

### Fusion Dance Center Mission:

To create an inclusive dance community that respectfully integrates arts and wellness through teaching, supporting, empowering, and inspiring dancers of all ages and abilities to be knowledgeable, expressive, strong, hardworking, kind, honest, compassionate, and resilient. We aim for a balance in our dance training of compassion for their individual experience with discipline, hard work, and commitment.

### Values:

Community/Connection, Wellness, Artistry/Creative Expression, Honesty, Integrity, Kindness, Fairness, Compassion, Quality, Commitment, Respect

### Fusion Dance Center Goals:

- Offer inclusive, quality recreational and competition dance class tracks to all ages and abilities, teaching technique, musicality, and artistry in a wide variety of genres. Provide a 9-month recital season, 6-week sessions, summer sessions and camps, workshops, and drop-in classes so even those with schedule restraints may take our classes.
- Grow studio teams including Imagery, Pom, and Performance Teams with different commitment levels so as to be inclusive of the entire studio.
- Integrate the arts and wellness (mental and physical) in all our training. Recognize that mind, body, and soul are integral to dance training, and that our students are individuals with needs and feelings. The body may be strong, but if the mind and soul is disregarded the dancer is not able to work to their full potential. Likewise, neglecting the body (either ignoring injuries or not fueling properly) will affect the ability to dance. All must be in balance as best as possible. To do this, strive to be sensitive to the mental health aspects of dance that are often overlooked (body kindness, anxiety/stress, fueling ourselves, perfectionism, comparison, remembering our “why, etc.). We will strive to model and teach a growth mindset resulting in resilient and balanced dancers. Offer weekly mindfulness classes to center and connect mind, body, and soul.
- Foster interpersonal connections to create a strong, kind, and supportive community within the studio and to whomever we encounter as a team. Taking the classroom experience beyond basic technical education into supporting, empowering, and inspiring dancers to care for themselves and each other. Host several community-building activities outside of the classroom such as studio trunk-or-treat and spook house, spring carnival, community performances, team Christmas parties, senior center and hospital essential worker card making events, and “fun nights.”
- Maintain integrity, not only in character, but also through age-appropriate dance moves, music, and costuming.
- Support personal growth opportunities for both staff and students via access to various skills trainings and leadership development programs. Create goal and incentive programs to foster individual development.
- Recognize the history and culture of the various dance genres to honor and respectfully portray them. Dancers should be knowledgeable of the background for all genres they study.
- Create and maintain effective systems that make the customer experience easy and seamless.
- Become well known in the Lansing area as a quality and caring studio that attracts customers so that we may have a stable financial outlook to be able to retain and fairly compensate quality instructors and effectively develop the studio infrastructure that enables hosting quality classes.
- Create community connections and support local small businesses.
- Provide studio rental opportunities for local groups, parties, and events.

#### Website Writeup:

Fusion Dance Center in Lansing offers classes for ages 3 to adult in many dance styles with both recreational and competitive focuses. We teach core dance technique and emphasize musicality and artistic aspects that fuse the movement to the music. We have a passion for dance because of the personal expression and artistic imagery it allows and because it fosters strong connections with each other. Dance encompasses mind, body and soul and we approach our classes with an emphasis on each of these elements, remembering that each dancer is an individual with unique needs. Our competitive team training includes weekly mindfulness sessions to support the mental health aspect of dance that is often overlooked.

We provide quality dance education in a positive, vulnerable, supportive environment. We are creating young artists with a strong work ethic, respect and love for others, and a healthy sense of self-worth and accomplishment. We have been recognized for training versatile and resilient dancers that can go on to pursue any style of dance. We also strongly believe in maintaining integrity, not only in character, but also through age-appropriate dance moves, music, and costuming. This also includes recognizing the history and culture of the various dance genres to honor and respectfully portray them.

We offer monthly tuition for our recital season enrollees, and several 6-week sessions throughout the year for those who cannot commit to a full season. Drop-in fees are also available for trying out a class. See our website for current schedules or just stop by the studio!