2026-27 ACADEMY YEAR - SYLLABUS

Dear District Irish Dance Community:

We are thrilled to welcome you back for the 2026-27 Academy Year! This season marks our NINTH year of classes, and we have an exciting year ahead at District Irish Dance. **Classes begin Monday, September 14th.** Please take time to carefully review this year's syllabus, which outlines important information regarding scheduling, levels, studio policies, and tuition terms. We've made several updates to our schedule and are introducing new program offerings designed to create the best possible dance experience for every student. We can't wait to get started! 💙

Sláinte ("In Health!") from all of the District Irish Dance Teaching Team:

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All stated fees, policies and protocols are subject to change at any time.

1). 2026-27 WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY
5:00-6:00pm - INTERMEDIATE I
5:00-6:00pm - INTERMEDIATE II ***NEW***
6:00-6:45pm - JUNIOR TROUPE 🌟
6:45-7:30pm - ADULT PERFORMANCE 🌟
7:30-8:45pm - ADULT ADVANCED

TUESDAY
5:00-6:00pm - PRE-CHAMP
6:00-6:45pm - DISTRICT TROUPE 🌟
6:45-8:15pm - CHAMPION

WEDNESDAY
5:00-5:45pm - SHAMROCK BEGINNER I
5:45-6:30pm - SHAMROCK BEGINNER II
6:30-7:30pm - OPEN STUDIO 📍 ***NEW***
7:30-8:30pm - ADULT ALL LEVELS

THURSDAY
5:00-6:15pm - PRE-CHAMP
5:00-5:45pm - INTERMEDIATE II ***NEW***
6:15-7:30pm - CHAMPION
7:30-8:45pm - ADULT ADVANCED ***NEW TIME***

SATURDAY
11:30am-12:30pm - OPEN STUDIO 📍
12:30-1:15pm - SHAMROCK BEGINNER I ***NEW***
1:15-2:00pm - SHAMROCK BEGINNER II ***NEW***
2:00-3:00pm - ADULT ALL LEVELS

SATURDAY - SEASONAL OFFERINGS
9:30am-11:30am - MAJORS PRACTICES (SPECIFIC DATES)
9:30am-10:00am - DISTRICT TOTS (4-WEEK SESSIONS)
10:15am-11:00am - ADAPTIVE IRISH DANCE (4-WEEK SESSION)
10:00-10:45am - BEGINNER YOUTH (6-WEEK SESSIONS)
10:45am-11:30am - BEGINNER ADULT (6-WEEK SESSIONS)

NOTE: Schedule & dates are always subject to change
🌟 - Indicates **PERFORMANCE CLASS** *(core class enrollment required)*
📍 *- Indicates Open Studio session (drop-ins allowed)*

View schedule + book classes at: **www.districtirishdance.com/class-schedule**

REGISTER FOR CLASSES:

https://classbug.com/businesses/1730/offerings

At the above link, dancers / parents should ensure all information is updated and there is a valid payment method on file. For help using our ClassBug registration system, please contact us. Unless noted, all classes are held at:

THE DISTRICT IRISH DANCE STUDIO - TENLEYTOWN
4435 Wisconsin Ave NW, Suite LL10
Washington, DC 20016

CLIENT REFERRALS 💙
Did you tell someone about District Irish Dance?! Be sure they mention your name during their registration process so we can show our appreciation for you!

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2). 2026-27 IMPORTANT DATES 📅

Our Studio Calendar + Important Dates can always be found at: **www.districtirishdance.com/class-schedule**

➡️ You can add the ClassBug x District Irish Dance studio schedule to your iCal **at this link:**
(https://classbug.com/ical.ics?id=1730&uuid=f31079a775)

AUGUST 29 - ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW & PROSPECTIVE DANCERS (9-11am)

SEPTEMBER 9 - SHAMROCK MEET + GREET FOR NEWLY ENROLLED DANCERS (5-6:00pm)

SEPTEMBER 14 - FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

SEPTEMBER 12 - ART ALL NIGHT TENLEYTOWN!

OCT 5-10 - BACK TO STUDIO + COMMUNITY APPRECIATION WEEK

NOVEMBER 22-29 - THANKSGIVING BREAK **NO CLASSES**

DECEMBER 4-6 - Southern Region Oireachtas - *Regional Championships in Dallas, Texas*

DECEMBER 18 - HOLIDAY HOOLEY ❄️ *featuring Performance Classes + Shamrocks* held at DIDA

DECEMBER 20-JANUARY 3 - WINTER BREAK **NO CLASSES**

JANUARY 4 - CLASSES RETURN FOR THE NEW YEAR

MARCH 9-14 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPIRIT WEEK ☘️

MAY 16 - **DISTRICT IRISH DANCE SPRING SHOWCASE** 🌸

May 31 - NO MONDAY CLASSES - Memorial Day

JUNE 12 - DISTRICT CLASS FEIS 🥇

JUNE 21 - LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR THE 2026-27 YEAR

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3). THE DISTRICT STUDIO - *IMPORTANT ACCESS NOTES*

Our studio in Tenleytown features an expansive facility, a spacious lobby, our main studio (Studio 1) as well as secondary studio (Studio 2), secure key code building access, and is located directly across the street from Metro!

Parking and Directions
District Irish Dance Tenleytown is located on Wisconsin Ave. right across from the Public Library and in between Mattress Warehouse and Sahara Dance.

THE DISTRICT IRISH DANCE STUDIO - TENLEYTOWN
4435 Wisconsin Ave NW, Suite LL10
Washington, DC 20016

Metro Access: Tenleytown Metro Station (Red Line)

Drop-off: All children must be dropped off at the Studio.

Parking: There is metered street parking throughout the neighborhood. Garage parking is available at Whole Foods (90min free w/ validation).

Secure Building Access: To enter the building, **press code 3683#**, pull the door when the light turns green and take the staircase down to the lower level. Then follow the District Irish Dance signs. **Do not share this code with anyone outside of DIDA.**

Walking Directions from Metro: (Approximately 2 minutes) Walk south on Wisconsin Ave. and enter the building at 4435 Wisconsin Ave.

Driving Directions Northbound: Driving north on Wisconsin Ave., the District Irish Dance Tenleytown entrance will be on the right-hand side in between Albemarle St. and Nebraska Ave. District Irish Dance Tenleytown is located next to Mattress Discounters.

Driving Directions Southbound: Driving south on Wisconsin Ave., the District Irish Dance Tenleytown entrance will be on the left-hand side in between Albemarle St. and Nebraska Avenue. District Irish Dance Tenleytown is located next to Mattress Discounters.

