

AFDA

Studio Info Kit



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Our Mission Statement

At AFDA, our mission is to provide students of all levels with an opportunity to grow physically through movement and mentally as dancers while promoting hard work, self-confidence, and education in dance. Our classes are age-appropriate and emphasize a strong base of technique.

What we offer...

Traditional Track

This path in dance is for those students who want to learn, grow and have fun with dance, improving their technique and their “love” of the art of dance. Traditional students usually attend classes one or two times per week. And are in our spring show.

Performance Track

The AFDA Performing track is for those who want to take dance to the next level but maybe are still too busy with other activities to commit to competitive dance and its requirements. These students will take their regular classes but also learn a dance to be performed throughout the community. These students also have the opportunity to perform in our Nutcracker, our Winter Spectacular show, our spring show as well as holiday parades.

Company Track

The AFDA Company track is for students/families that have a commitment and desire to work toward a pre-professional dance life leading into college dance and beyond, understanding the requirements of more classes for training, rehearsals and performing 5-7 times per year.

A Little History...

Ann Freeman Dance Academy was established in 1961 when Ann Freeman, originally from England, moved to the Hickory area with her family. Upon starting AFDA, Mrs. Freeman continued her dance education by taking her exams with Dance Masters of America, Inc. The education of dance was and still is an integral part of what AFDA believes in. Eventually expanding the studio into 3 locations for over 20 years, AFDA has seen thousands of students enter the doors. In 2012, daughter Jackie Olson bought the studio, and Mrs. Freeman retired in 2023 after more than 63 years of teaching.



Location

532 10th Street Blvd. NW
Hickory, NC 28601



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Instagram - @annfreemdanceacadmy (no “e”)

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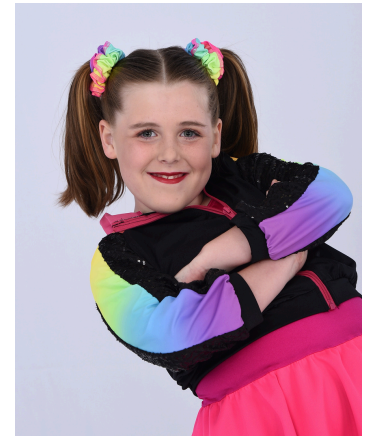
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Trial Class

For our September to May season, we offer the opportunity to try a “trial” class for your child’s age if you are unsure of whether they are ready or you just want to make sure we are the right studio for you. Feel free to book a “trial” class on our website or contact us at 828-324-6058.

Registration

Here at AFDA we have our regular dance season which follows the school calendar year of September to May with our Spring Showcase in mid to late May. We do accept students through February with our Winter class offerings.



Summer Dance

We also offer our “Summer” session with a variety of classes to try through June & July.

June Drop In

A variety of classes offered for all age levels through the month of June. Classes are 45 mins and you come when you can and only pay for the classes you take. Each class focuses on improving technique, learning new moves and improving a students dancing. “Class Pass” tickets must be paid for at front desk to turn in when attending each class.

July Experiences

Need something for your 3-6 year old to do on in July so that you can run errands or just need some “you” time.

Our “themed” experiences are just perfect for a parent’s morning out. Each themed day is from 9am-11:30am with dance, music, creative movement, crafts and snack.

Dress up is encouraged with each “theme”. Check out the schedule on our website.

Summer Intensives

Our summer intensives are 4 day long workshops that include ballet, tap, jazz, modern, hip hop, contemporary but also acro, music, dance history and so much more.

Guest teachers visit with us every summer to give the students the experience of more than just AFDA staff.

There 3 age group intensives that include 6-9 year olds, 10-12 year olds and 13 & up.

Auditions for Company are held at the end of the week for those that are interested.

Class Descriptions

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Preschool Ages 3-4

A combination class of ballet, tap and creative movement.

Add On Classes:

Preschool Hip Hop
Preschool Tumble

Age appropriate, fun and engaging!

Kinder Ages 5-6

A combination class of ballet, tap and creative movement.

Add On Classes:

Kinder Hip Hop
Kinder Tumble

Level 1 Ages 6-7

A combination class of ballet, tap and adding jazz dance.

Add On Classes:

Hippety Hip Hop *Acro
Performing Team
Opportunities
Lyrical *Musical Theatre

Level 2 Ages 7-8

*Ballet *Tap *Jazz

*Hippety Hip Hop *Lyrical

*Acro *Musical Theatre

Please note:

Students who take Jazz are advised to take ballet.
Students who take Lyrical only are advised to take ballet or jazz.

