KONNECT
DANCE COMPANY

2026-27 Season
Parent/Student Handbook

Welcome to Konnect Dance Company. Our mission is to provide a dance training experience like no other, whether you're dancing for personal enjoyment or aspiring toward a professional career. We are committed to offering quality dance education to all of our students through carefully designed programs that meet every level of a dancers needs throughout their training.

CLASS PLACEMENT - Students will be enrolled in classes based on their abilities and physical facility. All class placements are overseen by the Director and will be reviewed throughout the year to ensure proper placement for progression.
** Ages listed for classes are general recommendations.*

REGISTRATION - Each student must sign a virtual waiver upon enrolling at Konnect. There is a $25.00 non-refundable registration fee ($40 per family, 2+ dancers) due at the time of sign up.

TUITION - Konnect Dance Company runs a 35 week schedule from September to June. Tuition is calculated by those 35 weeks and then split up into 10 monthly payments. Tuition can be paid in full at the beginning of the season if desired.

All students participating in the annual performance must be enrolled for the season and pay monthly tuition. Open enrollment ends January 31st every season.

Monthly tuition is due on the 1st of each month. Tuition is payable by cash, check, Venmo or auto-pay via a credit/debit card or ACH payment with a bank account. Accounts on auto-pay will be charged the morning of the 1st each month.

NEW THIS SEASON - A 3% Credit Card surcharge will be applied to all debit or credit card transactions. You can avoid this fee by switching from a credit/debit card to an ACH electronic check payment online or submitting payment via Venmo. Please keep in mind there is a $40 penalty fee for any returned electronic checks.

There will be a $20.00 late fee added to any tuition paid after the 10th of the month. Tuition that is past due by 2 months will result in the student being dropped from the class. Your child/children will not be permitted to attend classes or participate in performances unless the account is up to date.

**All returned checks will asses a $40.00 penalty fee.*
***Tuition is non-refundable*

ABSENCES - Please notify the studio via email or text whenever your dancer is missing class. You can also go into your studio director account to mark your child absent at any point in time.

MAKE UP CLASSES - Any missed class, that is NOT a scheduled holiday or vacation closure, is eligible for a make-up class at either the same or a lower class level. Please send an email if you need to schedule a make-up class and options will be given by the director and scheduled accordingly.

CLASS WITHDRAWAL - Any student withdrawing from classes MUST submit an email one week prior to the end of the month. Once monthly tuition has been paid it cannot be refunded. If you choose to withdraw at any point during the month you can either complete the classes paid for or forfeit those classes, pro-rates will not be given for withdrawals.

CLASS ETIQUETTE - Proper dance training requires discipline and structure. All students are expected to behave in a respectful manor during classes to ensure maximum retention and growth. Students are required to be on time to class and in the proper dress code. Anyone not in proper dress code or more than ten minutes late to a class may be asked to sit and observe class instead of participating. Without a proper warm-up, injuries may occur. Please text or email the studio if you are missing class or arriving late. **No chewing gum or food will be permitted in the studio. Only water will be allowed in the classrooms, no outside beverages.**

DISMISSAL - Any student or parent engaging in any behavior or acts deemed unbefitting the studio will be asked to leave. Grounds for dismissal include...

- Any violation of company policies
- Behavioral misconduct by a student or parent, such as violence, harassment, bullying or any unsportsmanlike conduct at the studio or a studio event.
- Failure to meet financial obligations

OFFICE - We run a virtual office at Konnect and the best way to contact the Director is via email to konnectdanceco@gmail.com. If you want to set up a phone call in regard to anything please reach out via email to set up a time for a scheduled call. The studio phone has text capabilities so you can text the studio for absences or quick questions. Please continue using email for all registration and in depth conversations.
Studio phone number - 401-420-9033

LOBBY - We have a small waiting area in the studio and kindly request that parents that are waiting remain in their car whenever possible. Please refrain from bringing siblings and extra family members to wait inside as it will become too congested. Parents of our Tumble + Twirl dancers are permitted to wait inside but again, please refrain from bringing any additional family members so there is just one guardian inside.
There is also NO food or drinks allowed in lobby.

EMAIL - We send LOTS of info throughout the season via email, please make sure to add the studio to contacts to ensure proper delivery and check your emails often. Most questions can be answered by looking back through information sent

STUDIO ANNOUNCEMENTS - Detailed studio emails with general information about the studio including any class cancellations, inclement weather, costume deposits, performance information etc. will be sent throughout the year. Please make sure to check your email often to avoid missing any important information. We also use social media and Band for all announcements.

