

From your child's first steps, to their graduation performance....

We are excited to ring in our 17th season here in Avondale! The Chesco Dance Center has been here for Chester County and local area youth for over almost two decades! We were here yesterday, we are here today and we will be here tomorrow for your children.

So, whether you are taking your first class or preparing for your senior year, we say, "Welcome Home!" At CDC, you are family.

## **Celebrating our 17th Season of Dance!**

- ✓ Gems Dance Company
- ✓ Nutcracker Opportunity
- ✓ Spring Ballet Opportunity
- ✓ And More!

Chesco Dance Center (CDC) has built a reputation for excellence in dance instruction! CDC has a class for everyone. We specialize in beginners of all ages and offer training through pre-professional levels. Our classes are taught by caring, skilled teachers in a positive environment. We delight in your child's progress and performances! Our costumes and choreography are always age appropriate and your child's safety and wellness has always been our highest priority.



# To register visit:

www.chescodancecenter.com

# **Welcome to Chesco Dance Center**

At Chesco Dance Center, our mission is to provide a nurturing and empowering environment where students grow as dancers and individuals. We are committed to delivering exceptional technical training, fostering artistic development, and encouraging personal growth through a variety of performance opportunities—both competitive and non-competitive.

Our goal is to inspire confidence, discipline, and a lifelong passion for the art of dance.

Our Class Offerings Include:

- Ballet
- Pointe
  - Tap
  - Jazz
- Contemporary
  - Acro
  - Pom
- Hip Hop/Dance Team
  - Preschool Dance
- Tiny Tots/Tumble Tots

Join our vibrant community and experience the difference of elite dance education in a supportive, encouraging atmosphere.



# How to register for classes?

- 1) Choose your classes in this booklet
- 2) Log in here, or create an account.
- 3) add your classes to your account
- 4) that's it! You are all set for now!





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PRO.COM/ONLINE/CHESCODANCECENTER

# From this account you can:

- ~Register for classes
- ~Make tuition and costume payments
- ~Receive important infomation about classes during the year



# ATTENTION CDC DANCERS! THE COUNTDOWN TO THE 2025 NUTCRACKER HAS BEGUN — AND THIS IS YOUR MOMENT TO SHINE! AUDITIONS: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

REHEARSALS BEGIN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

UNWRAP THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS AND BRING THIS BELOVED HOLIDAY TRADITION TO LIFE ON STAGE!

MORE EXCITING DETAILS COMING SOON — STAY TUNED!





Get ready for a frightfully fun Kid's Night Out filled with dancing, games, and Halloween excitement! Costumes encouraged, smiles guaranteed!

Friday, October 25

Ages 5-9: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Ages 10+: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (or come the whole time - 5:00-8:00 PM!)
What's in Store:Halloween-themed games, A spooktacular dance party,
Prizes & surprises, Treats (no tricks!)
Costume fun and more!

# 2025-2026 Calendar

# **Classes begin Tuesday September 2 2025**

- CLOSED Thanksgiving Holiday Monday November 24 Sunday November 30, 2025
- CLOSED Winter Holidays Monday December 22 2025 -January 4 2026
- CLOSED SPRING BREAK- Tuesday March 31-Monday April 6 2026
- CLOSED- Memorial Day Weekend Friday May 22-Monday May 25 2026
- OPEN Columbus Day, Martin Luther King Jr Day, President's Day
- Last Day of Dance Class Saturday June 6 2026
- Year-End Shows Sunday June 7 2026 \*will be confirmed in September 2025

\*Closed dates subject to change or be updated.

Notice will be given throughout the year.

# **Chesco Dance Center Faculty**

Read about our amazing Faculty on our website www.chescodancecenter.com

## **Kellie Greer- Director CDC**

Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Tap, AcroDance, Gems Choreographer

# **Mindy Passio**

Ballet, Pointe, Contemporary, Musical Theatre, Gems Choreographer

## **Jasmine Zook**

Acro Dance, Leaps and turns

## **Ruthy Freeberg**

**Ballet and Pointe** 

## Jenica Amanto

Gems Choreography

## Emma Borowski

Ballet, Tap, and Jazz, Gems choreographer

## **Mariah Marrero**

Jazz, Groove Squad, Contemporary, Lyrical





## **Level Change for the Season**

Unlike regular school, dancers often study at the same level classes/styles for 1-3 years. They spend the first year learning the curriculum at what is called a "novice level", they then progress to "mastering the level". Dancers who progress in this manner become more proficient at all aspects of the dance curriculum and the benefits also include building confidence, strength, poise, and technique.

