

# ***Lucky Star Dance Company Studio Handbook***

***Fall 2026 - Spring 2027***

## **A Note from Bri Clemente**

Hi there! I'm Miss Bri, the proud owner and founder of Lucky Star Dance Company.

Growing up, I always dreamed of opening my own dance studio - a place where dancers could do more than just learn technique. I envisioned a space where they could grow as people, feel supported, and be surrounded by positivity, kindness, and a true sense of belonging. After years of hard work and a whole lot of heart, that dream became a reality when we opened our doors to the State College community.

If you're reading this, you're already part of that dream. Lucky Star Dance Company is so much more than a dance studio - it's a family. It's a place where creativity is celebrated, friendships are built, and memories are made that last a lifetime. We are incredibly intentional about creating an environment where every dancer, no matter their experience or background, feels seen, valued, and at home.

Our mission goes far beyond teaching dance. We strive to nurture not only our dancers, but their families as well. We want every student who walks through our doors to feel loved, supported, and excited to return each week - and even years down the road. Our hope is that long after graduation, our dancers will come back to visit during holidays, summers, and life's big moments, because this will always be a place they can call home.

We are so grateful for the incredible community that has grown alongside us. Thank you for voting us Best Dance Studio in Centre County two years in a row - it means the world to us. We take pride in building strong, technically trained dancers while also shaping kind, confident leaders. From earning highest-scoring studio awards to being recognized for our creative, storytelling choreography, we are proud to offer both recreational and competitive programs for every dancer and every family.

Thank you for being part of our story. <3

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## GENERAL STUDIO INFO

### 1. Trial Class Information

For new dancers, we offer trial classes to find the perfect fit. Below are a few important things to know:

- **Building Access:** Use the keycard system to enter the building. An instructor will guide you on your first day, and you will receive a keycard for future access. If you're waiting and arrive early, please call **814-900-4500**.
- **Dress Code Flexibility:** We prioritize comfort for new dancers! For trial classes, anything your dancer is able to move in is perfect - leggings, shorts, t-shirts, leotards, tank tops, etc. Dancers do not need the mentioned dress-code footwear for a trial class.
- **Trial Class Exploration:** Don't worry if the first trial isn't a perfect fit. You can trial as many classes as needed!
- **Parent Comfort:** Parents can watch classes from our lobby area via a TV screen or run errands while their child is in class. We aim to make the experience enjoyable for everyone. We do have Timmy's Corner Cafe - where you can make your coffee and do any work you need as well! :)

### 2. Schedule/Dates for Studio Closure

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **First Day of Classes:** Tuesday, September 8th, 2026
- **Last Day of Classes:** Saturday, May 29th, 2027
- **Recital Costume Fees Due:** Monday, March 15th, 2027
- **Tentative Recital Dress Rehearsal Day:** Saturday, May 22nd, 2027
- **Tentative Recital Day:** Sunday, May 23rd, 2027
- **Tentative Competition Team Auditions:** Saturday, June 12th, 2027
- **Lucky Star's 5th Birthday Celebration:** Sunday, June 13th

## STUDIO CLOSURES:

- **Thanksgiving Break:** Wednesday, November 25th, 2026 - Sunday, November 29th, 2027
- **Winter Break:** Monday, December 21st, 2026- Saturday January 2nd, 2027
- **Spring Break:** Monday, March 8th, 2027 - Sunday, March 14th, 2027
- **Easter:** Sunday, March 28th

**Snow Days:** Ensure your DSP account has your email and phone number updated so you can receive notifications about weather-related closures. We will communicate through email, text message, and social media (Facebook and Instagram).

*Each class includes up to two snow day cancellations in the tuition. If more than two classes are canceled due to weather, a makeup class will be scheduled.*

## 3. Facility & Studio Policies

- **Street Shoes:** We ask that dancers and parents remove their street shoes before entering the dance studios to protect our Marley flooring, which is a specialized dance flooring.
- **Keycard Access:** Our studio has keycard access for security purposes. All families must use their keycard to enter the building. If you forget your keycard, please call **814-900-4500** for assistance.
- **Lobby & Snack Area:** We have a **Timmy Corner Café** with coffee for parents and staff, and a snack area for dancers. Please remind dancers to take small portions to ensure everyone has enough. We accept snack donations year-round - thank you all for donating and contributing to our dance community!
- **Classroom Space:** Please encourage dancers to bring their belongings into the dance studios to keep the lobby and hallways clear. We have a fridge, microwave, and a homework table for dancers who need a break.

