

Hello everyone and welcome to a new dance season at Studio D!

*All of the teachers are very eager to welcome you and begin teaching their classes and we hope that you and your families are excited to start dance as well. We wanted to remind you that classes begin the week of **Monday, September 19th**; however, we will kick off the dance season with a welcome back event on **Wednesday, September 14 from 5-7pm**. In the next couple of weeks, you will receive your confirmation of classes and tuition statement by email.*

Studio Contact and Social Media If you need to reach the studio, you may call or email and someone will get back to you as quickly as possible. Our telephone number is 860-350-2900 and our email address is studiodllc@aol.com. We have two possible email addresses from which you will receive emails that we send studio-wide, so please check your spam folders for emails from either the studiodllc@aol.com address or info@dancestudiod.com.

You will find the latest information about Studio D on our website: <http://dancestudiod.com/>

For great dance photos and dance related information, follow us on Facebook at Studio-D-Dance and/or Instagram Studioddance.

Dress Code and Hair

Please do your best to dress neatly and appropriately for class and follow the attire, outlined below, for your style of class. *If you dress like a dancer, you will think like a dancer and you will act like a dancer.* The proper attire for dance classes allows for the teachers to see the body more clearly and puts students in the right frame of mind for dance class. Jewelry may not be worn in class, except small earrings. Street clothes will also not be allowed for class. All dancers must adhere to the dress code. **Please label dance shoes and other belongings with your student's name.**

How do I need to wear my hair?

Hair needs to be pulled up off the face and neck and must be out of your eyes.

Short hair: Clipped away from the face.

Long hair: Hair must be pulled back and worn up off the neck.

Hair for Ballet III, IV and V Class: Hair must be worn in a bun. (No exceptions for Ballet III+)

What is the dress code for each dance style?

Ballet Classes: Wear pink tights, pink ballet shoes and a leotard.

There are specific leotard colors for each Ballet Level:

- **Creative Movement/Pre-Ballet and Ballet I** - Pink leotard
- **Ballet II**- Pastel colored leotard, Light Blue, Lavender, Mint, etc.
- **Ballet III, IV and V and Pointe**-Black leotard
- **New to Ballet**- Black leotard
- **Teen Ballet** - Black leotard

Ballet shoes (pink) may be either leather or canvas. You will develop an individual preference. Split sole ballet shoes are preferable unless you are a beginner. *Please bring both ballet slippers and Pointe shoes to class if that applies to you.*

Boys taking Ballet: Black socks, black full-soled leather ballet slippers, black dance shorts or full length tights, form-fitting white t-shirt, and dance belt (for performance).

Modern Dance, Contemporary, Pilates/Yoga & Choreography Classes:

Wear form fitting **dance wear** such as a leotard and footless tights or a dance tank top with dance pants/yoga pants. (Dance shorts over tights are fine too). Black is preferable for Modern.

No shoes are required for **Modern Dance, Choreography class, Gymnastics or Pilates/Yoga classes.**

Contemporary Classes- Barefoot, Socks, or Foot Undeez/Dance Paws are acceptable. Options: Capezio ® Unisex FootUndeez #HO7, Capezio ® Women's Printed Footundeez #HO7S, Dance Paws Unisex Dance Paws® #DP1

Jazz and Tap Classes: Wear form-fitting dancewear. Leotard, tights, a dance top with Jazz pants/tights or dance shorts over tights.

Jazz Shoes: If you are buying new Jazz shoes, buy Bloch, tan, slip on Jazz shoes. (Bloch #SO401). If you already have jazz shoes that fit, begin with those. (For Jazz/Hip Hop classes, students only need jazz shoes.)

Tap Shoes: Style #S0301L Bloch's Jazz Tap Black
Any tap shoes that you already have are fine to start with. If you are buying new tap shoes, buy black and ask your teacher which style is best for you.

Gymnastics/Tumble: Gym leotard or formfitting dancewear that is comfortable to go upside down with and will not ride up (form fitting top too please!)

Hip Hop Classes: Shoes- Black hip hop sneakers something like <http://dancers-wardrobe.myshopify.com/products/child-mesh-hip-hop-sneaker-bloch-s0538g>. (For Jazz/Hip Hop and Jazz/Funk classes, students only need jazz shoes.)
Looser fitting dance pants are acceptable on the bottom half, but it must be **dance attire**.

Street Dance: Flat bottom, high top Converse sneakers.. They must be used for dance only and not as street shoes. Also, knee pads and longer pants (like sweats).

Tuition Payments

In a separate email, you will receive your annual tuition schedule. Please check this over carefully to make sure that we have added correctly and included any payments that you have already made. Beginning September 19th, someone will be at the desk to answer your questions, and you may pay your first quarter tuition, if you haven't done so.

Desk Hours

Monday	3:45-6 pm
Tuesday	4-6:45 pm
Wednesday	3:45-7pm
Thursday	4-7 pm
Friday	4-6:30 pm
Saturday	9:15-11am*

*Morning hours once every quarter: Sept, Nov, Jan and March

Studio D Calendar 2016-2017

Each quarter, there are 8 meetings for each class. Long holiday breaks ensure equity among the number of meetings for that class day.

Studio D will observe the following for closings (in black) and performances/special dates (in blue):

September 19 (Monday)	Classes begin
October 8-13 (Sat-Thurs)	Columbus Day/Yom Kippur (Closed)
November 12/13 (Sat/Sun)	Character Role Auditions
November 8 (Tuesday)	Election Day (Closed)
November 11 (Friday)	Veterans Day Observance (Closed)
November 23-26 (Wedn-Sat)	Thanksgiving Break (Closed)
December 21- Jan. 3 (Wedn-Tues)	Holiday Break (Closed)
January 16 (Monday)	Martin Luther King Jr. (Closed)
January 21 (Saturday)	Winter Showing
February 20-24 (Mon.-Fri.)	Winter Recess (Closed)
April 11-15 (Tues.-Sat.)	Spring Break (Closed)
May 27-29 (Sat-Mon)	Memorial Day (Closed)
May 30-June 4 (Tues.-Sun)	Spring Performance Week
June 5 (Monday)	Studio D Holiday (Closed)
June 6-12 (Tue-Mon)	Class Sample Week
June 12 (Monday)	Last Day of classes

Dates are subject to change. If there are changes, you will be notified by email.

Snow Days and Class Make-up Policy

Snow Days

In case of inclement weather, the Studio will USUALLY (NOT ALWAYS) follow New Milford Public School's decision on closing or early dismissal. However, if the weather conditions are questionable, please call the studio or check our website for updates on classes and closings. There will be a message on the Studio's phone stating if the Studio is opening or not by 2pm. Studio closings and delays will also be posted on the web site **dancestudiod.com** and listed on NBC CT closings and delays. We are not obligated to provide make up classes, but will do our best to make up as many classes as possible. In cases of extreme weather, this may not be possible.

If Your Child is Unable to Attend Class

If your child is sick and is unable to attend class, she/he may get permission from their teacher to take another class at an appropriate level; however, this becomes difficult once choreography has started. Therefore, it is preferred that a class is made up at the end of the dance season during the class sample week of June 6-12.

See you on September 14th for Open House from 5-7pm and the week of September 19th for classes!

Miss Rebecca and the Studio D Team