Company
Audition
Available

Level 3 Ages 8-9

*Ballet *Tap *Jazz

*Hip Hop Groovers *Lyrical

*Acro *Musical Theatre

Please note:

Students who take Jazz are advised to take ballet.
Students who take Lyrical only are advised to take ballet or jazz.

Acro 2: must accomplish set skills first

Level 4-5 Ages 9-11

*Ballet *Tap *Jazz

*Hip Hop *Modern

*Acro *Musical Theatre

Please note:

Students who take Jazz are advised to take ballet.
Students who take Modern only are advised to take ballet or jazz.

Acro 2/3: must accomplish set skills first

Level 6-8 Ages 12-18

*Ballet *Tap *Jazz

*Hip Hop *Modern

*Acro *Musical Theatre

Please note:

Students who take Jazz are advised to take ballet.
Students who take Modern only are advised to take ballet or jazz.

Adult Classes

Weekly Classes:

*Ballet

8 Week Rotations:

Tap & Jazz
Hip Hop & Line Dancing

You're never
too old
to dance!

Other Opportunities at AFDA...

- Performing Team for ages 6-18
- Company Team for ages 6-18
- Holiday Performance (Nutcracker or Christmas Show)
- Pop Up Guest Teachers through out the year!
- Winter Spectacular performance for Performance and Company members.
- Solo performance opportunities for Company students.

DRESS CODE FOR CLASS

In order to maintain discipline and allow the teachers to see the children's technique, we ask everyone follow the dress code as outlined below. All hair must be up off of the face.

We have implemented a "color system" for each level of classes with each level being assigned a specific color of leotard and including our traditional black leotard as well.

Preschool - Kinder

Black or pink leotards, pink tights, black tap shoes, pink ballet shoes. Ballet skirts are fine as long as the student doesn't "play" with the skirt.

Level 1 & 2

Black or light blue leotards, pink tights, tan tap shoes, pink ballet shoes. Ballet skirts are fine.

Level 3 & 4

Black or magenta leotards, pink tights, tan tap shoes, pink ballet shoes. Ballet skirts may be worn. Solid black leggings for tap class only.

Level 5

Black or lilac leotards, pink tights, tan tap shoes, pink ballet shoes. Ballet skirts are fine as long as the student doesn't "play" with the skirt.

Level 6 -7 -8

Black or royal blue leotards, pink tights, tan or black tap shoes (depending on class), pink ballet shoes. Ballet skirts may be worn. Solid black leggings for tap class only.

Adult Classes

For adult classes, wear loose comfortable clothing to move in. Black tap shoes, Black "sneakers" for both jazz and hip hop. Ballet shoes for ballet class.

Hip Hop

For hip hop classes students may wear loose comfortable clothing that they can move in. Tennis shoes for this class.

Acro

Acro class requires the "same" color leotard and tights as the student's age level requires. Bare feet for this class. All hair must be up!

For Boys

Boys: Black athletic pants or shorts. White t-shirt, black ballet shoes and black tap shoes.

Hair, Etc.

All hair is to be up and off the face.

Absolutely NO half-tops allowed in the studio.

No shirts or shorts in class (exception: hip hop class)

Visit our online "Dance Store"
for all of your dancewear & shoes.
www.shopnimbly.com/afda

Visit our online "AFDA Logo Store"
for all of your dancewear & shoes.
<https://stores.inksoft.com/annfreemandance>

IN THE STUDIO

Policies and Procedures

Parent Observation

Some of our students struggle when family members are present in class, so we respectfully ask that you not enter the studio room during classes. We do have “in studio” observation during the month of January.

We are working on connecting our TVs to our security system so that you can watch your child’s classes once per month.



ATTENDANCE

In order to help your child’s dance experience at Ann Freeman Dance Academy be the best it can be, it is very important that they not only come to class but that they arrive on time. Tardy students can be disruptive to the class and the dancer misses out on important warmups for their safety.

We do not credit accounts for missed classes. There are plenty of opportunities to make up a missed class by attending any other class for your child’s age level.

PARKING INFO

We are a 2 -story building. There is parking in the front, side and back of our building.

If your child’s class is in Studio #1 or #4- please park in the upper parking lot.

If your child’s class is in Studio #2 or #3 - please park in the side or back parking area.

