



Dear New and Returning NOSB Students & Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 Dance Season at the New Orleans School of Ballet!

This year marks a meaningful milestone—our 10th anniversary season under the direction of Nikki Hefko. We are proud to celebrate a decade of nurturing young dancers through exceptional training, artistic expression, and a strong foundation in classical ballet.

Throughout the season, we'll be commemorating this milestone with special anniversary events, alumni features, community performances, and other celebratory moments. Stay tuned for exciting announcements as we honor the past, celebrate the present, and envision the future of NOSB!

As always, we look forward to guiding our students in the joyful and disciplined pursuit of ballet—encouraging healthy self-esteem, strong bodies, focused minds, and vibrant spirits.

Here's to a joyful and inspired season ahead!



## **Key Dates & Season Information**

### **New Student Placement – Saturday, August 16**

- 10:00–11:15 – Ages 12+
- 11:30–12:30 – Ages 10–11
- 12:30–1:15 – Ages 8–9  
*Dancers age 7 and under are placed in classes based on age; placement assessments are not required.*

### **Virtual Orientation – Sunday, August 17 | 3:00 PM–4:00 PM**

This virtual session will introduce new families to NOSB's policies, training philosophy, and core values. Meet faculty, current and former students, and fellow parents—and bring your questions!

- **Meeting ID:** 831 8194 4402
- **Passcode:** 310538

### **First Day of Classes – Monday, August 25, 2024**



## **The Nutcracker in New Orleans**

NOSB's original and reimagined twist on Tchaikovsky's holiday classic returns! Featuring Who Dats, nutria, and other beloved local touches, this production is open to dancers **ages 5 and up** (must be 5 by the audition date).

- **Auditions:** Saturday, September 6 & Sunday, September 7
- **Performances:** December 13–14 at 2:00 PM

## **Class Attire & Dress Code**

Uniforms may be purchased locally at **Carmel's Dance Wear** or online at [Discount Dance](#) using our School ID: **113663**.

### **GIRLS**

- **Tights:** Ballet pink or flesh-toned transition tights. Shoes must match the tights.
- **Shoes:**
  - Pre-Ballet through Preparatory – Leather full-soled slippers
  - Level 1–5 – Canvas or leather split-soled slippers
- **Hair:** Neatly secured in a ballet bun
- **Leotards:** Basic camisole, tank, short or long-sleeved styles only.
  - *No rhinestones, halters, low backs, sparkles, Lycra, patterned fabrics, or attached tutus.*
  - Same-color velvet trim is permitted.



Level	Dress Code
Pre-Ballet	Pink dance dress
Primary	Lilac dance dress
Preparatory	White dance dress
Levels 1–3	Light blue leotard
Levels 4–5	Black leotard
Pointe Class	Black skirt
Levels 6–7	Black leotard & white practice tutu

## BOYS

- White t-shirt or leotard, black tights, thin black socks
- Leather full-soled ballet slippers
- Dance belt (required for ages 10 and older)



## Tuition & Fees

Fall 2025 tuition and the annual registration fee have been posted to your **Jackrabbit** account. Balances are due **on or before the first day of your child's class**. Payments may be made through your Jackrabbit portal or in person at the studio. If not received within the first week, NOSB will automatically process your account.



## School Calendar


All important dates, closures, and events can be found on our website:

[Online NOSB Calendar](#)



## **Download the NOSB App!**

To easily manage your dancer's schedule, payments, messages, and more, we highly encourage you to download our official studio app:

 Search “New Orleans School of Ballet” on the App Store or Google Play and look for our logo.

With the app, you can:

- View class schedules
- Make payments
- Receive important notifications
- Access documents and updates

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out at **[neworleansschoolofballet@gmail.com](mailto:neworleansschoolofballet@gmail.com)** or call us at **(504) 866-0652**.

Thank you for registering for our 2025–26 season!

We're honored to have you as part of the NOSB family and look forward to many days of happy twirling!

Warmly,  
Nikki Hefko, Director