Important Notes for the Students and Parents:

- Please make sure not to wander through the building on any of the floors, but stay just outside our studio in the waiting area.
- To help maintain a clean environment and protect those with allergies, eating is not permitted in the studio, lobby, or parent waiting area.
- There is a water fountain and refillable water bottle station on the second floor (students are encouraged to utilize this prior to class).
- Bathrooms for students and parents are found on the same floor as the Studio. **The bathroom code is 2, 4 (simultaneously) and then 3.**

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4). YOUTH CLASS LEVEL TRACK

SHAMROCK I ☘️
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SHAMROCK II ☘️
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INTERMEDIATE I 🥉
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INTERMEDIATE II 🥉 ***NEW***
⬇️
PRE-CHAMP 🥈
⬇️
CHAMPION 🥇

District Irish Dance "Core" Classes follow a thoughtfully designed progression that supports all dance goals.

- **PERFORMANCE CLASSES** ⭐**:** Ready to shine on stage? DIDA's **Junior Troupe, District Troupe, and Adult Performance** classes transform dancers into confident performers. Build stage presence, strengthen teamwork, and master show-style choreography all while preparing for exciting performance opportunities throughout the year.

- **ALL DANCERS** have an opportunity to show off their hard work and progress at our annual **Spring Showcase** 🌸 **on 5/16/27** and **District Class Festival** 🥇 **on 6/12/27**.

- Advancement is based on skill development and individual achievement **- not simply time in a class -** ensuring each dancer builds a strong, confident foundation at their own pace. **Competition is always optional at DIDA**, and every dancer is supported in reaching their personal goals. Competitive Levels do not necessarily correlate with Class Levels. Please review class descriptions carefully and feel free to reach out for guidance on the best placement for your dancer.

YOUTH BEGINNER CLASSES ☘️

Our Youth Beginner Classes are fun and energetic, welcoming dancers as young as 5. These Academy Year (Sept-June) classes are segmented into age groups and are the perfect introduction to the exciting world of Irish dance.

SAVE THE DATE: District Irish Dance Open House on 8/29 - Open to all new and returning dancers and their families. *Learn about our classes + community, meet the teaching team and try a demo class!*

(Please refer to enrollment policies in sections 8-10).

SHAMROCK BEGINNER I ☘️

- Offered Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45pm and Saturdays, 12:30-1:15pm
- Runs for academy year (Sept-June); $124/mo
- For brand new dancers, Age 5-6

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Shamrock Beginner I invites brand new dancers into the vibrant and joyful world of Irish dance! This class is all about building fundamentals - with an emphasis on fun - through engaging curriculum, creative movement, and skill-building activities. Rooted in our three guiding principles of technique, teamwork, and tradition, we boost dancers' confidence through energetic and motivating instruction.

Prerequisite: No experience required.
Shoes Required: Black Ballet Shoes.
Material Covered: Shamrock Reels + Jigs, Foundational Concepts and Moves including Foot Placement, Irish Dance Posture, Hop 123s, Pizza Jumps, Points and more!
⭐ ***Dancers are eligible to perform in Holiday Hooley, Spring Showcase, and DIDA Festival!***

SHAMROCK BEGINNER II ☘️

- Offered Wednesdays, 5:45-6:30pm and Saturdays, 1:15-2:00pm
- Runs for academy year (Sept-June); $124/mo
- For new and returning dancers Age 7+

Shamrock Beginner II builds upon foundational technique while continuing to develop coordination, musicality, and performance quality. Dancers will refine their soft shoe skills and have the opportunity to begin hard shoe fundamentals. With engaging instruction rooted in technique, teamwork, and tradition, this exciting class encourages dancers to challenge themselves while discovering the joy of Irish dance.

Shoes Required: Soft Shoes AND Hard Shoes
Material Covered: All Shamrock I steps + Basic Slip Jig, Hard Shoe Basics

⭐ ***Dancers are eligible to perform in Holiday Hooley, Spring Showcase, and DIDA Festival!***

SHAMROCK *FLEX* PASS ☘️

Perfect for dancers who can't keep their feet still, the Shamrock FLEX Pass bundles together two weekly Shamrock classes, providing families more fun, flexibility and value.

- **Shamrock I FLEX Pass** - Includes Shamrock I Wed. 5pm **plus** Shamrock I Sat. 12:30pm
  - Age 5-6 - $199/mo

- **Shamrock II FLEX Pass** - Includes Shamrock II Wed. 5:45pm **plus** Shamrock II Sat. 1:15pm
  - Age 7-9 - $199/mo

Please Note: A limited number of Shamrock FLEX Passes are available. Follows our standard tuition terms & conditions, including 30-day withdrawal window and full dance year obligation. Shamrock FLEX Pass is separate from Studio Pass and does not include the same benefits.

➡️ **SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, Sept 9, 5-6pm - SHAMROCK MEET & GREET**
Welcoming our newly enrolled students at the start of the school year!

At the end of the year, teachers will recommend a class placement and/or level up for Shamrock students. Depending on material competency, attention level and other factors, students may continue in their current level.

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YOUTH INTERMEDIATE & UP CLASSES

INTERMEDIATE I 🥉

- Monday Class, 5:00-6:00pm (60-minute weekly class)
- Runs for Academy Year (Sept-June); $144/mo
- For dancers with strong foundational competency at instructor's discretion

Designed for dancers ready to take the next leap, this class is for those who have danced with us for at least two years and are confident in foundational soft shoe dances. Dancers will elevate their technique as they refine fast-speed hard shoe dances like treble jig and hornpipe, while being challenged with more intricate choreography. It's an exciting step forward for dancers eager to learn and grow!

⭐ **PERFORMANCE ADD-ON:** Intermediate Level dancers are invited to join **JUNIOR TROUPE**, held right after their core class on Mondays, in order to learn performance skills and participate in special guest performance opportunities throughout the year!

MEMBERSHIP UPGRADE: ➡️ **STUDIO PASS - INTERMEDIATE I** 🥉 *- an all-in-one option designed to support serious training and growth. Includes Junior Troupe, Open Studio sessions, and exclusive benefits. It's a flexible way to stay immersed in training and make the most of every opportunity at the studio.*

Shoes Required: Soft Shoes and Hard Shoes
Material Covered: All Intermediate soft shoe steps + hard shoe skills (traditional / fast speed TJ + Hornpipe steps)

INTERMEDIATE II PROGRAM 🥉 **NEW**

- Meets 2x week, Mondays 5:00-6:00pm / Thursdays 5:00-5:45pm
- Runs for Academy Year (Sept-June); $194/mo
- For Intermediate I dancers at instructor's discretion

Intermediate II follows the same core steps and technical concepts explored in Intermediate I, with the addition of a second weekly class on Thursdays. Dancers gain additional training time that helps them refine technique, build stamina, and confidently transition into our more advanced levels.

⭐ **PERFORMANCE ADD-ON:** Intermediate Level dancers are invited to join **JUNIOR TROUPE**, held right after their core class on Mondays, in order to learn performance skills and participate in special guest performance opportunities throughout the year!

