



Welcome back to the studio!

Our countdown has begun and we can hardly wait to welcome you all back to NESD&T this fall! With just 8 days until new classes begin, our staff is working tirelessly to prepare:

- FIVE dance studios with sprung floors, new barres and space for more dancers!
- Refreshed lobby and dressing room areas for dancers & parents alike
- Our evolving curriculum to include styles new to our school such as theater acting & singing, lyrical & storytelling, contemporary partnering, commercial dance, acro, ballroom and more!
- New lesson plans to set our dancers up for a successful year of growth!
- An inviting and exciting Nutcracker and company audition experience for all ballet students ages 5+
- Weekly private lesson opportunities for students interested in our Pre-Professional training program

The first day of fall classes is on Tuesday, September 5th and many students have already registered for all of their classes! If you have not yet done so, please consider joining us today, Tuesday, August 29th for our Open House event between 5 and 7 PM. Drop in to learn more about the opportunities available to your dancer and see our new spaces. Can't make it? Take a look at our Welcome Packets and Training Track descriptions on <https://www.newenglandschoolofdance.com/> to decide how many and which classes will be best for your child's development this year and enroll online! As always, our staff will be happy to help guide you when you email nesdoffice@gmail.com with any questions.

Save These Dates!

- **TODAY! August 29th - NESD&T Open House from 5-7 PM**
- **September 5th - New classes begin! (Nutcracker Audition forms are also due)**
- **September 9th - Nutcracker & Performing Company Auditions (see info below)**
- **September 18th - Nutcracker Rehearsals begin (see audition packet on website)**
- **September 20th - Last day to submit your fall Dress Code Order Form online**

NESD&T's New Office Hours (Please note that children should not be dropped off more than 15 minutes early unless prior arrangements have been made with office personnel)

Monday - 3:30-6:30	Thursday - 3:30-5:45
Tuesday - 3:45-6:45	Friday - 4:00-6:00
Wednesday - 4:00-7:00	Saturday - 8:15-12:00

Choosing a Training Track for Your Child

Passionate Track Students:

Ages 2.5 and older

Our youngest passionate students (**ages 2.5-6**) take **1-2 classes per week** to experience the movement, rhythm & creative beauty of dance. Passionate students **ages 7+ will take 2-4 classes per week** to develop a dance foundation while enjoying a variety of styles such as ballet, jazz, tap, musical theater, hip hop & modern. At least one ballet class is highly recommended for the student to learn body placement, alignment, musicality, balance, upper body carriage & more with the American Ballet Theater's National Training Curriculum. Elementary through Advanced level ballet students will perform at least one class piece in our annual Nutcracker Production and are highly encouraged to audition for additional roles. All Passionate students will perform in our annual Spring Production! We believe dancing is for everybody and leads to happy, confidently well-rounded kids!

Performance Track:

Ages 5 and older

The NESD&T Performance Track is for dancers who are motivated to thrive in class & on stage! These students will take ballet & a variety of other classes designed to help them grow into strong, versatile artists! Performance Track students will audition for and perform in our annual Nutcracker & Spring Productions and are highly encouraged to audition for our Performing Company to represent NESD&T at local & national competitions & festivals. Students **ages 5-8 will take 3+ classes per week** (At least one ballet or ballet combo class) and students **ages 8+ will take 5+ classes (At least one ballet class) per week**. Committing to our performance track is about more than just dancing - it's about being a part of a community where we learn life skills such as teamwork, dedication, focus, passion, musicality, self-expression, perseverance and so much more!

Pre-Professional Track:

Ages 5+

A Pre-Professional student will be interested in training to prepare for a career in the field of dance & the performing arts. These students will take **6-10 hours per week**, be a member of our Performing Company & schedule a **weekly private lesson** to strengthen & refine their technique, artistry & choreography for competitions & performances. Students interested in this track should email nesdoffice@gmail.com to discuss the program further.

Theater Division

Ages 6 and older

Our Theater division combines the worlds of theater & dance education with classes in acting, singing & dance. Aspiring singers & actors will strengthen their versatility by adding dance to their repertoire. Dancers will broaden their horizons with an expanded curriculum featuring fundamentals of acting & singing. Through our dynamic and inclusive programming, along with our extensive knowledge in theater education & performance opportunities, dancers & actors alike will surely find that their creativity will flourish here at NESD&T! Theater Showcases highlighting scenes & songs from select hit musicals will be presented by our Monday and Friday Acting & Singing classes each trimester! Students in these classes are encouraged to choose from the many dance classes offered at NESD&T. Theater related dance classes are conveniently listed on our website along with our full list of dance classes for all ages & levels.



Ordering Your NESD&T Uniform

Corps Dancewear is now the provider of our official dress code leotards, skirts and men's shirts! These high quality leotards are fully lined and durable, imprinted with our school logo and available in a variety of classical styles.

After completing your enrollment, review the attached dress code guide and corresponding Welcome Packet. Once you've confirmed which items your student will need to meet NESD&T's dress code for various class styles, complete the Dress Code Order Form which is now online and was sent out via email in August. You'll choose between leotard colors and styles within each level, skirts, tights and more! Please ensure that your desired payment method is up-to-date on your Studio Director account. Once your payment is processed, confirmation of your order and an estimated arrival date will be communicated - our office will contact you as soon as items are at the studio for you! ***In the meantime, if your dancer has class(es) prior to the arrival of this shipment please bring them to class in any dance wear you currently have that comes closest to meeting our dress code; you do not need to purchase any additional new tights and leotards locally if you don't wish to - we will be flexible with the dress code during the first two weeks of classes as we know the delivery is not guaranteed before September 5th.*** If you're new to our studio and you do wish to purchase a \$5 gently used leotard from Turning Pointe Boutique in our lobby for the meantime, your donation would support the performing company members at NESD&T. Representatives from the non-profit booster club will be available at open house to assist (cash or Venmo payments accepted).

DRESS CODE ONLINE ORDER FORM: <https://forms.gle/fztecVcrNd2Pn7xW8>

Nutcracker Auditions - Saturday, September 9th

September 9th Audition Schedule:

Ages 5-10: Nutcracker Audition: 12:15-1:15 (Ballet) & *Optional* Performing Company Audition: 1:15-1:45 in Jazz, Contemporary/Lyrical & Tap to follow for those interested in competing with our Performing Company groups.

Ages 11+: Nutcracker Audition: 2:30-3:30 (Ballet & Pointe) & *Optional* Performing Company Audition: 3:30-4:30 in Jazz, Contemporary/Modern & Tap for those interested in competing with our PC groups.

The cost of the Nutcracker audition is \$25.00 per dancer or \$40 per family (Performing Company Audition is included free of charge)

Ballet Students Ages 5+ interested in additional roles are encouraged to attend! Learn more about being a part of this annual tradition and complete your dancer's audition form on our website: <https://www.newenglandschoolofdance.com/copy-of-fall-programs-schedule>

