

2025-2026

Studio Handbook

Details On Season Two of Elev8 Dance



Tuition, Fees, Policies, Dress Code, Attendance, Spring Recitals

Welcome to Season Two

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We are so excited to welcome you to another amazing year of dance at Elev8 Dance in Clinton, NC! Whether you're returning for a second season or joining us for the first time, we're honored to have your family be part of our growing studio community. At Elev8 Dance, we believe in combining strong technique with genuine joy, and we're committed to providing every student with quality instruction, a supportive atmosphere, and meaningful growth—both on and off the dance floor. Our mission is to instill a deep love of dance while building self-confidence, discipline, flexibility, and strength in every dancer who walks through our doors.

This handbook is designed to give you everything you need to feel prepared for the season ahead.

Inside, you'll find information about class expectations, important dates, tuition policies, performance details, and more. We ask that families take the time to review this packet and refer back to it throughout the year. At Elev8 Dance, we take your experience seriously—from the way we run our classrooms to how we communicate with parents. You'll always be kept in the loop through our email updates, Facebook page, Instagram, and lobby announcements. If you have questions or ever need anything along the way, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can call or text us at 910-590-7040, email elev8dancestaff@gmail.com, or stop by the studio during regular office hours.

Thank you for trusting us with your dancer's training, memories, and growth. We're so glad you're here—and we can't wait to see how high we'll ELEV8 together this season.

*With joy and gratitude,
Ms. Maddie James
Owner & Director, Elev8 Dance*

CORE VALUES

At Elev8 Dance, we believe dance is more than steps – it is a way to build character, community, and confidence. Our values guide everything we do:

Excellence In Training

- We provide high-quality instruction in a safe, structured, and inspiring environment.

Community & Family

- We value strong connections between dancers, families, and the Sampson County community.

Joy in the Journey

- Dance should be FUN, fulfilling, and meaningful for every dancer at every level.

Growth & Confidence

- We encourage dancers to develop discipline, self-esteem, and resilience both inside and outside of the studio.

Respect & Integrity

- We foster growth, teamwork, and accountability in every class.

OUR ELEV8 DANCE MISSION

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MEET THE TEAM

Our dedicated faculty and staff are the heart of Elev8 Dance. Each member has been personally trained and vetted by Ms. Maddie to ensure your dancer receives the highest-quality instruction in both technique and character.

OUR ELEV8 TEAM



Madelyn James
Ms. Maddie
Owner/Artistic Director



Madyson Crumpler
Miss Maddy
*Associate Instructor &
Administrative Support Staff*



Madelsine Reeves
Miss Maddy
Acro Dance Instructor



Addison Jackson
Miss Addison
*Assistant Teacher &
Administrative Support Staff*



Jewell Carr
Miss Jewell
Clogging Dance Instructor

CONTACT INFO

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Elev8DanceStaff@gmail.com

www.DanceWithElev8.com

SAFETY & WELLBEING COMMITMENT

At Elev8 Dance, your dancer's safety, wellbeing, and growth are our top priorities. We are committed to:

- **Age-Appropriate Choices** – All music, choreography, and costuming, are carefully reviewed to ensure they are positive and appropriate for our dancers.
- **Healthy Body Image & Mental Health** – We emphasize confidence, strength, and discipline, never unrealistic ideals. Dancers are encouraged to celebrate what their bodies can *do* rather than how they look.
- **Assistant Student Teacher Program** – Older students have the opportunity to train under Ms. Maddie to serve as assistant in the classroom. These leaders are carefully selected and trained to be role models.
- **Trained & Vetted Staff** – Every member of our teaching team has been trained directly by Ms. Maddie and vetted to the highest degree, ensuring safe, effective, and inspiring instruction.



Staying Connected with Elev8 Dance

At Elev8 Dance, we know how important clear and consistent communication is for a smooth and successful dance season. We strive to keep all Elev8 families well-informed and up to date with everything happening in and out of the studio. **Our primary form of communication is email**, and we encourage all parents and guardians to check their inbox regularly. Important updates, reminders, monthly newsletters, studio announcements, and special event information are sent directly to the email address on file. If your email address changes during the season, please let us know right away so we can keep your family in the loop.