BAND APP - we are utilizing the Band app to help streamline important information each season. You will receive a link to join our Konnect Families Band app. This app is only for you to receive critical information and updates, you will not be able to send any messages back to the studio.
***Click here to join our Band app* - **https://band.us/n/ada1bfY9J7sfB**

INCLEMENT WEATHER/STUDIO CLOSURE - In the event of bad weather or an unexpected closure, an announcement will be made via the Band app, on social media and via email by 2pm that day. Make-up classes are available for all missed classes due to unforeseen closure.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE - 2027
The end of each season will culminate in an annual performance. Any student **NOT** performing **MUST notify the Director prior to January 1, 2026.**

This years performance date is Saturday, June 19th at **North Kingstown High School. There will be two shows, 11:30am & 4:30pm. Dress rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, June 18th and will be held in the evening from approximately 4:30-8:30pm. Full details and schedules will be released in January.

- **RECITAL FEE**

A non-refundable Recital Fee of $50 per student will be due with your January Tuition. Each student will receive a custom designed cast t-shirt with their name on the back and the professional video footage of the annual performance included with their fee. Any dancers not participating in the annual performance will not incur this fee. Keep in mind, we must be notified prior to January 1st if your child will NOT be participating in the annual show.

- **COSTUME DEPOSITS**

A $45.00 costume deposit is required for each costume and due on **November 16th**. Costume balances will be due on **March 15th**. Once a costume has been ordered it cannot be returned.

- **TICKET SALES**

Tickets for the annual performance will go on sale approximately one month prior to the show and will be available on a first come basis via an online ticketing platform.

- **FINALE/CLOSING NUMBER PERFORMANCE**

All students participating in the annual performance are eligible to perform in the closing number of the show! Rehearsals will begin in May and a schedule will be released in March with details on days and times and attendance. This is an optional performance but it is definitely the most fun of the whole show to have all performers on stage together! Costume will be black bottoms and your recital t-shirt each season (shirt included with your recital fee).

STUDIO CALENDAR

Fall classes will begin on Friday, September 11th and run through Thursday, June 17th.

Listed below are important dates and holiday openings and closures for the season.

*We **DO NOT** follow school calendars for closures, please do not assume if there is no school there is no dance. Refer to the dates below.

- **First day of classes - Friday, September 11th**
- Rosh Hashanah - OPEN (Saturday, Sept. 12th)
- Yom Kippur - OPEN (Monday, Sept 21st)
- Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day - CLOSED (Monday, Oct 12th)
- Halloween - OPEN FOR ALL CLASSES THROUGH 12:15pm (Saturday, Oct 31st)
- Election Day - OPEN (Tuesday, Nov 3rd)
- Veteran's Day - OPEN (Wednesday, Nov 11th)
- Thanksgiving Break - CLOSED (Tuesday, Nov 24th - Sunday 29th)
- Holiday Break - CLOSED (Tuesday Dec 22nd - Saturday, Jan 2nd)
- MLK Day - OPEN (Jan 18th)
- February Break - CLOSED (Feb 15-21st)
- St. Patricks Day - OPEN (Wednesday, March 17th)
- Good Friday - OPEN (Friday, March 26th)
- April Break - CLOSED (Apr 19-25th)
- Memorial Day - CLOSED (Monday, May 31st)
- **Last day of classes - Thursday, June 17th**
- **Dress Rehearsal - Friday, June 18th (evening 4:30-8:30pm)**
- **Annual Performance - Saturday, June 19th (11:30am + 4:30pm)**

• **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Please follow the studio on Facebook and Instagram as lots of important information is released there and sometimes is a faster way of receiving that info over email.

Facebook - Konnect Dance Company
Instagram - @KonnectDance

PRIVATE LESSONS - We offer private and semi private lessons for dancers. Please email the Director to schedule private lessons. Privates lessons will be charged the morning of your lesson to the credit/debit card on file with the office. If you wish to pay by cash or check that MUST be submitted in advance, no later than the evening before, or the lesson will be cancelled. If you need to cancel a private lesson for any reason kindly do so at least 24 hours in advance.

COMPETITION TEAM

Our Competition Company will attend multiple competitions and conventions each season, culminating in a national finale event and perform in our showcase and end of season shows. Dancers MUST audition each season for acceptance in to this program. Dancers are required to train anywhere from 5-9 classes/week depending on level.

For more specific information regarding our company's requirements, tuition, class schedules and performances, plus audition forms and applications please email the director.

**Competition/Convention/Master Class Schedules for the season will be emailed out at the beginning of September.*

We look forward to another amazing season with all our dancers and a big welcome to our new families joining us in season 7!