Do not park in the parking lot of the business next door - they will have you towed.

CLASS PLACEMENT

All students are placed in their classes based on their age. Regardless, students will be evaluated during the first two months. If any student is not on the required level, said student will be assigned to another class on his/her level.

TEACHER’S TIME

Please do not interrupt instructors while class is in session. No parents or friends allowed in the classroom during class. Their time belongs to the students. Parents will be able to observe “in class” one lesson during the month of January. TV observation from the waiting area is being worked on.

WAITING AREAS

All small children must be supervised by an adult while in the waiting room. No loud noise, jumping on furniture, or running around.

OTHER INFO

- ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE STUDIOS.
- Absolutely no snacks in the studio for siblings, if they must eat do so in your car. Water bottles allowed as long as they are emptied and placed in the recycle bins.
- NO SOLICITING allowed on the premises.

TUITION INFORMATION

We have several ways to pay your monthly dance fees here at the studio. Please make a note of the choices below. If you have any questions see the front desk and we will be happy to answer those questions.

Pay Online

Go to your parent portal to pay your fees on-time by doing so you will have until mid-night EST to pay without late fees. Convenience Fee is charged.

Pay at the Front Desk

If by check – Due by the 10th of the month. We go by the “date received” not “date of the check”.

If by Credit Card - Due by the 10th of the month. Convenience Fee is charged.

If by cash - must be received by the 10th of the month.

Automatic Draft

Auto Payment: You may “opt” into Autopay in your parent portal.

Late Fees

Any fees not paid by the 10th of the month will have a \$12 late charge automatically added to their account. This timed deadline applies to when the 10th falls on a weekend as well.

Other Notes

- Make all checks payable to A.F.D.A. and please write the students name on the check.
- There will be a \$35 charge for all returned checks, with a request that all payments be in cash thereafter.
- There is no reduction in fees or refunds for classes missed, however your child may attend a different class to make-up the lesson. In case of prolonged illness special arrangements can be made.
- Our dance year consists of at least 34 lessons plus rehearsals and recital.
- Please note that the months with five lessons more than compensate for holidays.

REMINDER!

ALL DANCE FEES ARE DUE BY ON THE 10TH OF THE MONTH

Any fees paid after this date will have a \$12.00 late charge added to their account.

ADDITIONAL FEES

We work hard to keep costs down for parents, especially in the traditional classes. Because dance is a performing art there are a few additional fees that need to be paid.

ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

Registration Fee

When registering for class there will be a \$30 registration fee per student. This fee includes the necessary insurance carried for each child.

Costumes for Performance

We have an “All Inclusive” fee for costumes for your child. This fee is due by November 10th. It includes the following...

- 1 Costume
- 2 tickets to our spring show. (Extra tickets: \$8 each)
- 1 Spring Show T-shirt
- 1 Souvenir Show Program (includes all class pictures)
- 1 Show Video link

Additional “Costume Only” fee for hip hop, lyrical and musical theatre for younger students.

Additional “Costume Only” fee for tap, jazz, modern, hip hop, acro and musical theatre for older students.

Special “Applause” Ad in Program

Parents have the option of placing a special recognition ad for their child in our Spring Souvenir Program. These student recognition ads are available several sizes.



Refund Policy

- We do not make adjustments of any missed classes. However, students may makeup their missed class by attending any other technique for their age level.
- The “All Inclusive” costume fee is non-refundable after November 30th.
- Registration fee is non-refundable

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES



Nutcracker/Christmas Show

AFDA and the students have presented “The Nutcracker” for over 12 years and recently we also switched that out with a variety Christmas show that was a huge success. There are opportunities for any student at AFDA to participate in either of these shows. We provide the basic costumes (rental fee \$15/costume) and you only need basic tights/leotards. There is a performance fee of \$45 per student no matter which show that we choose each year to present.

Spring Show

Each spring we present our end of year show with all of the AFDA students. We present our younger students in their own show and our older students in a separate show which also includes a full ballet story. These shows are our end of year showcases.



Christmas Parades

AFDA participates in two Christmas parade events each year. The Hickory Parade which is usually held the Friday before Thanksgiving. Also we enjoy the Granite Falls Parade which is the first Saturday in December. All students of AFDA have to opportunity to participate.

Community Performances

Here at AFDA we try each year to arrange a variety of performances in the community to bring dance education to others. These performances could be a community festivals, schools or taking our love of dance to nursing homes. These performances are open to all Performance and Company members.