Membership Upgrade ➡️ **STUDIO PASS - INTERMEDIATE II** 🥉 *- an all-in-one option designed to support serious training and growth. Includes Junior Troupe, Open Studio sessions, and exclusive benefits. It's a flexible way to stay immersed in training and make the most of every opportunity at the studio.*

Shoes Required: Soft Shoes and Hard Shoes
Material Covered: All Intermediate soft shoe steps + hard shoe skills (traditional / fast speed TJ + Hornpipe steps)

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PRE-CHAMP PROGRAM 🥈

- Meets 2x week, Tuesdays 5:00-6:00pm / Thursdays 5:00-6:15pm
- Runs for Academy Year (Sept-June); $234/mo
- For advanced dancers at instructor's discretion

Pre-Champ Program offers a fast-paced and challenging atmosphere where dancers expand their understanding of complex footwork, rhythms, and choreography in both soft and hard shoe. Held twice-weekly, Pre-Champ program supports steady progress, improved stamina, and greater consistency.

⭐ **PERFORMANCE ADD-ON** ➡️ **DISTRICT TROUPE** (Tuesday, 6:00-6:45pm)

Membership Upgrade ➡️ **STUDIO PASS - PRE-CHAMP** 🥈 *- an all-in-one option designed to support serious training and growth. Includes District Troupe, Open Studio sessions, and exclusive benefits. It's a flexible way to stay immersed in training and make the most of every opportunity at the studio.*

PREREQUISITE: 4+ years experience; competing in Novice / Prizewinner / recently-achieved Preliminary Championship Levels. Non-competitive students invited with instructor approval.

CHAMPION PROGRAM 🥇

- Meets 2x per week, 6:45-8:15pm Tues / 6:15-7:30pm Thurs
- Runs for full Academy Year (Sept-June); $254/mo
- For Preliminary, Open Champion and Adult Masters-Level dancers

The District Champion Program is designed for our most advanced dancers who have demonstrated exceptional skill, commitment, and consistency in Irish dance. This high-level training environment challenges dancers both technically and artistically. Guided by our expert teaching team, dancers continue to elevate their technique, deepen their artistry, and take pride in every step of their dance journey.

⭐ **PERFORMANCE ADD-ON** ➡️ **DISTRICT TROUPE** (Tuesday, 6:00-6:45pm)

Membership Upgrade ➡️ **STUDIO PASS - CHAMPION** 🥇 *- an all-in-one option designed to support serious training and growth. Includes District Troupe, Open Studio sessions, and exclusive benefits including* ***complimentary*** *private studio rental time for focused practice. It's a flexible way to stay immersed in training and make the most of every opportunity at the studio.*

PREREQUISITE: Preliminary, Open Champion and Adult Masters Level. Instructor approval required.

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YOUTH PERFORMANCE CLASSES 🌟

Performance classes are the pinnacle of what we do at DIDA! Irish dance is thriving beyond the feis scene, gaining global attention - whether on tour with Beyoncé or through viral sensations like Cairde and The Gardiner Brothers. We're excited to deliver that energy and innovation to the DIDA studio!

These classes may be added on to a dancer's "core" level class as indicated. The rate for each Performance Class is an additional $99/mo OR included with Studio Pass.

JUNIOR TROUPE 🌟

- Mondays, 6:00-6:45pm
- *Additional rehearsals for Junior Troupe dancers may be scheduled for Mondays, 6:45-7:30pm*
- Full Academy Year; $99/mo (discounted add-on course fee) OR included with STUDIO PASS.

Junior Troupe is where Intermediate I & II dancers step into the world of performance and bring their Irish dance training to life on stage. Dancers learn performance-driven choreography while building confidence, stage presence, and strong teamwork in a supportive, high-energy environment. Led by an exceptional teaching team of professional dancers, every class is infused with world-class artistry giving dancers the opportunity to grow through exciting community performances year-round, including standout moments during the busy St. Patrick's Day season.

Prerequisite: Must be enrolled in Intermediate I or Intermediate II.

DISTRICT TROUPE 🌟

- Tuesdays 6:00-6:45pm ***NEW time***
- *Additional rehearsals for District Troupe dancers may be scheduled for Mondays, 6-7:30pm*
- Full Academy Year; $99/mo (discounted add-on course fee) OR included with STUDIO PASS.

District Troupe is our advanced performance class, providing dancers the opportunity to refine their stage skills while learning fun and challenging choreography in an encouraging, non-competitive setting. Throughout the year we will explore how show dancing incorporates arm movements as well as elements of storytelling and character portrayal. Troupe dancers will also have the opportunity to participate in special video projects.

Prerequisite: Must be enrolled in either Pre-Champ or Champ Program.

- **TROUPE SUMMIT** ***NEW*** - At the start of the year, we will be holding a special team-building session for Junior Troupe & District Troupe dancers.

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5). DISTRICT ADULTS

Our Adult Community is a major part of what makes DIDA so special!

- For our Adult dancers in All Levels who would like to attend more than one class per week, the ***NEW*** **Adult Flex Pass** provides bundled class value and schedule flexibility.
- **The Adult Advanced Studio Pass** 🥇 is an all-in-one option designed to support serious training and growth. Includes both Advanced Adult classes, Adult Performance, Open Studio sessions, and exclusive benefits such as **complimentary** private studio rental time for focused practice. It's a flexible way to stay immersed in training and make the most of every opportunity at the studio.
- **Adult Performance, our add-on performance choreography & skills class for Adults, will continue to be held on Mondays, 6:45-7:30pm.** In this class, we partner with professional choreographers including Milwaukee Irish Dance Co. (the adult dance company established by Elyse Transon, ADCRG) for special choreography opportunities. Dancers enrolled in any weekly adult class are eligible to add-on Adult Performance, and the class is included with Adult Studio Pass.
- **Advanced Adults — offered on Monday and on Thursdays now at a new time, 7:30pm — are each 75 minutes** and share the same material and lesson plan. These classes focus on sophisticated and challenging adult solo choreography (keeping in mind that actively competing is **never** a requirement for enrollment). Students may register for one class, or both classes through STUDIO PASS.
- **All Level Adults — offered on Wednesdays and Saturdays, are each 60 minutes** and focus on traditional (fast speed) hard shoe steps and trad sets, a range of soft shoe choreography as well as ceili dances. Students may register for one class, or both classes through the Adult All Levels FLEX Pass.
- We highly recommend that Masters-Level Adults interested in learning and competing District Champ material (which parallels Senior Ladies / Men's material) enroll in Champion Program. Masters dancers are also welcome to attend Advanced Adults, with the understanding that Champ-specific material is taught separately outside of class.

We're looking forward to a wonderful year of dancing with our fabulous District Adults! 💙

DISTRICT ADULTS - ALL LEVELS

Offered on Wednesdays (7:30-8:30pm) & Saturdays (2:00-3:00pm *ADJUSTED TIME*)

- 60-minute weekly class
- Runs for full academy year (Sept-June); $144/mo

District Adults All Levels is a fun, welcoming way to explore Irish dance technique, boost fitness, and connect with community in a recreational setting. Dancers will learn both hard and soft shoe steps, along with lively céilí dances. Through inviting instruction and creative choreography, we'll help guide you through your Irish dance journey — whether it's your first time or a rediscovery!

⭐ **Adult Performance Class - Add-On:** Learn performance style choreography by adding on Adult Performance - Mondays 6:45-7:30pm.