## **Class Placment**

Placement of dancers is made at the discretion of the director and faculty and is based on your child's ability and level. All decisions are made by professionals and are with your child's best interest in mind.

## **Pointe Invitations**

To be considered for pointe, dancers must have at least 1 year Ballet experience and be 11-12 years old. Once accepted to the pointe program they must maintain 2 separate ballet classes a week on separate days, and must take the pre-pointe class before being accepted into the pointe program. Prepointe dancers may take 1 ballet class until accepted into the program.

Our goal is to provide the highest quality dance instruction and to uphold a professional caliber.

Whether a student is pursuing a dance career or just wanting the finest instruction for recreational purpose, Chesco Dance Center is the studio of choice. We want your experiences here to be educational, inspirational, and fun. To preserve the integrity of the studio, please adhere to our rules and policies.

Chesco Dance Center reserves the right to change staff, class times, and levels at any time for any reason. CDC reserves the right to reschedule, combine classes, or find substitution.

CDC also reserves the right to deliver class content via an online system if classes cannot be conducted live for any reason including but not limited to: weather, instructor absence, or governmental closure

There are no refunds or credits for classes missed or dropped throughout the session







Ready to level up your dance game?

Join the

# GROOVE SQUAD!



## **Groove Squad**

Get ready to bring the heat! This high-energy class fuses hip hop, jazz funk, dance team, and pom into one powerhouse experience. It's hip hop—but so much more. Groove Squad is all about finding your vibe, pushing your limits, and owning a style that's fresh, fierce, and full of attitude.

Perfect for anyone looking to move like they're on the field at halftime, this class delivers that college dance team flair—with precision, power, and performance.

Led by Mariah Marrero a standout on the nationally ranked West Chester University Dance Team—nationally ranked in both hip hop and game day—you'll train and slay with the best

BONUS

Register for a Groove Squad

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Reclass during VIP week and

Class during VIP on Poms to

Class this September to

class this Keep!

# **Elite Level Ages 10-13**

Elite Level dancers step into a pre-professional tier of training where movement quality and technical precision begin to fully merge. At this stage, dancers are challenged to elevate their artistry while refining advanced skills across multiple dance styles.

Emphasis is placed on becoming a well-rounded, versatile performer, with classes intentionally bundled by day to support multi-style training. The Select Level curriculum introduces more complex steps, movement patterns, and technical demands—laying a strong foundation for success at the Advanced level and beyond.

#### **Class Times:**

## **Monday**

Intermediate 3/Elite Ballet and Pointe 6:30pm-7:15pm Studio 2 KG
Intermediate 3/Elite Jazz and Contemporary 7:15pm-8:00pm Studio 2 KG
Int/Elite Tumble and Groove 7:15pm-8:15pm Studio 3 JZ

## <u>Tuesday</u>

**Elite Jazz** 6:30pm-7:15pm *Studio 2 MM* **Elite Groove Squad** 7:15pm-8:00pm *Studio 2 MM* 

## <u>Wednesday</u>

**Elite Musical Theatre and Tap** 5:15pm-6:00pm *Studio 1 MP* **Elite Ballet and Pointe** 6:00pm-7:15pm *Studio 1 RF* 

## **Thursday**

Elite Contemporary 5:00pm-5:45pm Studio 2 MP
Elite Ballet and Pointe 5:45-7:00 Studio 2 MP
Elite Dance Essentials 7:00pm-7:30pm Studio 2 MP

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# **Teen Level Ages 12+**

Our Teen Dance Class is the perfect opportunity for dancers ages 12+ who are brand new to dance or returning after time away! Each week, dancers will explore a variety of styles including lyrical, contemporary, jazz, and musical theatre. Classes will rotate styles weekly, and sometimes even combine two styles in one class to keep things fresh and exciting. This welcoming and supportive class allows teens to build confidence, improve coordination, and express themselves through movement—all while having fun and connecting with new friends.

Class time:

**Tuesday** 

Teen Combo 7:15pm-8:00pm Studio 2 KG

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#### **Dress Code**

# Tiny Tots, Mini Movers, Rising Stars, Shining Stars

- Leotard of any color, Footed tights of any color
- Shoes: will need pink leather or canvas Ballet slippers (dancers do not need jazz shoes for these above classes)
- Hair must be worn pulled back
- Skirts, dance shorts, or tutus may be worn.
- Boys should wear black sweatpants or shorts, and a white t shirt or any sweatshirt with black ballet shoes.

