

**How is annual tuition determined?**

Tuition reflects participation in PAW's complete 27-week educational program, not a per-class or monthly rate. It includes instruction, registration and administration, curriculum and resources, teacher development, insurance and safety measures, music licensing/editing, facility access, and program membership with preferred pricing on eligible extras.

**Why isn't tuition calculated by the number of classes offered each month?**

Tuition covers the full 27-week season and is divided into convenient installments. Installment amounts do not vary based on the number of classes scheduled in a particular month.

**Does PAW offer multi-class, sibling, or other tuition discounts?**

No. Every enrollment reserves a full class space and receives the same instruction, resources, and program support. Discounting some enrollments reduces the resources available to sustain program quality and accessibility. Instead, PAW offers optional fundraising opportunities for families to offset their own program expenses.

**Why is there a 1.5-hour tuition rate but not a 2-hour rate?**

The 90-minute rate includes built-in savings to make expanded training more accessible, particularly for younger students exploring multiple genres. At two or more hours, students occupy multiple, full class spaces and tuition is based on individual enrollments, balancing expanded training with long-term program sustainability.

**Is tuition prorated for students who enroll after the season begins?**

PAW offers rolling enrollment through Week 15, subject to availability. Tuition adjusts at predetermined points for classes missed before enrollment. Students registering between adjustment dates may schedule up to three make-ups for classes missed within that enrollment window. Tuition is not otherwise prorated.

**Why are make-up classes offered instead of an additional prorate?**

The instruction missed before enrollment remains an important part of the program. Rather than further reducing tuition, PAW offers make-up classes so students can receive as much of the intended training and benefit of the program as possible.

**What if my child adds another class after the season begins?**

Additional classes may be added through Week 15, subject to availability. Tuition for the new enrollment is based on the rate in effect at the time it is added.

**What happens if my child changes classes during the season?**

Tuition will be adjusted when a student transfers to a class with a different tuition rate. Any additional balance will be due upon transfer; overpayments will be applied as an account credit, reducing the balance due at the end of the season.

**What costs are not included in annual tuition?**

Performance-specific, optional, and individual expenses are separate, including Showcase Participation and Costume Fees, class uniforms and footwear, Company membership and event entry fees, field trips, workshops, camps, seasonal programs, and special events.

**Are class uniforms included in tuition?**

No. Required class uniforms and footwear are purchased separately and vary by class.

**Why does PAW charge separately for performance expenses?**

Tuition supports the educational program, while costs specific to producing the Spring Showcase are paid only by participating families.

**What is the Showcase Participation Fee?**

The **\$150 per-student fee** includes Spring Showcase participation, technical rehearsal at the venue, and the professional Showcase video. Additional participating siblings are **\$115 each**. Show tickets and costumes are separate.

**Why aren't Spring Showcase costumes included in tuition?**

Costume needs and costs vary by class, age, routines, sizing, and production requirements. Separate costume fees allow families to pay only for the performance-specific costs applicable to their dancer.

**Why aren't Showcase tickets included?**

Ticket sales help cover Spring Showcase production costs, including venue rental, technical and production staff, equipment, and other event expenses. Families have different ticket needs. Keeping tickets separate allows each family to purchase only the number they need rather than building a predetermined number into every student's fee.

**Are class portraits included?**

No. Beginning in 2026–27, PAW will no longer provide costume portraits to families. PAW will take in-house portraits of each solo, duo, trio, and group in costume for posterity, and inclusion in the Spring Showcase Program. These in-house portraits are not included in tuition or Showcase fees and are not a PAW deliverable.

**Why do I need a credit card on file if I pay tuition in full?**

A valid card must remain on file because Showcase Participation and Costume Fees are invoiced separately from tuition at different points throughout the season.

**Can I pay by cash or check?**

Yes. Cash or check may be used for tuition installments if received by the **28th of the preceding month**. Otherwise, the card on file will be charged.

**When are tuition installments charged?**

For enrollments 45+ days before the season begins, one installment ("first") is due at registration, with the next ("last") installments beginning September 1-3. For September–February enrollments, first and last installments are due at registration. Remaining installments, in either circumstance, are charged between the **1st–3rd monthly**, with accounts paid in full by May 3.

**Why are payments non-refundable?**

Enrollment reserves a class space, and PAW commits staffing, facility time, and program resources based on confirmed enrollment. Payments are therefore non-refundable, including for absences or withdrawals.

**What happens if my child misses class?**

Courtesy make-ups may be completed within two weeks of an absence, subject to availability and PAW's published schedule. Make-ups end mid-March.

**What happens if PAW cancels a class?**

PAW will provide a make-up class or other appropriate replacement when instruction is cancelled by the studio for emergencies, instructor illness or any circumstance beyond its control. Tuition is not recalculated based on individual class cancellations.

**What happens if a class does not meet minimum enrollment?**

PAW may combine, reschedule, or cancel classes that do not meet minimum enrollment. If PAW cancels a class and no suitable alternative is available, payments for the affected enrollment will be refunded to families who elect to withdraw.

**What happens if we need to withdraw?**

Written notice must be sent to [info@performingartsworkshop-nj.com](mailto:info@performingartsworkshop-nj.com) at least 30 days before the next installment due date to cancel future charges. Notice received fewer than 30 days before the next due date will result in a drop fee equal to one installment for each enrolled class.

**Why is there a drop fee for withdrawals with less than 30 days written notice?**

PAW allows families to withdraw from their season commitment with 30 days' notice as a courtesy, rather than requiring payment of the remaining tuition balance. Late withdrawals can leave an enrollment space unfilled after staffing, facility time, and program resources have already been committed, shifting the financial impact of one family's decision onto the entire program. The drop fee helps offset that impact when adequate notice is not provided.

**What happens to costume or Showcase fees if my child withdraws?**

Withdrawal does not cancel costs already incurred on a student's behalf. Costume payments and other committed performance expenses remain non-refundable once ordered or incurred, as PAW makes production commitments and purchases based on confirmed participation that cannot be recovered when a student later withdraws.

**How does fundraising work?**

Beginning in 2026–27, optional fundraising opportunities allow families to earn credits toward eligible PAW expenses. Opportunities, eligible expenses, and credit policies are announced throughout the season.

**Are fundraising credits refundable or transferable?**

No. Fundraising credits have no cash value and are not transferable. Credits are applied to eligible PAW expenses and any unused balance remains available only for the current season.

**A Final Note**

We work hard to keep PAW's policies clear, thoughtful, and sustainable while providing the quality of education and individual attention our students deserve. We appreciate our families understanding that every enrollment, payment, and policy helps us plan responsibly for the students in our care.

**Questions not answered in our published policies nor the FAQs above?**

Please contact [info@performingartsworkshop-nj.com](mailto:info@performingartsworkshop-nj.com) at your convenience.