In addition to email, we also share announcements and fun behind-the-scenes moments on our social media platforms. Be sure to follow us on Instagram (@dancewiththelev8) and Facebook (Elev8 Dance) to stay connected with reminders, photos, community news, and highlights from our classes and events. These platforms are a great way to see what your dancers are up to, learn about upcoming opportunities, and celebrate all the special memories we're making together.

If you ever have questions, need clarification, or want to chat about your dancer's progress, don't hesitate to reach out. You can email us anytime at elev8dancestaff@gmail.com, and we'll get back to you as quickly as possible. Communication is a team effort, and we appreciate you partnering with us to help make this dance season at Elev8 Dance a great one!



STUDIO LOCATIONS

Studio A *(Sampson Street Location)*

213 Sampson Street
Clinton, NC 28328



Studio B *(College Street Location)*

308 College Street
Clinton, NC 28328
(Located In The Rear of Matthews Gifts)



Opening Hours:

Monday

Closed

Tuesday-Thursday

3:30pm-8:30pm

Friday-Sunday

Closed

Opening Hours:

Monday-Wednesday

3:30pm-6:30pm

Tuesday-Sunday

Closed

TUITION & FEES

At Elev8 Dance, we aim to keep tuition simple, affordable, and transparent for our families. Below is a breakdown of our 2025–2026 tuition rates, based on the number of weekly classes your dancer is enrolled in. Monthly tuition is a flat-rate fee that covers your dancer's training, studio time, and instruction.

1 Class Per Week

\$45

/per month

2 Classes Per Week

\$75

/per month

3 Classes Per Week

\$100

/per month

4 Classes Per Week

\$125

/per month

5 Classes Per Week

\$145

/per month

Unlimited Classes

\$165

/per month

A non-refundable registration fee of \$30 per family is due at the time of enrollment to secure your dancer's spot for the season. This covers administrative costs, account setup, and insurance.

In addition to monthly tuition, families should anticipate a few seasonal costs throughout the year.

Christmas Parade
Attire

\$30+

Recital Costumes

\$100+

Recital Fee

\$90+

And optional items such as studio merchandise, event fees, recital photos, etc.

More detailed information, including due dates, late fees, and financial policies, is always available on our website. For the most up-to-date breakdown, please visit: www.dancewithelev8.com/tuition-fees

If you have any questions about your account, we're happy to help. Please reach out to us at

elev8dancestaff@gmail.com.

PAYMENT POLICIES

To ensure clarity and consistency for all Elev8 Dance families, the following policies outline our expectations regarding tuition, fees, and payment procedures.

Tuition and Billing Schedule

Tuition is billed monthly and due on the 1st of each month. A **late fee of \$15** will be applied to any account not paid in full by the 5th of the month. Tuition is based on the full dance season (August through May) and remains the same each month, regardless of the number of weeks in a given month or absences. Tuition and all fees are **non-refundable**.

Accepted Payment Methods

Payments can be made through each family's Jackrabbit Parent Portal using a credit or debit card. We also accept in-person payments by cash, check, or card at the front desk. We recommend enabling automatic payments to avoid late fees.

Returned or Failed Payments

A \$25 fee will be assessed for any returned checks or failed electronic payments. *Repeated payment failures may result in a requirement to pay by cash or money order only.*

Additional Studio Fees

Throughout the year, additional charges may be applied to your account, including but not limited to:

- **Annual Registration Fee** – due at time of enrollment
- **Costume Fees** – due per class; all costumes must be paid in full before ordering
- **Recital Fee** – covers venue, production, and staffing expenses
- **Competition Fees** – applicable to dancers participating in company groups or outside events

All fees will be posted to accounts in advance with a clearly communicated due date.

