

CURRICULUM

PRE -K: A combination class for 2.5 - 4 year olds. Classes target creative movement and learning basic dance steps.

COMBINATION: A class for 4 - 6 year olds containing jazz, tap, and ballet techniques. Students will acquire a knowledge base for the three basic forms of dance.

BALLET: The foundation of all dance. Teaches proper body alignment, balance, turn out, grace, how to work each aspect of the body and then to unify them. Ballet is a necessity for any student who wishes to advance in his or her dancing.

JAZZ: Encompasses a broad range of dance styles, but named for its origin as a dance done to the rhythms of jazz music. The basics of jazz will assist dancers with all other forms of dance.

TAP: An audible form of dance in which the dancer learns beats, timing, and rhythms while coordinating upper body movements.

HIP HOP: A "street style" dance including styles such as breaking, locking, and popping that also has an element of freestyle or improvisation.

LYRICAL: An expressive form of dance in which the choreography is typically derived from the "lyrics" and meaning of the chosen music. Note: Dancers must be enrolled in ballet to take lyrical.

MUSICAL THEATRE: A dance form that encompasses all other styles where routines are typically performed to music from Broadway musicals. Students will acquire stage acting experience as well.

ACRO: Gymnastic and acrobatic movements, such as tumbling, are combined with dance.

TINY TUMBLERS: An acro class for 3 - 6 year olds!

POINTE: A classical ballet class in which the dancers wear pointe shoes. Enrollment in this class is by invitation only.

CONTEMPORARY: A style of dance that encompasses all genres and techniques. The choreography tends to explore new and innovative ways to move and shape the dancer's body.

Join us for our 33rd Season!!!

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2026-2027 Dance Season

OPEN HOUSES:

Wed. August 12, 2026, 6-8pm

Tues. August 25, 2026, 6-8pm

Sat. August 29, 2026, 10-11am

CLASSES BEGIN:

Monday, September 14, 2026

CURRICULUM:

Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Lyrical,
Contemporary, Musical Theatre,
Acrobatics, Pre-K, and Combination
Classes

**WHERE THE STUDENT
GAINS SELF ESTEEM
THROUGH THE
ABILITY TO DANCE**

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STUDIO INFORMATION

OBSERVATION WEEKS: There will be two “watch weeks” throughout the dance year where parents are invited to observe dance class. Watch weeks will occur at the following times:

- Monday 10/19 - Saturday 10/24
- Monday 4/12 – Saturday 4/17

COMMUNICATION: All necessary information is sent via email. Newsletters and reminders of important dates and events are also posted to our social media pages.

PARKING: Parking and entrance for the Sam Smith School of Dance is in the rear of the building. The front doors are not to be used as an entrance.

WEATHER CLOSINGS: Should the studio close due to inclement weather, it will be posted on our website, Facebook page, and on the television stations WGRZ 2 and WKBW 7.

HOLIDAYS/CLOSINGS

The studio will be closed for the following holidays/breaks:

November 25-November 29, 2026

December 20, 2026 – January 3, 2027

February 14-21, 2027

March 27- April 4, 2027

May 31, 2027

Annual Holiday Showcase!

This will be our 11th annual showcase! Select classes will work on short routines to holiday music, choreographed by our class assistants, and performed during a holiday party with cookie reception. Tickets go on sale early December.

Annual Year-End Recital!

Recital day is held on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at SUNY Niagara. There will be two performances on recital day. Each show is approximately 3 hours in length. Pre-K, Combination, and some select classes will only perform in one of the two shows. There is a recital fee due with February tuition. Tickets go on sale in May.

REGISTRATION FEE:

A registration fee is paid ONE time per dance year prior to the start of classes. It is a non-refundable fee and secures a dancer’s spot in class. The 2026-2027 Registration Fee is \$45 for an individual dancer and \$70 for a family.

COSTUME FEES:

A non-refundable costume deposit is due Monday, November 9, 2026. Late deposits will be charged a \$10 late fee per costume. If the cost of the costume exceeds the deposit, the balance will be billed in January. Shoes and tights are not included in the costume fee. A costume will not be ordered for a student if the deposit is not paid by December 15, 2026.

Fees are listed below:

Pre-K/Combo: \$70 per student/costume

Competition Classes: \$85 per student/costume

All other Classes: \$75 per student/costume

RECITAL FEE:

A recital fee is due with February tuition. This fee helps to cover the cost of the venue for rehearsals and recital, lighting, sound equipment and labor, and other expenses we incur when producing our recital. The recital fee also includes a digital download of our professionally videoed and edited recital for EVERY family! The 2026-2027 recital fee is \$75 per individual dancer and \$125 per family.

DANCE ATTIRE and SHOES:

Parents/guardians are responsible for providing their child with the needed shoes and attire for dance class.

Specific information about attire and shoes for each class can be found on our website at

www.samsmithschoolofdance.com



TUITION: Paid monthly and due by the first of the month. A \$5.00 late fee is charged after the 15th of the month. There is a \$25 fee on any returned check. The preferred payment method is online via Square invoice, but cash and check are also accepted. Tuition is based on a course fee and is the same amount each month regardless of the number of classes provided in the specific month or if a student is absent from class. Tuition will be collected for the months of September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May (9 payments total). No portion of tuition will be refunded in the event of withdrawal, pandemic, or dismissal of a student from the school.

2026-2027 Tuition Chart	
Number of Classes/Family	Monthly Tuition
1	59
2	111
3	155
4	194
5	229
6	258
7	283
8	305
8+	For each class after 8, add \$20/month