

Lonestar Dance Center for Performing Arts 2011-2012 Membership Agreement

1. **Registration Fee**—A non-refundable registration fee is required for proper enrollment along with a standard registration form. Registration and enrollment are not considered complete until this fee and the first month's tuition are paid in full. The Fall/Spring registration fee is \$30 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child. This fee will be paid once annually.
2. **Tuition and Fees**—In order for each student to participate in any of the programs offered at Lonestar Dance, all paper work must be completed and fees paid in full.
3. **Tuition is Due on the 1st of each month**—Lonestar Dance is on a computer system; we DO NOT send out a monthly reminder. All payments should be turned in by the 1st of the month. They will be considered late after the 5th and will be assessed a \$15.00 late fee. If a payment is returned for NSF or for any other reason, your account will be assessed a \$30 reprocessing fee. You will receive a statement only for returned payments, late tuition, or unpaid costume fees. **We will email important news throughout the year; it is important that you keep your email address current throughout the year. It is the responsibility of the parent to notify our office if you are not receiving important emails and/or if your information changes.**
4. **Tuition remains the same whether the month is long (5 weeks) or short (2 weeks) and regardless of absences.** Tuition has been calculated for the whole year and divided into nine equal payments. **August and June are the only two months that are prorated.** If tuition payment is two months delinquent, student is subject to dismissal.
5. **Sibling Discount** – Families with 2 or more dancers will receive \$20 off the total family tuition. Families with 3 or more dancers will receive \$35 off the total family tuition.
6. **Non-sufficient Funds or Returned Checks**—There will be a \$30 charge on all returned checks. After two NSF checks. Payments must be in the form of cash, cashier's check, or money order.
7. **Insurance**—Lonestar Dance DOES NOT carry medical insurance for its students. It is required that all dance students be covered by their own family's insurance policies and if injury occurs, it is understood that the student's own policy is your only source of reimbursement.
8. **Bad Weather**—The studio will not necessarily close for snow days. We follow PISD. Many times roads are clear and safe by around 2:30pm. If in doubt, call the studio phone for a recording on class closings, check the website: www.dancetexas.com or our facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/LonestarDance>. If we do close the studio due to bad weather, you may make-up any days missed during a comparable class.
9. **Holidays**—Holidays will follow the Pflugerville Independent School District –with the exception of Thanksgiving and winter breaks. Holiday dates will always be posted and on the studio recorder. We are only closed MAJOR HOLIDAYS. We DO NOT CLOSE for Staff Development Days. We do not prorate for bad weather days or holidays.

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| • August 25 th | Classes Begin |
| • September 3 rd – 5 th | Labor Day/ No Classes |
| • November 20 th – 26 th | Thanksgiving/ No Classes |
| • December 10 th *tentative | 5 th Annual Holiday Benefit |
| • December 19 th -January 3 rd | Winter Break/ No Classes |
| • March 11 th – 18 th | Spring Break/ No Classes |
| • April 6 th – 8 th | Easter Weekend/ No Classes |
| • May 26 th -28 th | Memorial Day/ No Classes |
| • June 16 th | 8 th Annual Spring Recital |

10. **Attendance**—Attendance will be taken at each class. Regular attendance is imperative as absences and tardiness can hold back an entire class and the studio cannot jeopardize its responsibilities to the rest of the class for one student. Please make every effort to have your child at every class. You may make up any days missed due to an illness, but only during the same month. There are NO refunds, credits, or prorated tuition for missed lessons. If you are registered, you are responsible for the full monthly tuition.
11. **Class Observation**— The first week of each month (Sept.-March) is designated as class observation week. During this time the curtains will be open in the dance rooms for you to observe the class. The curtains may be closed during all other weeks. At times this is at the discretion of the instructor. We have found the children do much better when the instructor can have their sole attention.
12. **Recital**—Specific Recital dates and times will be confirmed and announced as soon as they are finalized. Students work hard all year, recital is their opportunity to exhibit their hard work. There will be a Holiday Benefit Performance in December and our annual recital will take place the beginning to the middle of June. Please plan your vacations accordingly.
13. **Costume fees**—The payment for costumes (payable to “Sugar Britches”) is due on or before January 15, 2012. If payment is returned NSF or for any other reason, your account will be assessed a \$30 reprocessing fee. If your child is not participating in the recital, you must let the office know (in-writing) by October 1, 2011. It takes several months for the costumes to be made and shipped back to the studio. Costumes will cost between \$55 and \$100 typically; depending on the class. The costume fee is not refundable once the costume(s) has been ordered. If an exchange is possible (for size only); there is a \$10-\$20 exchange/shipping fee depending on the costume vendor. Alternative costs, including alterations, are your responsibility. There will not be a costume fee for the Holiday Performance, however, each dancer will be required to purchase a performance t-shirt for \$10 (tax included). The specific t-shirt will be available for purchase by the week before the performance.
14. **Recital Fee**—There is a non-refundable Spring Recital Fee that is due on or before November 30, 2011. Again if a check is returned NSF, your account will be assessed a \$30 reprocessing fee. The recital fee is separate from your costume fee and goes to pay rental of the auditorium, ticket printing, insurance, props, backdrops, paying technicians, etc. Each family will receive four recital tickets. The recital fees are charged as follows:
 - Families: \$90
 - Company Members: \$80
 - Holiday Recital fee is due on or before October 15th, 2011 and is \$30 per family. The Holiday Recital is a benefit and therefore all tickets will be given at a donation to the charity that we are benefiting.
15. **Withdrawals**—Any student who drops out of the program **MUST GIVE 30-DAY WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE OFFICE**. You will be responsible for partial tuition if the notice is given in the middle of the month. Additionally in this event, all recital fees, costumes and costume fees, and contest fees are forfeited.
16. Lonestar Dance reserves the right to ask anyone to leave Lonestar Dance if they are not acting in the best interest of Lonestar Dance.
17. If class enrollment is too small, Lonestar Dance reserves the right to cancel or combine that class with another appropriate class.
18. **Parent-Teacher Communication** –Please understand that the teachers are on a strict time schedule and will call or email if necessary to speak with a teacher. We are pleased to welcome you to Lonestar Dance. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to discuss them with us whenever it does not interfere with class time. We are always interested in improving your child’s dance education!