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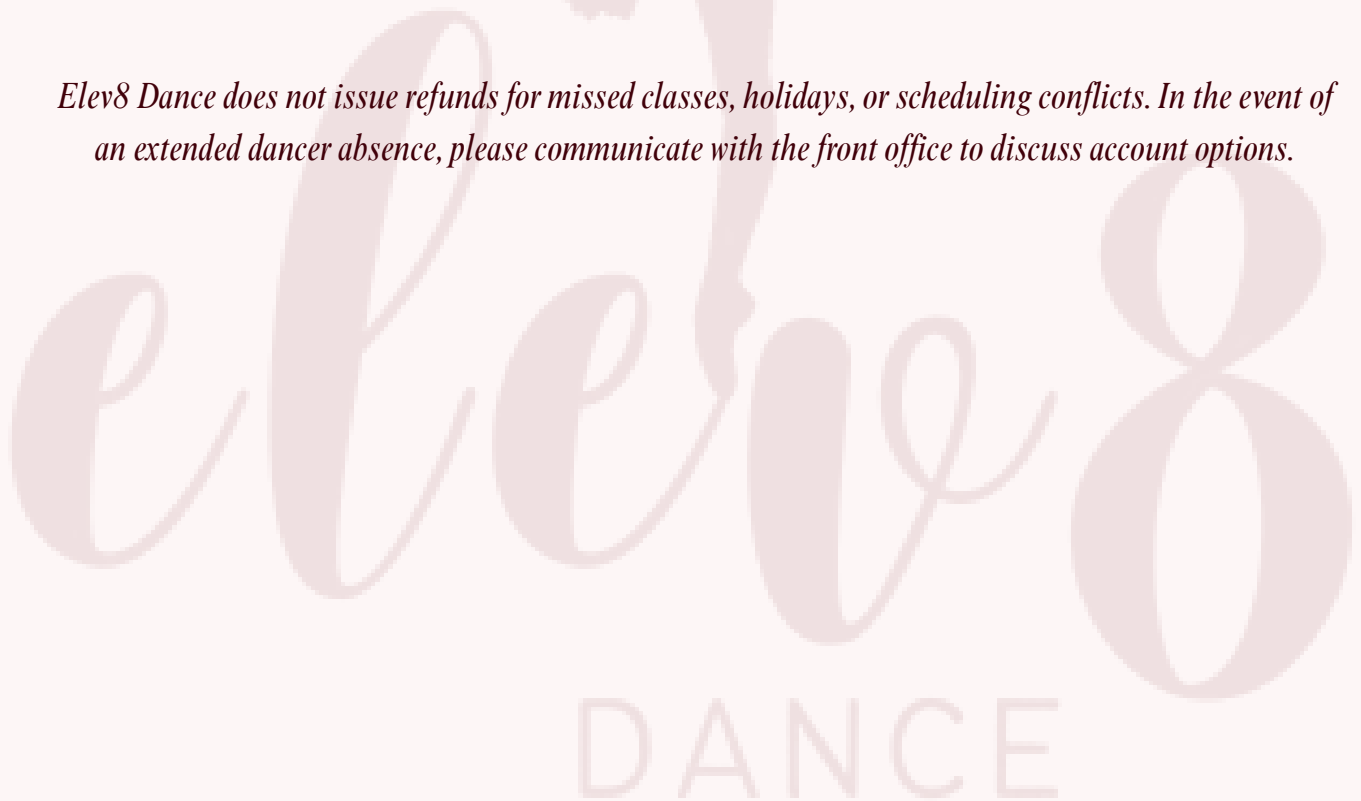
Account Delinquency.

If a balance remains unpaid for more than 30 days, the dancer may be removed from classes until the account is brought current. Families with past-due balances may **not** be permitted to register for additional programs or performances until the account is resolved.

Payment Responsibility.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to ensure all tuition and fees are paid on time, regardless of attendance.

Elev8 Dance does not issue refunds for missed classes, holidays, or scheduling conflicts. In the event of an extended dancer absence, please communicate with the front office to discuss account options.



STUDIO POLICIES

At Elev8 Dance, we believe that structure, respect, and consistency create an environment where dancers can thrive. The following policies are in place to ensure a smooth, safe, and positive experience for all dancers and families. We kindly ask that all parents and students read and follow these expectations throughout the season.

Attendance

Consistent attendance is essential for a dancer's growth and for class continuity. If your dancer will be absent, please notify us in advance by emailing elev8dancestaff@gmail.com.

- Tuition is not prorated or refunded for missed classes.
- Make-up classes are not offered at this time due to choreography structure and class capacity.

Withdrawing Enrollment

We understand that circumstances may change during the season. To withdraw a student from classes:

- A written notice must be sent via email to elev8dancestaff@gmail.com.

Withdrawals submitted after the 1st of the month will still be charged tuition for that month. Once withdrawn, a student's class spot may be filled by a waitlisted dancer.