# RECREATIONAL CLASSES INFO

## **4. Pricing Information**

### **PRICING:**

- 30 Minutes: \$55 per month
- 45 Minutes: \$65 per month
- 60 Minutes: \$85 per month
- 90 Minutes: \$115 per month

**Note:** All tuition is due by the 1st of the month. Families can pay using the following methods:

- **AutoPayment:** Will pull from the card on file in the DSP (Dance Studio Pro) account (no credit card transaction fees).
- **Manual Payment:** Credit card payments can be made through DSP (a credit card transaction fee applies).
- **Check Payment:** Checks made payable to Lucky Star Dance Company, LLC. There is a drop box outside the studio lobby entrance. Please write your child's name in the memo.

### **DISCOUNTS:**

- **Multi-Sibling Discount:** 15%
- **2 Classes:** 10% Discount
- **3 or More Classes:** 15% Discount
- **Note:** Families are eligible for a maximum discount of 15% per child.

**Competition Team Families:** Pricing for competition teams varies. Please email [brianna@luckystar.dance](mailto:brianna@luckystar.dance) for more information about our competition team packages.

## **5. Dress Code**

We strive to make our dress code flexible to allow all dancers to feel comfortable in their skin. However, in classes like Acrobatics, it is essential to wear the correct fitted clothing for safety and proper spotting.

[Dress Code Guidelines](#)

## **6. Level Breakdown (Dancers Ages 9+)**

### **OVERALL LEVEL BREAKDOWN**

#### **Level 1 – Beginner / Recreational**

Level 1 is designed for our recreational dancers who take fewer than 5 classes per week. It also includes:

- Rising Star competition team dancers

- Shooting Star competition team dancers recommended by LSDC Staff

This level focuses on foundational training, consistency, and proper technique development.

NOTE: Advancement to Level 2 requires staff approval.

### **Level 2 – Intermediate / Novice Team & Committed Recreational**

Level 2 is designed for:

- Recreational dancers who take more than 5 classes per week
- Shooting Star competition team dancers recommended by LSDC Staff

Dancers in this level are expected to have a basic understanding of dance terminology, musicality, and body awareness, and are ready to continue developing their technical foundation and performance quality at a more focused pace.

### **Level 3 – Competitive**

Level 3 is designed for competition team dancers who compete their solos in the Competitive division. Dancers who compete their solos in the Novice division are not eligible for Level 3 classes unless a staff member places them at this level for a specific genre (for example, Contemporary).

This level emphasizes advanced technique, performance quality, and consistency across multiple styles.

### **Level 4 – Elite**

Level 4 is designed for competition team dancers who compete their solos in the Elite division.

Dancers competing in Novice or Competitive divisions are not eligible for Level 4 unless a staff member places them at this level for a specific genre (for example, Ballet).

This level is reserved for elite technical execution, artistry, and pre-professional training standards.

## **ACRO LEVEL BREAKDOWN**

### **Level 1**

Beginner Acro dancers who are new to tumbling and foundational skills.

Skills include:

- Bridges
- Handstands
- Cartwheels
- Backbends
- Introduction to fundamental flexibility and contortion work

## Level 2

Dancers working toward back walkovers and front walkovers.

Requirements for placement:

- Must have a bridge
- Must be able to hold a backbend and stand up

Skills include progression of walkovers, strength building, and controlled flexibility.

## Level 3

Dancers working toward back handsprings and aerials.

Requirements for placement:

- Must have both front and back walkovers

Skills include backhandsprings, side aerials, front step outs, etc.

## Level 4

Advanced acro dancers working on elite tumbling and contortion skills.

Requirements for placement:

- Back handspring
- Side aerial
- Front and back walkovers

Skills include:

- Back tucks
- Front aerials
- Advanced tumbling combinations
- Advanced contortion and flexibility training

# Level Placement & Advancement

Our staff carefully evaluates each dancer's technique, training, and overall readiness. Dancers will be moved to the next level when they have developed the **necessary foundational and technical skills** to succeed.

If you have questions about placement or would like to request an assessment, please contact us at [brianna@luckystar.dance](mailto:brianna@luckystar.dance).

## 7. Recital/Performances

Our recreational/weekly genre classes will culminate in an **annual recital**. Our 2027 annual recital is tentatively set for Sunday, May 23rd with three shows. Show #1 is our matinee show

for our dancers aged 5 & under. Show #2 and #3 feature all dancers aged 6 & up. A detailed breakdown of performance schedules will be provided in the early Spring.

