



Gale's

Studio of Dance, Inc.

Established 1982

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PARENT - STUDENT HANDBOOK 2026 – 2027

Meet our professional and experienced Instructors / Choreographers

“Miss Gale” Frey
Director / Instructor



“Miss Buffy” Covington
Co – Director / Instructor



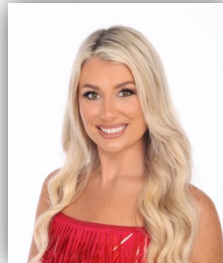
Both “Miss Gale” and “Miss Buffy” are graduates of Dance Masters of America’s Dance Teachers Training Program and are proud members of Dance Masters of America. Dance Masters of America is a prestigious organization that certifies dancers to teach through extensive testing in all genres of dance, ensuring the highest standards of excellence in dance education. It has been our privilege to educate and inspire Gale’s students for over 44 years. We look forward to continuing to help each dancer grow in confidence, artistry, discipline, and a lifelong love of dance.

“Miss Danielle” DeBardeleben



“Miss Danielle” has danced at Gale’s for 29 years. Her excellent technique, unlimited patience and encouraging nature make her an outstanding instructor, motivator and roll model.

“Miss Shelby” Chappell



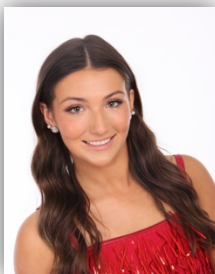
“Miss Shelby” has danced at Gale’s for 28 years. She is committed to developing poise, confidence and excellence in her students, encouraging them to their fullest potential both on and off the stage.

“Miss Hannah” Franklin



“Miss Hannah” has been dancing for years and this is her 17th year at Gale’s. She shares her belief that through training, hard work, and healthy living, students can accomplish anything.

“Miss Madi” Flowers

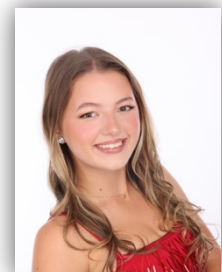


“Miss Madi” has studied at Gale’s for 17 years and enjoys inspiring a passion for dance within her students (along with smiles and laughs). She helps her dancers become shining stars.

Knowing that dance is a living art, our staff is aware of the need for constant study. We strive to keep up with the latest techniques, styles and trends while knowing the importance of teaching strong basic fundamentals of dance. Our Studio Does Not emphasize competition.

We are committed to using age appropriate music, costumes and choreography!

“Miss Brooklynn” Berggren



“Miss Brooklynn” has studied dance at Gale’s for 15 years. She loves seeking new ways for her dancers to approach challenges and succeed; instilling in her students an “I can” mindset.

Our instructors stress not only skills in dancing, but social development and effective interaction between pupils and teachers. Our goal is to help students to strive for personal excellence, to be self-confident and self-disciplined. We believe the study of dance develops life skills which can be used in any professional or recreational endeavor.

DRESS CODE



Our dress code was adopted by our staff for the purpose of improving the quality of our students' dance education. By making dancewear simple and uniform, instructors can more clearly see students' bodies and therefore make more accurate corrections regarding positions and movements. **This policy will be strictly enforced.**

Knee pads are required in all Lyrical, Jazz & Hip Hop classes for ages 8 & up.

ALL STUDENTS IN ALL CLASSES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A SOLID BLACK LEOTARD.

Ballet: Pink tights and pink ballet (or pointe) shoes. Black ballet skirts are required for students over the age of 4.

Lyrical: Pink, black or suntan convertible tights with tan lyrical shoes. Black leggings or black bike shorts are allowed.

Tap and Jazz: Pink, black or suntan tights as well as black leggings or black bike shorts are allowed. Black tap shoes and black jazz shoes are required.

Acro: Solid black leotard and

Pink, black or tan convertible tights. Black bike shorts or leggings are allowed. No shoes!

Hip Hop: Pink, black or suntan tights as well as black leggings, bike shorts or jazz pants are allowed. Black hip hop shoes are required. Students under the age of 8 may wear black tennis shoes with black soles.

Male Students: Black tights or leggings, black athletic shorts, white or black t-shirt and black dance shoes.

ABSOLUTELY NO MIDRIFF TOPS WILL BE ALLOWED IN ANY CLASS.

Hair: Should be secured up and away from the face for all classes. Ponytail, french braids, buns, etc for long hair. Shorter hair also needs to be fastened away from the face. Loose hair inhibits the student's movement and ability to spot. Please place extra hair bands in dance bags!

Parents of Pre-School students should have a change of clothes in dancer's bag in case they are needed!

Class Placement: Students will be placed in appropriate classes by instructors. Placement is based on technique, ability, work ethic and potential, not solely on age, number of years of training, friendships or carpools. The Studio reserves the right to reassign students to the appropriate level class in order to provide the best educational experience for every dancer.

Our goal is to always challenge the most advanced dancer in each class.

The emphasis of the studio is on dance as a rewarding and fulfilling experience and is designed to meet the needs of any student interested in the art of dance. Gale's Studio of Dance offers a complete curriculum ranging in courses for the pre-school student through advanced. Great care and individual attention is given to nurturing the abilities of each student to their fullest potentials.