MULTI-CLASS SAVINGS: Upgrade to **ADULT FLEX PASS** - bundles together both Adult All Levels classes for added savings + flexibility.

Prerequisite: NONE - Brand new beginners are always welcome!
Material Taught: Foundational Soft Shoe, Traditional / Fast-Speed Hard Shoe, Trad Sets, Ceili Dances

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ADULT ALL LEVELS *FLEX* PASS ✅

The Adult Flex Pass which bundles together both Adult All Levels classes weekly, enabling students more fun, flexibility and value.

- **Adult All Levels FLEX Pass** - *Includes All Levels Wed. 7:30pm* ***plus*** *All Levels Sat. 2pm* — $219/mo

Note: A limited number of FLEX Passes are available. They follow our standard tuition terms & conditions, including 30-day withdrawal window and full dance year obligation. FLEX Pass is separate from Studio Pass and does not include the same benefits.

DISTRICT ADULTS - ADVANCED

Offered on Mondays 7:30-8:45pm & Thursdays 7:30-8:45pm *NEW TIME*

- 75-minute weekly class
- Runs for full academy year (Sept-June); $164/mo

Our District Adults Advanced class is designed for dancers with prior experience who seek to refine their technique and challenge themselves in a focused yet welcoming environment. Dancers will build strength, precision, and performance quality while exploring Adult Champ choreography. This class supports ambitious dancers with an energizing, supportive atmosphere.

⭐ **Adult Performance Class Add-On:** For those dancers who would like to learn performance style choreography, we recommend adding on Adult Performance - Mondays 6:45-7:30pm.

Membership Upgrade ➡️ **Adult Advanced Studio Pass** 🥇 is an all-in-one option designed to support serious training and growth. Includes both Advanced Adult classes, Adult Performance, Open Studio sessions, and exclusive benefits such as **complimentary** private studio rental time for focused practice. It's a flexible way to stay immersed in training and make the most of every opportunity at the studio.

Prerequisite: Prior experience recommended.
Material Taught: Adult Champ Soft Shoe / Hard Shoe Solo Steps, Traditional Set Dances

ADULT PERFORMANCE 🌟

- Mondays, 6:45-7:30pm, 45min/wk
- Runs for Academy Year (Sept-June); $99/mo (discounted add-on fee) — Included with Studio Pass
- *Additional rehearsals for Adult Performance dancers may be scheduled for Mondays, 6-6:45pm*

Adult Performance is our show-focused class designed especially for adults. Dancers will learn exciting choreography while building confidence, musicality, and stage presence. As a weekly add-on class, Adult Performance partners with Milwaukee Irish Dance Co. to explore iconic choreography and performance-focused training, with special opportunities to perform throughout the year.

Prerequisite: Open to adults of any level. Must be enrolled in a weekly District Adult Class.

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SHORT SESSIONS

Beginners are always welcome at DIDA!
We offer the following Irish Dance introductory "short sessions" for Youth + Adult students throughout the year.

SESSION DATES:

FALL 2026 SESSION: OCT 3, 10, 17, 24 *(District Tots)*
WINTER 2027: TBD
SPRING 2027: TBD

DISTRICT TOTS - FAMILY CLASS 👪 (4-WEEK SESSION)

- **SESSIONS OFFERED IN FALL 2026, WINTER 2027 & SPRING 2027**
- **Saturdays 9-9:30am;** Program Cost: $99 (4-Week Session) **FALL**
- Open to children as young as age two, plus accompanying parent/guardian (Note: children must be under supervision by their accompanying parent AT ALL TIMES.)

The cutest class we offer at DIDA! We've specially designed our creative movement sessions by combining iconic Irish dance movements and music with exciting activities and playful themes with the littlest dancers in mind. Classes are structured with routines and repetition in mind and include concepts like following direction, creating big and small movements, patterns as well as balance and coordination. District Tots creates wonder for mini"Riverdancers" through creative play and movement!

YOUTH BEGINNER IRISH DANCE ☘️ (6-WEEK SESSION)

- **SESSIONS OFFERED IN WINTER & SPRING 2027**
- **Saturdays 10:00am-10:45am**; Program Cost: $179 (6-Week)
- Offered for brand new students age 5+

In this introductory session, students will jump, kick, step and slide while learning the fundamentals (focus on the "fun"!) of Irish dance! Classes are structured for dancers to develop their skills in musicality, rhythm, balance and more! The final class will present a showcase for families. It's a great way for new dancers to get a taste of the exciting world of Irish dance!

ADULT BEGINNER IRISH DANCE (6-WEEK SESSION)

- **SESSIONS OFFERED IN WINTER SPRING 2027**
- **Saturdays 10:45am-11:30am**; Program Cost: $179 (6-Week Session)
- Offered for brand new Adult / Teen dancers

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NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! Learn the basics of Irish hard and soft shoe styles and discover your rhythm at District Irish Dance! Led by our expert instructor team, this 6-week course for new adult beginners is the perfect way to gain knowledge of this incredible dance form!

ADAPTIVE IRISH DANCE 💙

- **IRISH DANCE CLASS FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS.** ***OFFERED ON A SPECIALLY PRESENTED BASIS.***
- **Saturdays, 10:15-11am;** Program Cost: $119 (4-Week Session)

Parents / Caregivers must be present and supervise their dancer at all times.

We are delighted to offer a sensory-friendly class for diverse learners, welcoming dancers of all ages to enjoy Irish dance in a supportive and relaxed atmosphere. Our studio environment will be designed to comfort dancers with calm lighting and soothing sound levels. This class is ideal for those needing additional processing time with plenty of repetition and a familiar routine. Dancers and their caregivers will learn easy to follow movements and creative steps rooted in Irish dance through a combination of visual and verbal cues. This 45 minute class (4-week series) allows for time at the start and end of class for dancers to arrive and leave without feeling rushed. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to experience Irish dance and are proud to offer programming which furthers that goal.

6. ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

As a complement to our Academy Program, we offer additional classes & programming for all members of our community to dance and thrive!

OPEN STUDIO

- Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm ***NEW*** and Saturdays at 11:30am
- Drop-in format (no commitment required). Counts as a make-up class

Structure meets freedom during Open Studio. Inspired by the best elements of past programming, Open Studio is a group practice session that embraces three key pillars:

- **Fun:** Enjoy the energy of dancing together in a relaxed, encouraging environment
- **Performance:** Sharpen your technique and show skills in preparation for the stage
- **Fitness:** Build strength, endurance, and confidence through consistency

Open Studio welcomes dancers of all ages / levels.