Class Cancellations/Inclement Weather

Elev8 Dance follows Sampson County Schools closings and delays for inclement weather decisions.

Closure updates will be shared via email, Instagram, and Facebook.

In the event of a closure, class may be rescheduled or replaced with a virtual option when possible.

Parent Observation

Parents are not allowed in class unless invited by the instructor.

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Lobby Behavior & Pick-Up Policies

Studio A:

Drop-off no earlier than 10 minutes before class. Prompt pick-up required. Authorized adults only. Please supervise siblings. No yelling, running, or playing with merchandise.

Studio B:

Use the REAR entrance behind Matthews Gifts ONLY. No access through the front doors. Parents must walk dancers in and out due to shared retail and parking space. Safety is the highest priority in this location. Please supervise siblings. No yelling, running, or playing with merchandise.

Classroom Expectations

Dancers must be dressed and ready before class. Hair needs to be pulled up, with correct shoes and attire per class. Students not in dress code may not be permitted to participate.

Dress Code

Dancers are expected to wear dancewear or tight-fitting athletic clothing that allows for full range of movement and provides appropriate coverage. We do not require specific colors or styles for general class attire—our priority is that each dancer feels comfortable, confident, and able to move freely.

Exception: Dancers enrolled in Pointe and Stretch & Technique classes are required to wear a leotard, tights, and a skirt for every class.

While clothing styles are flexible, specific styles and colors of shoes are required for each class. For detailed shoe requirements, please refer to our website or speak with a Studio Lobby Assistant.

ILLNESS POLICY

Please keep dancers home if contagious or unwell. At Elev8 Dance, keeping our dancers, families, and staff healthy is a top priority. Please follow these guidelines.

When to Stay Home

- Dancers must stay home if sick, contagious, or showing symptoms (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, persistent cough, rash, etc.).
- Dancers must be fever-free (without medication) for 24 hours before returning.
- If a dancer becomes ill at the studio, parents will be contacted to pick them up.

Observation Option

- Dancers who are recovering but no longer contagious may observe class until ready to participate again.

Medical Information

- Parents must disclose all allergies and medical conditions during registration.
- Staff are not permitted to administer medication. In an emergency, 911 will be called.

Responsibility

- Families are responsible for monitoring their dancer's health.
- Elev8 Dance cannot guarantee prevention of illness and reserves the right to send dancers home if they appear unwell.
- Parents must notify us if their dancer has been exposed to or diagnosed with a communicable illness.

DEVICE POLICY

We are actively pursuing the mental health of our students along with making sure you get the most value out of all of your classes. Students will be asked to "Disconnect and Dance". At the start of each class all smartphones, smart watches, or other internet-enabled devices, will be put in our "Disconnect and Dance" boxes so students can be fully present during class. They can pick them up on their way out of class. We thank you for your support in this and suggest discussing it with your dancer before class.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Additional Performance Opportunities

Elev8 Dance is proud to support the community through events, fundraisers, and local performances. We believe dance connects people and strengthens community bonds. Beyond recital, Elev8 dancers perform at SquareFair, Clinton's Christmas In The City, Roseboro's Christmas Tree Lighting, parades, and Roseboro's Bloomfest. Parent observation weeks and special themed weeks are also offered. More detailed information about these events will be emailed to parents within the upcoming weeks of each event.

October 11, 2025

Square Fair (Clinton)

October 13-16, 2025

Parent Participation Week

October 27-30, 2025

"Bring A BOO" Week

December 2, 2025

Roseboro's Tree Lighting

December 4, 2025

Clinton's Christmas In The City

December 12, 2025

Roseboro's Christmas Parade

December 13, 2025

Clinton's Christmas Parade

March 21, 2026

Clinton's Ag Day

April 25, 2026

Roseboro's Bloomfest

May 2, 2026

Elev8 Dance 2026 Recitals

DANCE

RECITAL INFORMATION

Costume Fees

- \$100-\$150 per class
- \$60 deposit per class due in October; remainder due in January

Costumes are distributed in March. NO costume goes home with a dancer until ALL balances are paid.

All costume fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Recital Fee

- \$90+ fee billed in March with tuition

This includes a professional recital show experience, complimentary parent tickets, facility costs, and all access to Elev8 Dance staff during recital week.

