



(406) 728-4258
hello@rootsmissoula.com
RootsMissoula.com
216 Commerce St Missoula

Dance Program Welcome Packet

Welcome to Roots! *We're so glad you're here!*

This welcome packet is designed to ensure parents are aware of the commitments that are required for your children to participate in dance at Roots. Please take a few minutes to read through it, and don't hesitate to reach out if anything is unclear. We're here to help!

1. SEMESTER COMMITMENT

Trimester Commitment

Our dance classes operate on a trimester basis.

- **First Trimester:** Runs from September through December.
- **Second Trimester:** Runs from January through May.
- **Summer Trimester:** Runs from June through August.

Automatic Re-Enrollment: Those who are registered for the first trimester will automatically be enrolled in the second trimester unless the studio is notified otherwise before **December 20th**. If you decide not to continue, you must contact the front office to avoid being charged.

Withdrawal: In the event that your child withdraws from dance mid-semester, you will still be accountable for the remaining tuition of the trimester.

- **Trial Period (New Students Only):** New students have a "trial" period in which they can withdraw without owing for the remaining semester's tuition. This period ends **October 1st** for the first trimester, and **February 1st** for the second trimester.

2. RECITAL FEES

To cover the costs associated with the recital (extra rehearsal time, costumes, and technical aspects), there is a **\$150 recital fee per trimester**. This fee is **non-refundable** regardless of your child's ability to perform.

You may choose one of the following payment schedules:

- **Option 1:** Pay the full \$150 by the 21st of the first month of classes (September 21st for Trimester 1; January 21st for Trimester 2).
- **Option 2:** Break up the payments into **\$50 increments** split between the first three months of classes (available only to those who have chosen to keep payment information on file).
 - **Semester 1:** \$50 due by Sep 21st, Oct 21st, and Nov 21st.
 - **Semester 2:** \$50 due by Jan 21st, Feb 21st, and Mar 21st.

3. DRESS CODE

To maintain a professional environment, promote safety, and foster unity, we require a dress code for all participants. A proper dress code also allows instructors to assess and correct body alignment. All students must remove jewelry and have long hair securely pulled away from their face. The dress code guidelines are as follows:

- **Tumble Dance:** Comfortable form-fitting athletic clothing. Leotards/biketards are highly encouraged.
- **Ballet:** Form-fitting clothing such as leotards, leggings, tights, or tight-fitting shorts/pants & Ballet Shoes.
- **Jazz:** Form-fitting clothing such as leotards, leggings, tights, or tight-fitting shorts/pants & socks.
- **Hip Hop:** Movable, loose, comfortable clothing & clean-soled tennis shoes/sneakers (preferably white & not worn outdoors).

4. ATTENDANCE

Regular Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial for progress and continuity in learning.

- **Impact of Absences:** If a child drops from class in the middle of recital preparation, it impacts the rest of the class and requires changes to the final performance. When a child is absent, the class must use valuable time to re-teach choreography upon their return.
- **Recital Eligibility:** After choreography has begun (approximately mid-trimester), if your child misses more than **3 classes**, they may be unable to perform in the recital.
- **Tuition:** There are no adjustments of tuition for absences.
- **Notify of Absences:** Please notify the front office and your dancer's coach of any anticipated absences.

5. PARENT OBSERVATION

To maintain a focused learning environment and minimize distractions, parents and guardians are generally **not permitted to sit in on classes** unless asked by the coach for individual student behavior assistance. However, most studios have a window in the door allowing you to watch from the outside.

Scheduled Observation Weeks: We host dedicated Parent Observation Weeks so you can see your dancer's progress!

- **Fall Parent Observation Week:** October 19th-23rd
- **Spring Parent Observation Week:** February 8th-12th

6. RECITALS & IMPORTANT DATES

Recitals

The first and second trimesters conclude with a recital where students will showcase their hard work. Choreography will be taught during allotted class time and there will be 1-2 additional rehearsals outside of class.

- **First Trimester (Winter Recital):**
 - **Recital Date:** December 12th or 13th
 - **Additional Rehearsals:** December 11th
- **Second Trimester (ACROtainment)**
 - **Recital Date:** May 30th
 - **Additional Rehearsals:** May 28th & 29th

Studio Closures & Breaks

- **Halloween:** Closed October 31st. We encourage students to dress up for the week of Halloween! Coaches will be dressed up all week—join us in the fun!
- **Thanksgiving Break:** Closed November 25th – 29th. Classes resume November 30th.
- **Winter Break:** Closed December 21st – January 3rd. Classes resume January 4th.
- **Spring Break:** Closed April 5th – 11th. Classes resume April 12th.

7. COMMUNICATION

Email is our primary method of communication for: billing reminders and statements, weather closures, schedule changes, special events, and announcements.

Please keep your contact information current in our system. If you change your email or phone number, let the front desk know right away so you don't miss important updates.

Have a Question? We're Here to Help!

Still unsure about something? Contact us at:

- **Front Desk Email:** hello@rootsmissoula.com
- **Dance Director Email:** rootsrecdance@gmail.com
- **Phone:** (406) 728-4258