Included with Studio Pass ⭐ | Enrolled Student Rate: $29 (drop-ins allowed)

Must be enrolled in an Academy Program class

JIGS & SWIGS® - THE IRISH DANCE WORKOUT

- Be sure to check out our regular program of Jigs & Swigs® classes held at unique venues throughout the Washington, DC area! Visit www.jigsandswigs.com/dc for more information.
- **Jigs & Swigs® is hosted at our DC venue partner, Atlas Brewing!**
- **Fall 2026 dates: TBD —** ***Halfway to St. Patrick's Day celebration!*** 🎉
- *Tickets: $29*

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MAJORS PRACTICES

- **2026 OIREACHTAS PRACTICES — SATURDAY MORNINGS TBD**
- **Schedule: 9:30am-11:30am - SOLOS; 10:45am-11:30am - SETS / TRAD SETS Only** (select dates).
- **NANS PRACTICES 2025 - TBA**

Majors Practices prepare our advanced dancers for Regionals (Oireachtas), Nationals, and Worlds. **Dancers who are competing are expected to prioritize their training and any known conflicts should be communicated to us as soon as possible.** *Fees for majors practices are included in competition registration (submitted by DIDA & charged to each dancer's ClassBug account). For all majors there is also an admin charge assessed per dancer. *ALL PRICING IS TBA. PRACTICE DATES, TIMES AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

SUMMER PROGRAMS ☀️

- **DISTRICT IRISH DANCE CAMP:** Dates TBA
- **SUMMER SESSION:** Dates TBA
- **SUMMER STUDIO PASS:** Details TBA

EVENTS AT THE DISTRICT IRISH DANCE BLACKBOX

- We periodically host events at the District Irish Dance Blackbox Theatre to support and feature the dance / arts community in the Washington, DC area.
- **PROJECT RHTYHM ◼ - TBD**

Interested in hosting an event at DIDA?! Start a conversation by e-mailing info@districtirishdance.com

7). STUDIO PASS

Studio Pass is an exclusive membership providing the best value for committed District dancers.

➡️ **SHAMROCK DANCERS:** We offer **Shamrock FLEX Pass** ☘️ — perfect for students who would like to take more than one class per week (see Beginner Irish Dance in section 4).

➡️ **ADULT ALL LEVEL DANCERS:** We are delighted to introduce the ***NEW*** **Adult FLEX Pass** — perfect for students who would like to take more than one class per week.

STUDIO PASS - INTERMEDIATE

Intermediate I Studio Pass: $279 / mo (VIP Pricing thru 8/1) | $299 / mo (Standard Pricing after 8/1)

Intermediate II Studio Pass: $339 / mo (VIP Pricing thru 8/1) | $359 / mo (Standard Pricing after 8/1)

- Includes either Intermediate I or II weekly core class program **plus** Junior Troupe.
- Full access to Open Studio.
- ***BONUS PERKS:*** Priority scheduling for Private Lessons (60 days in advance), 10% off in-studio merchandise, 10% off select *Pop-Up Workshops* plus invitations to Studio Pass Holder-only events.

Does not include extra workshops, majors practices or special events. Commitment: Academy Year (Sept-June).

STUDIO PASS - PRE-CHAMP

VIP Pricing (register by 8/1): $379 / mo | Standard Pricing (after 8/1): $399 / mo

- Includes Pre-Champ twice-weekly core program, **plus** District Troupe.
- Full access to Open Studio.
- ***BONUS PERKS:*** Priority scheduling for Private Lessons (60 days in advance), 10% off in-studio merchandise, 10% off select *Pop-Up Workshops* plus invitations to Studio Pass Holder-only events.

Does not include extra workshops, majors practices or special events. Commitment: full academy year.

STUDIO PASS - CHAMP

VIP Pricing (register by 8/1): $399 / mo | Standard Pricing (after 8/1): $419 / mo

- Includes Champion twice-weekly core program **plus** District Troupe.
- Full access to Open Studio.
- **Complimentary** individual studio practice time!*

All stated fees, policies and protocols are subject to change at any time.

- ***BONUS PERKS:*** Priority scheduling for Private Lessons (60 days in advance), 10% off in-studio merchandise, 10% off select *Pop-Up Workshops*, plus invitations to Studio Pass Holder-only events.

Does not include extra workshops, majors practices or special events. Commitment: full academy year.

STUDIO PASS - ADVANCED ADULT 🥇

VIP Pricing (register by 8/1): $359 / mo | Standard Pricing (after 8/1): $379 / mo

- Includes both District Adults Advanced classes per week **plus** Adult Performance.
- Full access to Open Studio.
- **Complimentary** individual studio practice time!*
- ***BONUS PERKS:*** Priority scheduling for Private Lessons (60 days in advance), 10% off in-studio merchandise, 10% off select *Pop-Up Workshops* plus invitations to Studio Pass member-only events.

Does not include extra workshops, majors practices or special events. Commitment: full academy year.

STUDIO PASS HOLDERS: You will receive a welcome e-mail with instructions on how to set up your "Class Access Pass" for signing up for the included Open Studio classes, as well as details about the special perks included in your membership.

**Complimentary Rentals are subject to studio availability. Must be 18 years old to practice at the studio without a parent / guardian present. Terms & exclusions apply - refer to "Studio Rentals" for more info. Studio Pass perks / rental benefits, are valid beginning the first day of the new dance year (Sept 14, 2026 until June 30, 2027).*

8). THE FINE PRINT: ACADEMY / STUDIO POLICIES

COMMUNICATIONS 📲

- **General inquires should be sent to: info@districtirishdance.com.**
- **You can reach our front desk team via call / text at: 202-525-6091**
- **Client Portal: www.districtirishdance.com/client-portal** - our ***NEW*** client portal puts all studio resources at your fingertips! (This will replace the former "DIDA App")

- **The DIDA Monthly Newsletter:** sent out to dancers who are registered in a weekly class.

    - *We are committed to maintaining respectful and professional communication at all times. Emails containing rude, aggressive, or disrespectful language will not receive a response.*
    - *All official studio communication, questions, and feedback must be directed through email. Any other platforms, including the Adult WhatsApp Group, should be used only for their intended purpose of positive student engagement.*
    - *Instructors are not available to answer questions immediately before or after class time and should not be contacted through their personal phone numbers, email addresses or social media.*

INCLEMENT WEATHER ❄️

Cancellations will be communicated via e-mail to impacted classes and will be posted promptly on our social media channels. We build in a week of missed classes into the school year. Should additional cancellations occur, we will schedule a suitable make-up.