**Commitment:** The only additional required commitment for the recital is **dress rehearsal** tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, May 22nd & Recital Day Sunday, May 23rd**. Dancers must arrive with their hair, makeup, and costume ready for the rehearsal. The dress rehearsal will take place at the studio, offering a comfortable environment before the big stage. Each dancer will have a 15-minute rehearsal and will be on their way after.

**Costume Fees:** Costume fees range from **\$75 to \$90** and are due **March 15th**. Families will receive a breakdown of costume fees by **February 1st**, and the full costume breakdown with hair and shoe requirements will be provided by April.

*NOTE: Dancers in ages Level 3 & up will NOT purchase recital costumes.*

**Recital Tickets:** There is a **\$16 ticket fee** per person for recital attendance.

## **8. Parent Portal & Registration**

Create your **Parent Portal Account** to register for classes, make payments, and stay up-to-date with studio announcements.

**How to Register:** In the Parent Portal, select the **Registration** icon (make sure you are on the Fall/Spring 2027 Tab), choose the class that interests you, and complete the registration process. Once you see a confirmation page, your registration is complete.

**Parent Portal Link:**

[Create an Account](#)

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## **9. Class & Dance Program Overview**

At **Lucky Star Dance Company**, we are proud to be the first and only dance studio in Centre County to offer an individualized approach to dance. Each dancer sets goals at the beginning of the dance session with their instructor, and these goals are monitored throughout the year to ensure continuous growth and development.

We offer competition team programs for dancers at all commitment levels. From those attending 1-2 hours a week to our more dedicated team members, every dancer has the opportunity to be part of a supportive team while participating in other activities outside of dance.

Please note: For an additional \$50 per month, you can schedule bi-weekly meetings with our staff to monitor your dancer's progress, create personalized goal-setting plans, and more. To enroll in this service, email [brianna@luckystar.dance](mailto:brianna@luckystar.dance).

As our studio continues to grow, we no longer send goal updates automatically. If you would like to discuss your dancer's goals or receive progress updates, we're happy to help—just reach out to schedule a meeting anytime!

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## **10. Dance Referral Program**

If you refer a new dancer to the studio, you will receive a **\$50 credit** towards tuition, costumes, or other studio-related expenses. This credit will be applied once the referred dancer signs up and pays their first month of tuition.

Please email [brianna@luckystar.dance](mailto:brianna@luckystar.dance) so we can apply your credit.

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## **11. Competition Teams**

We have **rolling auditions** for our competition teams, and many dancers decide to join as late as March. We do our best to accommodate new dancers. Our competition teams focus on creating a **family-oriented** environment where every member is a positive role model for others - while also being competitive in a way that focuses on setting goals and how work ethic can help you achieve anything you set your mind to. We are all about reaching for the stars - but at that center of that is having a team who lifts each other up and supports each other every step of the way. Team members must show determination, positivity, and a commitment to supporting each other both in and out of the studio.

### **Team Auditions for Season Five (2026-2027) Competition Team**

Auditions for our Season Five competition team will take place on Sunday, June 7th 2026. We highly encourage all dancers to attend this audition date, as it is essential for forming the right duo, trio, and group pairings. Our goal is to ensure that every dancer is paired with others who complement their strengths and will challenge and support one another throughout the season.

Choreography begins during the summer (for Shooting Star, Popstar, and Spark Teams), and due to the intricate partnering and prop work involved, some dancers may not be able to join later in the process. Attending the audition will ensure that each dancer is placed in a group that maximizes their potential and sets them up for success.

*Note: Rising Star & Little Stars begin group choreography in the fall.*

[Team Audition Info](#)

[Team Descriptions](#)

**We Can't Wait to Welcome You to the Lucky Star Family!**

At Lucky Star Dance Company, we're thrilled to have the opportunity to share our love for dance with you. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or just starting out, we believe you'll find a home here. Our classes are designed to inspire, challenge, and help each dancer grow in a fun, supportive environment.

If you have any questions or need more information about our classes, registration, or anything else, don't hesitate to reach out! You can always email me directly at [brianna@luckystar.dance](mailto:brianna@luckystar.dance), and I'll be happy to assist you.

We can't wait to see you in class and start this exciting dance journey together. Thank you for choosing Lucky Star Dance Company - let's dream, believe, and achieve together!