# Tumble tots, Dance with Me, and Tumble and Groove

- Leotard of any color, can also wear shorts or leggings
- Dancers will need bare feet
- Hair must be worn pulled back
- Boys should wear black sweatpants or shorts, and a white t shirt or any sweatshirt

#### **Mini Tappers**

- Leotard of any color, Footed tights of any color
- Shoes: will need black velcro or snap tap shoes
- Hair must be worn pulled back
- Skirts, dance shorts, or tutus may be worn.
- Boys should wear black sweatpants or shorts, and a white t shirt or any sweatshirt with black ballet shoes.

No hoop earrings may be worn during class No Apple Watches/Fit Bits may be worn during class

#### **Groove Squad and Hippity Hop**

- Leggings, sweatpants, Shorts or dance pants, tshirts or tank tops
- sneakers with no tread (please wear "skateboarding shoes")
- Jazz shoes are additionally needed with 11+ Groove
   Squad classes and Premiere Groove Squad

#### Contemporary

- Leotard with footless or convertible tights
- tank top or leggings. No sports bras- tank style only
- Hair pulled back in a braid or pony tail
- bare feet are to be worn

# Ballet, Tap, and Jazz, Musical Theatre (intermediate through PreProfessional levels)

- Leotard of any color, tights of any color, skirt or dance shorts may be worn.
- For Ballet hair must be worn in a bun
- For all other classes hair must be pulled back in a pony tail or braid

#### Shoes:

- Ballet- pink or canvas Ballet slippers
- Jazz- Tan leather or canvas jazz shoes
- Tap- Black lace up Tap shoes
- Musical theatre Tan leather or canvas jazz shoes

May need tap shoes (if listed with tap)

May need character heel shoes (ages 12+)

# Dance Essentials Equipment Elite Level

- -Big Pilates/Exercise Ball size medium 48-55 cm (19-22 inches)
- -Small Pilates Ball 9 inches
- -2 yoga blocks

#### **Premiere Level**

- -Big Pilates/Exercise Ball size large 58-65 cm (23-26 inches)
- -Small Pilates Ball 9 inches
- -2 yoga blocks
- -Therabands
- -Loop bands
- \*All can be found on Amazon

### **CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **Tiny Tots**

Toddlers will jump, twirl, and giggle their way through fun, creative, and imaginative dance movements in our Tiny Tots classes! In addition to movement, children build important early skills like: Independence, Following directions, Teamwork and cooperation, coordination, and beginning dance technique.

#### **Tumble tots**

Tumble Tots is a high-energy, fun-filled class where toddlers explore the exciting world of beginning tumbling and dance! Little ones will roll, crawl, jump, twirl, and balance through creative obstacle courses, movement games, and imaginative dance activities designed just for them. Along the way, they'll build important early skills such as: Gross motor development, Body awareness and spatial understanding, Balance and flexibility, Creative expression and rhythm.

#### **Mini Movers**

A creative movement class for age 3 designed to enhance gross motor development, listening skills, musicality, and nurture the creative spirit.

#### **Mini Tappers**

A tap class for age 3 designed to enhance gross motor skills, spatial awareness, imagination, creativity, manners and sharing.

#### **Musical Theatre**

Step into the spotlight in this high-energy class that brings the magic of Broadway to life! Dancers will explore the foundations of Broadway-style jazz while incorporating elements of tap and expressive acting to build confidence, stage presence, and storytelling through movement. Each class includes a dynamic warm-up, stylized choreography inspired by iconic musicals, and exercises to develop character work and performance skills. Perfect for aspiring performers who love to dance, sing, act—or just want to bring a little more drama (the fun kind!) to the studio.

#### **Hippity Hop**

Hippity Hop is an introductory hip hop and jazz class for ages 3-5. This class will introduce new and basic hip hop movements along with creative movement and is a fun way to learn a new style of dancing.

#### **Dance Essentials**

Our Dance Essentials class is a vital part of our training program, combining yoga, stretching, and strength exercises to help dancers build a strong, healthy foundation. Designed to improve flexibility, core stability, and muscular control, this class supports safer, more efficient movement both in and out of the studio. Dancers will need some supplies (listed on the class attire page) which are used throughout the class to enhance balance, deepen stretches, and engage stabilizing muscles. By focusing on injury prevention and overall wellness, Dance Essentials empowers dancers to move with confidence and longevity.

#### **Groove Squad**

This high-energy class fuses hip hop, jazz funk, dance team, and pom into one powerhouse experience. Groove Squad is all about finding your vibe, pushing your limits, and owning a style that's fresh, fierce, and full of attitude. Perfect for cheerleaders, dance team hopefuls, or anyone who wants to bring the heat with that college dance team flair.

#### Contemporary

A foundational technique similar to Ballet. Dancers will gain strength in movement, learn floor work and how to dance, engage their back more through this movement centered class. The contemporary portion of class strives to connect the mind and body through fluid dance movements.