- **The DIDA Step Resource (www.vimeo.com/showcases/districtirishdance)** - a password-secured resource provided as a privilege to our enrolled students to assist with at-home practice. There will be videos of District steps for certain foundational dances (basic reels, light jigs, etc), traditional (fast speed) hard shoe dances, as well as a selection of the "District Version" of set dances. Due to the dynamic nature of choreography, dances taught in Intermediate & up are not published. This does not substitute for in-studio instruction and all of our steps / teaching resources are property of DIDA. Do not share any content without permission. *Accessible via the Client Portal.*
- **Videos in Classes** - As a best practice, dancers should not rely on videos for learning material. In certain settings when an instructor has indicated it is appropriate to do so, capturing a video of a specific step or combination will be permitted.
- **Phone Use at the Studio** - At DIDA, we aim to be your escape from the outside world. **Phones must be silenced and stored in the lobby during class time. Youth dancers are not permitted to wear smart watches with messaging capabilities during class time. Should you need to contact us or your dancer due to an urgent matter please text or call our studio line: 202-525-6091.**

ACADEMY ATTIRE / UNIFORM

- For all Youth Classes, students must follow the **STUDIO UNIFORM** 👕**:**
    - Black shorts ["Short shorts" are not acceptable. Please look to our school uniform for examples of appropriate length shorts. No jeans or movement-restrictive clothing.]
    - Black top / black District Irish Dance apparel
    - Poodle socks (black socks for male dancers)
    - **Studio Uniform Package (T-Shirt, Shorts, Poodle Socks) can be purchased at our studio.**
    - Irish dance shoes (or black ballet slippers for new beginners)
    - Water bottle (or dancers may purchase water at the studio) - ***NO GLASS BOTTLES!***
    - **Hair should be neatly pulled off the dancers face in a ponytail or other hair style.** Please avoid excess hair clips / accessories especially in beginner classes as they are distracting.
    - All dancers are expected to practice good personal hygiene and avoid strong odors, etc.
    - **Proper shoe wear is required at all times inside the DIDA studio!**
    - Dance bags brought to our studio should contain dance essentials only. No toys or distracting items.
- **Adhering to a uniform helps promote class cohesion, minimizes student distraction and assists teachers in effectively identifying and correcting technique.**
- Dancers who are not in uniform and / or proper shoe wear may not be permitted to participate in class.
- Dancers in District Adult classes are encouraged but not required to follow our uniform.

MERCHANDISE 👕

- Merchandise / uniform items may be ordered at: **www.districtirishdance.com/shop**
- We have a limited number of in-stock items at our studio (designated as "Studio Pickup Only" on our Shop Page).

- Printing your own gear using DIDA logos / branding materials is not allowed.

PURCHASING IRISH DANCE SHOES
For our families' convenience, please visit: **districtirishdance.com/shoes** for info about brands + ordering. We also offer new and used Irish Dance shoes in many sizes for sale at our studio. Contact us to set up a shoe fitting session.

🔄 **SHOE EXCHANGE:** We accept used soft shoes, hard shoes and boys' reel (soft) shoes of an acceptable quality in exchange for studio credit ($10 credit per pair of soft shoes; $20 for hard shoes). To donate a pair of shoes, please bring the pair to the front desk. You will be notified if the pair you donated is accepted for resale and if it does not meet our standards we will contact you to set up a return.

COSTUMES ~ DISTRICT SCHOOL DRESS / BEGINNER SKIRT
- There will be costume order opportunities throughout the year.
- Pricing ranges from approx. $225 for a Beginner Skirt Package (for dancers in Shamrock Programs & Intermediate), to approx. $625 for a Full Dress (for Pre-Champ & Champion dancers). Male costume (vest) is approx. $250. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about what to order.
- In order to place an order, please submit your deposit/measurements to https://www.primedressdesigns.com/ (reach out to Prime directly for ordering / measurement assistance)
- Please refer to our "Look Book" accessible via the DIDA App, and in a binder at the studio for guidelines regarding costumes for performances and competitions.

STUDIO AMENITIES ✅

We are pleased to offer a variety of amenities at our studio designed to enhance the District dancer experience. These include:
- A spacious dancer lobby with a helpful front desk team
- Studio retail store stocked with class essentials
- Bottled water and LMNT® hydration drinks available for purchase
- Complimentary client WiFi
- Device charging station
- Refreshing products (dry shampoo, deodorant and ladies' toiletries)
- Foam roll / recovery equipment including Normatec® Compression Boots *(available upon request)*
- Ear plugs and hair ties *(available upon request)*
- Individual locker key use *(available upon request)*

GENERAL STUDIO / CLASS RULES - *IMPORTANT!*

- **Kindness and respect are mandatory at all times at DIDA, and we have zero tolerance for bullying, gossip, negative attitudes or disrespectful language. Any concerns should be addressed directly with DIDA Leadership or the Studio Owner through appropriate communication channels. Discussing these matters with other dancers or dance families in a negative or disruptive manner could result in dismissal from DIDA.**
- **Please be on time! Students must be ready to dance with their shoes on prior to the start of class.** Tardiness is unsafe and disrespectful. We are strict about our schedule: classes will start and end on time.
- Make sure your dance shoes do not have any tape or residue on them. Dancers who scuff our floor will be charged a cleaning fee.

All stated fees, policies and protocols are subject to change at any time.

- Absolutely no oils, lotions or other products should be used prior to entering our studio since they can damage the Marley floor surface and make it unsafe to dance on. **No glitter or feathers!**
- **No street shoes allowed on floor surface in studio.**
- **No food or drink (except for water).**
- Alcohol consumption is not permitted at the DIDA studio or at any school-sponsored events.
- Gum chewing is not allowed anywhere in our facility.
- No sitting during class time, unless permitted by a teacher.
- **No running EVER on studio premises!**
- Studio Safety Policies related to COVID-19 or future pandemic circumstances will be adapted in accordance with DC Public School System mandates, CDC guidelines and local ordinances.
- DIDA cannot be held liable for any lost or stolen items.
- **Upon registering on ClassBug for all DIDA classes & programs, participants (or over 18+ guardian) agree to all membership terms & conditions, including a liability waiver and terms that permit us to photograph, video and share relevant class content of participants on our social media platforms and for marketing purposes.**

DANCER SAFETY & PICK-UP PROCEDURES

- The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. In keeping with CLRG requirements, all of our teaching team members are thoroughly vetted, background-checked and comprehensively trained through SafeSport (www.safesport.org), and we follow all of their outlined standards and procedures.
- **All students (under 18 years of age) must be picked up promptly on time by a parent or guardian.** A parent (or guardian) must be physically at the interior studio door to pick up their child. We cannot provide supervision after class finishes. Parents who are late for pick up are subject to a supervision late fee (at the hourly cost of a private lesson) starting at 15 minutes past the scheduled class end time.

PARENT OBSERVATION

- **In order to promote independence and confidence in all of our dancers, we do not permit parent observation in any of our classes.**
- We hold a designated **"Back to Studio + Community Appreciation" Week** in the Fall during which we will invite all parents to watch class (be ready, you may be asked to jump up and dance!).
- **Our lobby operates on a drop-off / pick-up basis and is reserved as a "dancer only space" during class time.** We encourage parents to explore all that our wonderful neighborhood has to offer. Those who choose to remain in our designated waiting area during class time must abide by the District Irish Dance Code of Conduct at all times.

