February 15 through Saturday, February 20, 2016. Classes resume Monday, February 22, 2016.

Easter Break – Friday, March 25 through Saturday, March 26, 2016. Classes resume Monday, March 28, 2016.

Spring Recess – Monday, April 11 through Saturday, April 16, 2016. Classes resume Monday, April 18, 2016.

Last Day of Classes – TBD

Recital Tech Week – TBD

Extra Performances and Activities

At Miss Cindy's, we are proud to offer all students the opportunity to participate in extra performances and other fun dance-related activities and field trips. These include such events as the Apple Harvest Parade, field trips to see shows at the Bushnell, and dance workshops and conventions. Information for these events will always be posted on the website and will be discussed in class by your child's instructor. A few upcoming activities include:

- **Apple Harvest Parade: October 4, 2015 @ 2:00 PM**
- **"Newsies" Masterclass: October 17, 2015 @ 9:00 – 11:00 AM**
- **Field Trip to see "Newsies" at the Bushnell: October 17, 2015 @ 8:00 PM**
- **Field Trip to Broadway Dance Center: Date TBD**

Private Lessons

Private lessons are available to any student who wishes to perform a solo, duet, or trio in the recital. Each lesson is 30 minutes long and is \$30 per person per lesson; payment for the first five lessons is due **before** the first lesson takes place. The lessons are scheduled at the convenience of the student and the instructor; a typical solo, duet or trio can take anywhere between 6 – 9 lessons to complete. The number of lessons to complete the routine really depends on the student: the more a student practices, the fewer the number of lessons needed to complete the routine. If a student wishes to perform the routine in competition, she needs to let her instructor know by **October 1st** so that a costume can be purchased and the student has ample practice time.

Recital

The dress rehearsal and recital will be held this year at a date to be determined at the Thomaston Opera House, located at 158 Main Street, Thomaston, CT. A recital fee of \$145 per family will be due on May 1, 2016. This fee includes four tickets as well as a copy of the DVD of the show, provided by Classic Video Productions. Additional tickets can be purchased before the show and at the door as well. You can begin to pay the recital fee at any time and it is payable in increments or as a lump sum. However, fees must be collected no later than May 1, 2016 in order to avoid a late fee and participate in the recital.

A costume and tights are required for each dance your child is in. A deposit of \$40.00 for each costume is due by October 1st. The balance is due by January 15, 2016.

Dress Code

It is very important that each student takes the dress code seriously – when a student comes to class dressed in the appropriate attire, it puts her in the proper frame of mind to work hard and do her best. Additionally, when the student is dressed correctly, it makes it much easier for the instructor to make any necessary corrections so that the student really gets the most out of the class. We ask that every student take a moment to consider the dress code below and make sure that she owns the necessary items in order to come to class properly dressed. If not, these can be purchased at local dance supply stores, such as Dancingly Yours in Plantsville or Dancer’s World in Hamden, or online, on websites such as discountdance.com or allaboutdance.com. As a general rule, dance clothes should be tight fitting to the body – nothing loose or baggy should be worn to class. In addition:

- 1.) Hair must be pulled back from face and may not be worn down. A neat bun (using a hairnet and bobby pins) must be worn in any ballet class.
- 2.) No shorts may be worn unless the student wears tights underneath.
- 3.) The only skirts to be worn are ballet wrap around or elastic skirts.
- 4.) Jeans are not allowed in any type of dance class.
- 5.) No long pants of any kind of material should be worn as the knees must be clearly visible at all times.
- 6.) No gum chewing in class.

Miss Cindy’s Dance Center of Southington Dress Code	
Combination Class	Shoes: Pink ballet slippers / black tap shoes with ties Clothing: Pink or light suntan tights, any color leotard with long or short sleeves, any dance skirt or any wrap around sweater
Ballet/Pointe	Shoes: Pink split sole ballet slippers (Bloch # 208 or #258) Shoes (Pointe students): Pointe shoes (any brand – whatever fits with a pinch in back) Clothing: Pink tights, any color leotard with long or short sleeves, dance shorts, and a cami may be worn over the leotard * Hair MUST be in a bun made with a hair net and bobby pins or a bun clip – NO messy buns *
Tap	Shoes (Ages 8 and under): Any brand of black tap shoes that are fastened with either tap ties or a buckle Shoes (Ages 9 and up): Bloch # 381 oxford tan tap shoes *THIS HAS CHANGED FROM LAST YEAR* Clothing: Pink or light suntan tights or leggings, any color leotard with long or short sleeves, dance shorts, and a cami may be worn over the leotard
Jazz	Shoes: Capezio EJ2 caramel neoprene jazz boots Clothing: Pink or light suntan tights or leggings, any color leotard with long or short sleeves, dance shorts, and a cami may be worn over the leotard
Hip Hop	Shoes: Bloch Black Hip Hop Shoe (Child: S0538G / Adult: S0538L) Clothing: T-shirt or tank top, long shorts or dance shorts with light suntan tights
Lyrical / Contemporary	Shoes: Dance Paws Clothing: Pink or light suntan transition tights or leggings, any color leotard with long or short sleeves, dance shorts, and a cami may be worn over the leotard
Modern	Shoes: Bare feet or Dance Paws Clothing: Pink or light suntan tights or leggings, any color leotard with long or short sleeves, dance shorts, and a cami may be worn over the leotard
Acro	Shoes: Bare feet Clothing: Dance shorts or leggings, tight fitting shirt or leotard

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me. My purpose is not only to make dancing a learning experience but most importantly an enjoyable one. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dancingly yours,
Miss Cindy