

Welcome to Khushi Dance Academy!!!

Our goal is to provide a valuable service for our students, one that is professional, one that teaches our students good quality dance ,one that encourages self-esteem, and one that helps students develop a love and appreciation for the art of dance.

Class Guidelines and expectations:

- * The class duration is 60 minutes for beginners and Juniors. Once they reach an intermediate/advanced level, the class duration will be 1.5 hours and fees will increase accordingly.
- * Once the student has officially joined, all communications will happen Via WhatsApp group. Each student will have their own WhatsApp CLASS group. We also have a school WhatsApp group called “Khushi Broadcast” for mass communications where all students will be added.
- * **To ensure our students receive the best learning experience, we request that students:**
 - * Be on time. Sessions will start with a 5-10 minutes exercise to warm up.
 - * Wear a Salwar-Kurta or tops with leggings for easy mobility and stretching while dancing.
 - * Tie the hair back when in class.
 - * Bring a bag with dance book, water bottle and dupatta to tie around waist.
 - * Attend all classes to keep up with rest of the group.
- * **Parents are allowed to stay the first few classes when their kids first join. After a few classes, parents are expected to wait outside or leave the studio until pick up time.**
- * **Classes missed by students will not be made up. Classes cancelled by instructor either pre-announced or due to bad weather will be rescheduled to another day.**
- * Practicing at home is highly suggested to see faster progress in children. Audio and videos available on our youtube channel should be used for independent practices at home. Syllabus books are available on our google drive and will be shared.
- * Home work will be given to all students and parents should ensure they build good homework habits to progress better and faster.

Test and Certifications

- * To start: We have 3 beginner levels taught including theory and practical. These levels include elaborated syllabus of dance steps(Adavus), Hand Gestures(Hastha Mudra) and various head, neck, eye and eyebrow movements(Bhedas). On an average this can take anywhere from 2 to 3 years to complete based on student's capability, discipline and dedication.
- * The syllabus for 3 beginner levels:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jv2BJgqweN48B5H_7teHD9R7adAFWPYM/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=102053049262502337214&rtpof=true&sd=true
- * Practice videos:
<https://www.youtube.com/@khushidanceacademynjusa8918/playlists>
- * The playlists are created for each beginner level in addition to a playlist for Hasthas and Bedhas.
- * After the child has completed 3 beginner levels in class, they can be considered to sit for the 1st level board exam conducted by SCICMD (Samved Conservatory of Indian Classical Music & Dance) located in Somerset, NJ managed by Madhyam organization (Visit Madhyam.US for more details). There are 9 levels offered by this board and students over the years with instructor's guidance can complete all levels and graduate with up to Masters level of Bharatanatyam degree.
- * This year of 2024, we are also exploring another exam board called SAMPADA that has 4 levels of Bharatanatyam dance exams.

Performances and Competitions

- * Students with regular practice that have finished the basic portion of the training will have opportunity to participate in community programs. No performances are guaranteed until the students have atleast completed the 3 beginner levels. Highly trained and dedicated kids will be selected to participate in competitions and other dance events.
- * In addition, we will have dance recitals every 1.5 years where every student must participate.
- * Parent volunteers are always welcomed to help organize and manage programs.
- * **Fees structure and policies**

- * Fees as of year 2025 is \$65 a month for an hour class and \$85 for 1.5 hours class. Fees are paid quarterly and are due during the first 10 days of every quarter. Late fees apply for all payments made after the 10th of the month. No exceptions. FFES ARE LIKELY TO INCREASE EVERY 3 YEARS BY 10 TO 15 PERCENT.
- * We have a sibling discount and is \$5 off their monthly fees.
- * In some students cases, the teacher might offer an option to move a capable student to a higher level class. The transition period will be 3 months where the student will be asked to come to their current class and the future class hence twice a week until they completely transition to the future class. There will be additional fees of 50% during these 3 months period.
- * Please note: Once quarterly fees are paid, no refunds will be given for missed classes, whether it's a week, weeks, or months. If you plan a vacation over a month, you may adjust fees beforehand, but not for less than a month. This ensures fairness, covers our fixed costs, and reduces time spent on adjustments, letting teachers focus on teaching.
- * For any board exams explained above, there's an application fee charged by the board and training fee charged by the teacher.
- * For any performances or competitions, if the extra hours are required to practice and prepare outside regular classes, there will be a fee to cover for extra studio hours and teacher's compensation.

School Calendar year: THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING AND LAST WEEK OF DECEMBER.

For additional questions and concerns, I am always reachable at KHUSHIDANCE14@gmail.com or 201-204-6006.