CHOREOGRAPHY & LEVEL PLACEMENT

- The DIDA teaching team spends a considerable amount of time developing choreography and planning classes. **District TCRGs have final say about all choreography, including which material will be taught / competed / performed. Choreography decisions are not up for discussion.**
- We carefully evaluate each dancers' progress continually throughout the year and make class placement decisions on an individualized basis in order to best promote each dancers' growth.
- **All dancers / families must respect these carefully made decisions related to material and class placement. Questioning decisions of the teaching team is disrespectful and non-productive.**

DIDA COMPETITION GUIDE

For dancers who wish to compete, refer to the DIDA Competition Guide in the Client Portal for all competition related information.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- The focus of Irish Dance should **always** be on having fun, growing as a dancer and enjoying the journey. No matter what happens we expect everyone who is part of our community to demonstrate exceptional sportsmanship, respect and camaraderie at all times towards all teachers, other DIDA dancers and those from other schools. This includes an expectation that DIDA dancers / community members will remove themselves from any situation in which negative discussions or gossip occur.
- **The District Irish Dance Code of Conduct must be followed by all members of the District Irish Dance community (this includes parents and all family members) AT ALL TIMES.**

- **AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT OUR APPROACH TO COMPETITION:** Competition scores and results are a subjective opinion of a select group of people on one day. Growth should not be entirely gauged by scores or achievements at competitions. It is important to keep competitive experiences in perspective and, most importantly, be proud of the growth and development that takes place internally, every time shoes are tied. We encourage a non-competitive studio environment between dancers, teammates, and parents.

- With regards to results and other competitive matters, dancers or parents should never attempt to independently contact any Irish dance governing body or Feis / competition committee (CLRG, IDTANA or the Southern Region). Any concerns must be communicated to the the DIDA leadership team. Only TCRGs are authorized to file an official complaint.

- **Every student is a gift to us — each is uniquely different and we celebrate that!**

Youth Class Behavior & Three-Strike Policy

Our youth classes are designed to be positive, respectful, and supportive environments where every dancer can learn and grow. We expect all dancers to demonstrate respect toward instructors, staff, fellow dancers, and the studio at all times.

To help maintain a safe and productive studio environment, we utilize a **Three-Strike System** for behavior concerns. After three instances of a teacher needing to redirect a student during a given class time frame due to behavior that does not meet studio expectations, a dancer will receive a write-up. Our goal is to address concerns early and provide dancers with the opportunity to make positive choices and improve their behavior.

If a behavior concern requires **parent/guardian assistance**, the parent/guardian will be notified via email. Repeated write-ups or ongoing behavior concerns may result in **removal from class without waiver or refund of tuition**.

CLRG Grade Exams

- Grade Exams are offered throughout the year, typically coinciding with Feisanna. Grade Exams are unlike competitions since candidates are not ranked. Rather, each dancer is individually assessed and receives detailed feedback of their performance and knowledge of the grade being attempted. There are 12 total Grade

Examinations, each with specific material required, and which must be completed in order to be eligible to eventually apply for the rigorous TCRG Irish Dance Teacher Examination.

- **Grade Exams are not a requirement, but they are a great opportunity for dancers to follow a structured framework that assess their knowledge and competency of Irish dance.**
- Any dancers who wish to take the grade exam should contact Kendal, (kendal@districtirishdance.com) prior to registering. Any DIDA dancers who choose to take grade exams are expected to communicate with their teachers to ensure they are prepared to do their best.
- You can check out the official Syllabus for grade exams at www.southernregionirishdance.com/grade-exams for more information / requirements.
- We love celebrating milestones at DIDA! Dancers who successfully complete a grade are invited to sign the **Grade Exam Wall** in our lobby.

2026-27 Registration Fee: $65 - Annual per-student admin. fee with initial payment for all full-year programs.

Special Rates:

- **Tiered family member / sibling (same household):** 1st student = regular price, 2nd student = 10% off, 3rd student = 15% off, 4th & additional students = 20% off. The highest priced class is discounted first.
  - *Our system does not always automatically honor this discount, so it is the responsibility of each family to get in touch if you need assistance.*
- **Multi-class:** class bundling is offered through **Flex Pass** and **Studio Pass**, which deliver substantial value for dancers taking multiple classes per week plus additional perks.
- **Full year one time payment:** Clients may pay tuition one time for the full dance year at a **5% discount.** *For one time payments please contact us.*
- **Exclusions:** special rates do not apply to certain class such as Performance Classes (which are already discounted add-ons), Studio Pass, Flex Pass, workshops, special events or short sessions.

By enrolling at DIDA, clients understand and accept the following policies:

Tuition Payment Plan: For all core classes, performance classes, Flex Pass, and Studio Pass, annual tuition is broken down into a 10-month payment plan, with payments processed via auto-pay on the 1st of each month, Sept-June. Monthly tuition installments are not adjusted based on number of classes in a given month. We do not pro-rate tuition or permit payment freezes for any length of time.

Refunds / Withdrawals: All purchases are final and we do not issue refunds, credits, transfers or exchanges. **As a courtesy, for all core classes, performance classes, Flex Pass, and Studio Pass, we offer a permitted withdrawal timeframe: dancers have 30 days from the first class they attend in which they may withdraw. After that, clients are bound by tuition obligation for the remainder of the dance year (final balance assessed on June 1st).**

Billing: We process payments securely through ClassBug, our convenient registration system. All major credit cards are accepted and a valid payment method must be kept on file at all times. An e-mail receipt is issued for all payments and records can be found on each client's ClassBug profile.

Late Fees / Bounced Payments: **Should we be unable to charge your account for a scheduled tuition payment by the 5th of the month, or in the case of a bounced transaction, a $50 fee will be added automatically to your account.**

Injuries: The athletic nature of Irish dance means that injuries can happen. All participants acknowledge this inherent risk and release District Irish Dance LLC, and all of its instructors, ownership and affiliates of any and all liability. If a dancer is injured and unable to dance for up to one month, our policy is to have them continue to

attend class, observe, take notes and participate as deemed safe by their doctor. If a dancer has an extended injury with a prognosis of longer than one month, they should contact us to discuss their specific circumstance.

MAKE-UP CLASS POLICY

Missed Classes / Make-Ups: As a courtesy, we permit full year enrolled dancers to make up a missed class by attending a regularly scheduled Open Studio session, provided they follow our policy for missed classes. You can submit for a make-up credit in the Client Portal.

Direct link to form: https://forms.gle/vnpbpz4dKN7hBRwB8

1. Complete the form (link above) at least **4 hours prior** to an absence in order to be eligible for a make-up class.
2. A coupon code will be included on the form confirmation page.
3. Check our studio class schedule and select an eligible drop-in class. **Make up credits expire at the end of the academy year (June 22, 2026).**
4. Use the coupon code to redeem your make-up credit upon checkout on ClassBug. The code can be utilized for signing up for a regularly scheduled Open Studio session (Wednesday 6:30pm or Saturday 11:30am).

- **EXCLUSIONS:** Make ups are not available for any short sessions, special workshops / classes, or weekly performance classes. Students are limited to **ONE** make up per monthly billing cycle (a max. of 10 per academy year, Sept-June). We are unable to pro-rate or refund tuition for missed classes. Due to capacity, dancers may only make up classes at the options listed above.
- **There is no need for Studio Pass Members to fill out a request form since they already have full access to Open Studio.**
- Due to class capacity, dancers can only make up classes at the **options listed above** (not at a corresponding program held at a different time during the week, such as Shamrocks Wed/Sat or Adults All Levels Wed/Sat).