2nd Annual Spring Recital:

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

Sampson County Expo Center

414 Warsaw Rd, Clinton, NC 28328

Two Show Times

*More Information Is Distributed By
March of 2026*

PHOTO, LIABILITY, AND INJURY RELEASE

By enrolling in any class, camp, rehearsal, event, or activity at Elev8 Dance, you (the parent/guardian) understand and agree to the following:

1. Assumption of Risk

- Dance is a physical activity that carries inherent risks of injury. These may include, but are not limited to, muscle strains, sprains, falls, or more serious injuries. By participating, you voluntarily assume all risks associated with dance instruction, rehearsals, performances, and related studio activities.

2. Release of Liability

- You hereby release, waive, and discharge Elev8 Dance, its owners, instructors, staff, volunteers, and affiliates from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, or causes of action resulting from any injury, illness (including but not limited to COVID-19 or other contagious diseases), or loss/damage to personal property that may occur on or off studio premises, during travel, or at studio-sponsored events.

3. Medical Authorization

- In the event of a medical emergency, you authorize Elev8 Dance staff to seek medical treatment for your dancer if you or your listed emergency contact cannot be reached. You agree to be financially responsible for any medical treatment or transport deemed necessary by emergency personnel or medical professionals.

4. Responsibility for Personal Belongings

- Elev8 Dance is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal items brought into the studio or taken to off-site events. Dancers are encouraged to label belongings and leave valuables at home.

5. Photo & Video Release

- You grant Elev8 Dance permission to photograph, record, or video your dancer during classes, rehearsals, performances, or events. These materials may be used for promotional purposes including, but not limited to, social media, studio website, advertising, and printed materials. No compensation will be provided for the use of these materials.

By completing registration, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to the above terms.

ELEV8 DANCE PRIVACY POLICY

Effective Date: June 1, 2025

At Elev8 Dance, your privacy is important to us. This Privacy Policy explains what personal information we collect, how we use and protect it, and your rights related to that information. By using our website (www.dancewithelev8.com) or interacting with our services—including registration, communication, or advertising—you agree to the terms below.

1. Information We Collect

We may collect the following types of information:

- Personal Identifiable Information (PII):
 - Name (parent and dancer)
 - Phone number
 - Email address
 - Mailing address
 - Dancer's date of birth and class preferences
- Payment and Registration Info:
 - Submitted through third-party platforms like Jackrabbit Class or other secure vendors
- Device and Browsing Info:
 - IP address
 - Browser type
 - Device type
 - Pages visited
- Social Media Interaction:
 - When you interact with our Facebook or Instagram pages, we may collect public information such as likes, comments, or profile interactions.

2. How We Use Your Information

We collect and use your information to:

- Register dancers for classes, camps, or events
- Communicate with you about class updates, schedules, and account info
- Send marketing communications, including emails or texts about Elev8 Dance programs
- Respond to inquiries via our contact forms or social media
- Improve our website, services, and advertising efforts
- Comply with legal and policy requirements

We do not sell or rent your personal information to third parties.

3. Data Security

We take your privacy seriously and use commercially reasonable security measures to protect your personal data. Sensitive information, such as payment details, is processed securely through trusted third-party systems. However, no method of transmission over the internet is 100% secure, and we cannot guarantee absolute security.

ELEV8 DANCE PRIVACY POLICY

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Effective Date: June 1, 2025

4. Your Rights

You have the right to:

- Access the personal data we have about you
- Request corrections to your data
- Withdraw consent for communications
- Request deletion of your personal information from our records (except where legally required to retain it)

To request changes or removal, please contact us using the details below.

5. Changes to This Privacy Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy occasionally to reflect changes in our practices, services, or legal obligations. Updates will be posted on this page with a revised effective date. We encourage you to review this policy periodically.

6. Compliance with Facebook and Instagram Advertising Policies

Elev8 Dance complies with Facebook's and Instagram's advertising guidelines. This includes:

- Not sharing or using personal data collected through ads for unintended purposes
- Ensuring that any remarketing or tracking (via Meta Pixel or similar tools) is disclosed appropriately
- Using Meta advertising tools in a way that respects user privacy and follows platform terms

If you interact with our social media ads, you may see personalized content or follow-up promotions based on your engagement.