#### **Tumble and Groove**

Great for dancers who are looking to improve their overall coordination, strength, agility, and flexibility. Students learn and master rolls, cartwheels, aerials, tumbling, handstands, and more.

#### **Ballet**

Ballet is a foundational dance form that provides grace, poise and technique needed to be proficient in all other areas of dance. Ballet classes will help dancers with posture, balance, self-discipline and self-confidence. Beginning in Level 3, dancers may begin training in pre-pointe work that is done within the Level 3 class. At that point, two Level 3 ballet classes are required. There is no seperate pre-pointe class.

#### **Pointe**

Pointe is by inviation and acceptance only. Dancers should not wear or pruchase pointe shoes until apporved by the Director. Each dancer must take pre-pointe in order to be eligible Current Pointe dancers must take 2 ballet classes per week in order to continue training in pointe.

#### Jazz

Jazz dance includes strength, flexibility, and conditioning technique and progressions including turns, kicks and leaps. In a Jazz class, the dancers also learn many fun and trendy dance steps that are used for all forms of dance. It is a wonderful class to get a well-rounded variety of all dance steps. Great for dancers interested in competing or dance teams in the future.

#### Tap

Tap dancers use the metal taps on the toes and heels of their shoes to proudce and endless variety of sounds and rhythms that differ in dynamics and even pitch. Dancers will learn about musicality and tempo.

#### **Dance With Me!**

A joyful and interactive class designed for moms, guardians, and their little ones (ages 18 months – 3 years)! Together, you'll explore creative movement, beginner dance steps, and playful tumbling in a supportive environment that builds coordination, confidence, and connection. It's the perfect way to bond through movement and make magical first dance memories—together!

# **Tuition Rates and information for 2025-2026**

- 30 minute Class \$60/month
- 45-Minute or 1-Hour Class \$82/month
- 1 Hour and 15 Minute Class \$92/month

#### **Family Discounts**

- 2nd Family Member 3% off monthly tuition
- 3rd Family Member & Beyond 5% off monthly tuition

#### **Payment Schedule**

for <u>convenience</u>, <u>tuition</u> is <u>divided</u> into 10 <u>equal monthly payments</u>. Payments are due on the 1st of each month:(except for payment #10)

- (1) September 1
- (2) October 1
- (3) November 1
- (4) December 1
- (5) January 1
- (6) February 1
- (7) March 1
- (8) April 1
- (9) May 1
- (10) May 31
  - Pruition is based on the full dance season, not the number of classes per month.
- Late fees will be applied to any account not paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month
- Withdrawals- To withdraw from a class, you must send written notice by email at least 30 days before your desired end date.Once we receive your notice, one final month of tuition will be charged. This covers your dancer's last 30 days of class.

Tuition will continue to be charged until we receive this written notice.

# Chesco Dance Center is proud to offer dancers an exciting way to maximize their training and savings!

If you take more than 7 hours/classes of dance per week, you qualify for our Unlimited Program — saving you each month!

Program Details:

Unlimited Hours of Dance Classes per Week Includes ALL Chesco Dance Center Classes for One Student Includes Gem Team Monthly Tuition

**Tuition Rate:** 

Cost: \$515 per month

Split into 10 equal monthly payments

**\*** Why Choose Unlimited?

Save each month!

Access all your favorite classes without worrying about added costs. Perfect for serious dancers who want to train at the highest level.

Dance More. Save More. Shine Brighter! \*

## **Tuition Policies for 2025-2026**

- A payment will be due on the 1st of each month- Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, and <u>May 31</u>
- Tuition is due no later than the 10th of the month, after the 15th of the month late fees will be applied to the account.
- If you are participating in the unlimited program your tuition amount will be adjusted before the first tuition is processed.
- Any account more than 1 month behind in payment will be put on suspension from all classes and Dance Company events until account is paid in full.
- In the event that classes will need to go virtual all tuition rates will remain the same.
- There are no refunds for classes, costumes, or other events for any reason at anytime
- No credits are given for absences, termination of classes on the student's part, illness or injury, or inclement weather. If there is a credit given due to a pandemic or other unforeseen emergencies, it must be used towards classes or events at CDC.
- Cash/check refunds are not available for any reason.
- Students are encouraged to make up any missed classes in any style class of the same or near level.
- Withdrawals- To withdraw from a class, you must send written notice by email at least 30 days before your desired end date. Once we receive your notice, one final month of tuition will be charged. This covers your dancer's last 30 days of class.
- CDC accepts cash, checks, and Credit Cards as a form of payment for classes.