ADDITIONAL CLASS POLICIES

Year-Round Enrollment: Capacity permitting and with instructor approval, students may enroll year-round in most classes (subject to all standard enrollment terms). In the event that a dancer wishes to sign up later in the year, the best time to do so is at the start of the month since we are unable to pro-rate tuition, nor are we able to hold your space / postpone payment to a later date.

Low Enrollment Policy: A class needs at least 3 students to run, otherwise it will be considered a private lesson and, at DIDA's discretion, will either be cancelled or held for a reduced amount of time.

Wait List: Full classes will automatically move to a wait list, in which students may sign up (no payment required). Should a spot become available, we will contact you and give you a 24-hour time frame to decide if you would like to enroll, after which the spot will be offered to the next student on the waitlist.

College Students (from outside DIDA) Attending Classes: We welcome college students to participate in DIDA classes and train with us while they are in school (per CLRG rules). Due to the popularity of and limited space in our Champ program, students in college are expected to commit to the full academy year, and are obligated to our standard academy policies regarding tuition installments / withdrawal rules. As a courtesy, for undergraduate college students ONLY who plan to return home for their breaks we offer a one-month tuition installment abatement. This must be approved by DIDA admin at the time of registration.

Participating in a DIDA class / program constitutes an agreement with all stated fees, schedules and policies, which are subject to change at any time without notice.

9. STUDIO RENTALS, PRIVATE LESSONS & MORE

RENTALS - The DIDA studio can be rented for classes, parties and other events at the rate of **$79 per hour** (plus key code access fee). All outside groups must sign & agree to our rental contract / terms.

ENROLLED STUDENT PRACTICE TIME

Studio Pass holders receive **complimentary** practice time at the DIDA Studio. All other full-year enrolled DIDA students are eligible to rent our studio for dance practice at the special rate of **$35 per hour** via: https://calendly.com/districtirishdance/studio-rental. Studio time can be booked as early as 2 weeks in advance, but no later than 12 hours beforehand. Utilizing our studio for practice is a special privilege, so note the following rules:

- All Student Renters must complete a **Rental Orientation + Questionnaire** prior to their first rental.
- Additional students (up to 4 total at a time) can be added for **$20** per hour, per additional enrolled student, and you must contact us **before** your rental to set this up. This cost will be posted to the primary renter's CB account.
- Only the designated renter(s) is allowed at our studio during booked rental times. Anyone entering our studio without prior authorization is considered trespassing.
- Rental fees cannot be refunded, but may be rebooked so long as **at least 24 hour notice is given.**
- Student renters must utilize their time for the sole purpose of Irish dance practice.
- Student renters must keep the studio tidy by following three steps prior to leaving within their allotted time:
  1. **SWEEP** (using the broom in the designated cubby area)
  2. **WIPE DOWN SURFACES** (using a Clorox wipe)
  3. **CONDUCT A WALK-THROUGH** to ensure that all lights and fans are off, all belongings have been collected and the doors are securely locked.
- Student renters must accept our Studio Use Agreement upon reserving practice time and may be bumped from the schedule at anytime to accommodate another event.
- **Rentals must start and end on time (i.e. if you are late, you must leave by your scheduled end time).** We permit a 5 minute grace period before / after your scheduled time to allow you to enter / exit the studio. **In the event you exceed your time slot, you will be charged for additional time.**
- Students must be at least 18 years old to be in our studio in order to rent / practice alone, otherwise a parent / guardian must supervise at all times.

- **Additional Info / Rules for Eligible Studio Pass Holders:**
  - Complimentary rentals are valid from 9/14/26 through 6/30/27. The booking window for eligible Studio Pass holders is 7 days in advance and up to 24 hours beforehand.
  - Eligible Studio Pass Holders may reserve **one hour per day.**
  - You may share time with other eligible Studio Pass holders but if you would like to share with another student who is not an eligible Studio Pass holder, the extra student fee will apply. Any additional renters must be communicated to us **prior** to your rental.
  - We are not able to accommodate requests for complimentary practice time outside of the schedule as listed on the provided link, however outside times may be booked at the standard rental fee.
  - At least 24 hours notice is required to cancel or reschedule a booking otherwise it will be considered a no-show.
  - Excessive no-shows (defined as 2 or more in a 30 day period) will result in revocation of booking privilege.
- **DIDA reserves the right to limit / cancel bookings, or adjust studio availability at any time.**

KEY CODE ACCESS

A door entry key code will be sent with your Studio Rental confirmation e-mail. It is a dancer's responsibility to keep track of their confirmation when booking a rental. **This code must not be shared with anyone else.**

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons are offered on a limited basis and provide dancers with personalized, one-on-one instruction to refine their technique in a focused, supportive learning environment. *Rates effective 9/1/26.*

- All private lessons are booked conveniently via our Client Portal at: **www.calendly.com/districtirishdance**.
- Attending a private lesson is a privilege and dancers should come to their lesson prepared, with a notebook for taking technique notes. The last 5 minutes of each lesson is spent reviewing what was worked on in the lesson.
- **All lessons will be led by an approved teaching staff member as determined by DIDA admin,** and up to 3 students may share a time slot (rates below).
- Lessons must end at their scheduled end time and will be held at the DIDA Tenleytown studio.
- Lesson fees cannot be refunded, but may be rebooked so long as **at least 24 hours notice is given.** Payment will be processed at the time of booking a Private Lesson in order to confirm the time slot.

2026-27 PRIVATE LESSON - 60MIN: $109 for one student; $75 (each) for two or more students. [Multi-student lessons can be booked by e-mailing info@districtirishdance.com.]

2026-27 PRIVATE LESSON - 45MIN *NEW*: $89 for one student; $65 (each) for two or more students. [Multi-student lessons can be booked by e-mailing info@districtirishdance.com.]
Note: 45minute lessons will be offered at select times only.

10). CODE OF CONDUCT

1) RESPECT - Give your teachers and fellow students the respect & space they need to succeed. Acknowledge that everyone is progressing on their own individual path.

2) SUPPORT - Every word spoken should be supportive and positive. Be patient and kind towards others in class.

3) UNDERSTAND - Remember that decisions made by your teachers regarding steps / material are purposeful and final.

4) ENSURE - Everyone deserves a safe, supportive space free from harassment and negativity.

5) FOCUS - Focus on yourself but remember you are part of a team and greater community.

⭐ *The above pillars must be demonstrated **at all times** by students, parents and family members **everywhere** that you represent District Irish Dance.*

We promote and require kindness, respect and positivity at our studio AT ALL TIMES. We have no tolerance for bullying, gossip, negative attitudes or disrespectful language. We strive to be a supportive, safe place for all dancers to go on their dance journey at their own pace. Any discussions of concerns involving your dancer, yourself (or other dancers) to other dancers / dance parents rather than DIDA Leadership is considered gossip and grounds for dismissal.

Thank you, DIDA dancers & families — we are so excited for classes, performances, feisanna and more this year! #dancethedistrict 💙

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