7. Contact Us

If you have any questions about this Privacy Policy or your data, please contact:

- Elev8 Dance
- 213 Sampson Street, Clinton, NC 28328
- elev8dancestaff@gmail.com
- 910-590-7040

CLASS TUITION OVERVIEW

2025-2026



1 Class Per Week	\$45/Month
2 Classes Per Week	\$75/Month
3 Classes Per Week	\$100/Month
4 Classes Per Week	\$125/Month
5 Classes Per Week	\$145/Month
Unlimited	\$165/Month

ADDITIONAL TUITION INFORMATION

- *Monthly class tuition is due on the 1st of each month (September through April).*
- *All families must have an active automatic bank draft on file prior to the start of Fall 2025 classes.*
- *If a payment is unsuccessful, a \$15 late fee will be automatically added to the account.*
- *Late fees are applied on the 7th of each month if payment has not been received.*
- *Accounts that remain unpaid for more than 30 days will result in the student being temporarily removed from class until all tuition and late fees are paid in full.*

2025-2026 Season Calendar

Elev8 Dance Will Follow The Sampson County Schools Weather Policy

September

- 1** Tuition Due
- 8** Elev8 Season Two Begins!
- 12-13** Competition Team Rehearsal
- 19** Competition Payment B Due

October

- 1** Tuition Due
- 10-11** Competition Team Rehearsal
- 11** SquareFair (Downtown Clinton; Select Classes Perform)
- 13-16** Parent Participation Week
- 18** Expressions Convention (Optional; Durham, NC)
- 24** Competition Team Payment C Due
- 27-30** Bring Your Boo To Dance Week (Halloween Dress Up Week)

November

- 1** Tuition Due
- 11** Veterans Day (Studios Are Closed)
- 15** Competition Team Rehearsal
- 23** Titans of Dance Convention (Optional; Durham, NC)
- 25** Competition Team Payment D Due
- 26-27** Thanksgiving Break (Studios Are Closed)

December

- 1** Tuition Due
- 2** Roseboro's Christmas Tree Lighting (Select Classes Perform)
- 4** Clinton's Christmas In The City (Select Classes Perform)
- 6** Competition Team Rehearsal
- 12** Roseboro's Christmas Parade (All Elev8 Dancers Encouraged To Perform)
- 13** Clinton's Christmas Parade (All Elev8 Dancers Encouraged To Perform)
- 15-31** Winter/Christmas Break (Studios Are Closed)



January

- 1** Tuition Due
- 1-4** Winter/Christmas Break (Studios Are Closed)
- 5** Elev8 Dance Classes Resume!
- 9-10** Competition Team Rehearsal
- 13** Competition Payment E Due
- 16-18** Platinum Dance Collective Convention (Optional; Myrtle Beach, SC)
- 19** MLK Day (Studios Are Closed)
- 30-31** Competition Team Rehearsal

February

- 1** Tuition Due
- 4** Competition Team Showcase Rehearsal
- 5** Competition Team Showcase Recital
- 9-12** "Love To Dance" Dancer Appreciation Week
- 16** Presidents Day (Studios Are Closed)
- 28** Studio Recital Pictures (All Elev8 Dancers Encouraged To Attend)

March

- 1** Tuition Due
- 13-15** Imagine Dance Competition (Mandatory; Wilmington, NC)
- 20-22** StarQuest Dance Competition (Mandatory; Raleigh, NC)
- 21** Clinton's Ag Day (Select Classes Perform)
- 27-29** Inspire National Dance Competition (Mandatory; Rocky Mount, NC)

April

- 1** Tuition Due
- 3-12** Spring Break (Studios Are Closed)
- 13-16** Opening Number Rehearsal Week (Mandatory; In Studio)
- 18-19** Ultimate Starz Dance Competition (Mandatory; Supply, NC)
- 20-23** Tech Rehearsal Week (Mandatory; In Studio)
- 25** Town of Roseboro's Bloomfest (Select Classes Perform)
- 27-28** Opening Number Rehearsals (Mandatory; Sampson County Expo Center)
- 29-May 1** Dress Rehearsals (Mandatory; Sampson County Expo Center)

May

- 2** Elev8 Dance 2026 Spring Recitals (Mandatory; Sampson County Expo Center)