Dance Shop

Our dance shop carries a complete line of dance shoes, leotards, tights and dance bags.

TUITION / FEES

Tuition Payments: Monthly tuition is due the first day of each month. Accounts not paid by the close of business on the 10th will incur a \$15.00 late fee. Timely payment helps us provide the highest quality instruction and reserve your dancer's place in class.

Hours per week / Monthly Tuition

45 minutes	\$69.00
One hour	\$74.00
One & ¼ hours	\$82.00
One & ½ hours	\$90.00
Two hours	\$112.00
Two & ¼ hours	\$116.00
Two & ½ hours	\$120.00
Two & ¾ hours	\$128.00
Three hours	\$136.00

**Discount for 2nd child in family
\$3.00 per month**

**REGISTRATION FEE \$80.00
or \$100.00 PER FAMILY**

Registration Fee and first month's tuition must be paid upon registration and is non-refundable.

There is a \$50.00 Recital Fee per child - due November 1st. The annual Recital Fee is due by the published deadline and is non-refundable. This fee covers recital-related expenses and is required for each dancer participating. If your child will not be performing in recital our office and instructors must be informed by Nov. 1st.

We accept: Cash, Check or Charge. Please note: There is a 4.5% convenience fee added to all charges. We have a \$25 fee for declined credit cards and a \$30 returned check fee.

Costume Orders: Any dancer enrolled as of November 1st will have recital costumes ordered on their behalf and is responsible for

the full cost of those costumes. Costume charges remain the responsibility of the family regardless of subsequent withdrawal from classes.

VACATION CALENDAR

(Based on Public School District's)
Classes begin Wed. Aug. 26th
Labor Day – Mon. Sept. 7th
Thanksgiving Break – Nov. 23rd – 27th
Christmas Showcase – Dec. 7th – 11th
Christmas / New Years –
Closed Dec. 14th – Jan. 3rd
Martin Luther King, Jr. – Jan. 18th
Mardi Gras Break – Feb. 15th – 19th
Spring Break – March 29th – April 2nd
Rehearsal & Recital
May 20th – 22nd
ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE

If Public Schools are dismissed due to inclement weather and bad driving conditions for the afternoon, we will also be closed. (In case of a Hurricane, please call the Studio afterwards to check our "electricity status".) We post these emergency closings online and by email blast to parents.



The dance year ends with our 45th Annual Recital in May at Baker Highschool Auditorium. Participation in recital is optional. Attendance to rehearsal is mandatory for participation in recital. We take great pride in putting on a quality show that we can all be proud of!

Withdrawal Policy

Written notice of withdrawal must be provided before the first day of the month in which the withdrawal is to take affect. Tuition remains due until written notice is received.

QUESTIONS – call 251-343-9544
Our teaching staff is always happy to answer any questions you may have. Please try to reach us in the morning hours (before classes begin) or call the office with a message for us to return your call after class hours. We try to avoid being pulled out of classes.

OFFERING QUALITY INSTRUCTION IN:
BALLET – POINTE – TAP – JAZZ –
HIP HOP – CHARACTER –
LYRICAL – ACROBATICS –
TIP TOES & TUMBLING 2 YEAR OLDS
PRE-SCHOOL BALLET / TAP / TUMBLING

Christmas Showcase!

There will be a "Christmas Showcase" in December. This fun performance opportunity will be at the dance studio and on a much smaller scale than our big annual Recital. The showcase will also be less formal - ALL students will be required to order a Gale's 2026 Christmas Sweatshirt to wear during Showcase Week instead of costumes.

Instructors are aware that many of our students are involved in sports activities at school and there are times when dance classes must be missed. However, irregular attendance causes students to struggle, affects their confidence and slows the progress of the entire class. Students are encouraged to make every possible effort to attend class!

Please always drive cautiously around the studio and be considerate of other businesses when parking. Remind your children to remain INSIDE the studio before class and until picked up. Students are not allowed to stand outside or to leave the studio for ANYTHING once they have been dropped off for class – including Taco Mama!

We strive for all students to
Be Inspired ...
Be Motivated ...
Be Challenged ...





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Attention Parents!

**Ask to join our private Facebook group –
Gale's Studio of Dance Dancers**

**We share updates, reminders, videos,
pictures, upcoming events, etc. that
only current dance families can see.**

**Gale's offers a six week
Summer Dance Camp!**

We appreciate the fact that all of you have busy schedules and understand when your "taxi service" runs a little behind, however, please make every effort to get your child to class on time and to pick up promptly from the last classes of the day as the instructors need to get home to their families when expected.

We request that students wear some type of "cover up" over their dance uniform to and from classes. Remember that dance shoes are not to be worn outside. Also, remember to place names in all dance shoes, kneepads, toe pads, etc.!

Our goal is to help every dancer learn, grow and succeed in an environment where they can thrive. We appreciate the trust that you place in our Gale's Staff when you leave your dancers with us! Call us with any concerns that you may have.

"Miss Casey" Flowers is our Office Manager, Chaos Coordinator and 2nd Mom to everyone that enters our front doors. She has been keeping us all in line for many years and can answer your questions and offer solutions for almost anything!

It's going to be a great dance season!

Your Child's Class Schedule: