

May 19, 2025

Hello. My name is Cathy Kurth. I have the honor of continuing Sondra's legacy at her studio in DeQuincy. As a former dance student and dance teacher at Sondra's studio, and as a life-long friend, I consider myself blessed to have the opportunity to carry the torch forward for my dearest, beloved Sondra.

Sondra's gift was always her ability to make everyone feel special. She inspired so many generations of dancers with her love for dance and her zeal for life. Sondra exuded positive energy in everything she did, literally up until her last breath. She will never, ever be forgotten.

My prayer is that I can share those same lessons she taught me with the next generation of dancers in DeQuincy. The studio will now be called "Sondra Stark Legacy Studio."

Included is the registration info, schedule for the 2025-2026 dance season, summer schedule, and everything you will need to know about the costs and requirements should you choose to enroll with SSLS.

We will not be competing our first couple of years. However, for those that are very serious about competing, you are welcome to have your dancer audition for my teams in Moss Bluff. Should your child be selected, she could honor her dance class requirements for team in DeQuincy and would only need to drive to Moss Bluff once a week for her team classes. If you are interested in this, please reach out to me as soon as possible as our team auditions are June 1. [sslegacystudio@gmail.com](mailto:sslegacystudio@gmail.com)

I am fully aware of the challenges that will come when there is change. We all, for some reason, fight change at first. I am happy to discuss anything with anyone at any time as to the changes that inevitably will be made. I believe that the foundational lessons that have always been the crux of Sondra Stark Studio of Dance will remain the same. Changes will eventually become the new normal and you, I hope, will find these new things work just as well.

I wish to thank Rosemary Fontenot for her lifelong dedication to Sondra and to the Sondra Stark Studio of Dance, and for keeping the studio open these past few years while Sondra was bravely battling cancer. And mostly, for trusting me to keep Sondra's legacy alive. Thank you, Rosie. I love you.

I appreciate everyone's support and prayers as we transition into this new phase and I am truly, very excited about this new chapter of Sondra Stark's legacy.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Ms Cathy

Teachers who will be teaching at SSLS 2025-2026: Cathy (Dowers) Kurth, Caran (Dowers) Shaheen, Karie (Core) Jones, Erica Martin, Madison Adams, Canyon Royer, Karalei Hogan, Kenasyn Willett.

## REGISTRATION:

**Beginning July 1 you may register online for SSLS Fall classes. In person registration will be held at the studio on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM to 1:00PM**

To register online you must go to [ckda.com](http://ckda.com) and create a parent portal. Once you have done that you can choose “DeQuincy” for your location and follow instructions to enroll your child. If you are having any difficulty with this, please email me at [sslegacystudio@gmail.com](mailto:sslegacystudio@gmail.com). We are working on the site right now, so ***this option will not be available until July 1<sup>st</sup>!!!*** All classes are limited so you must register early and spots are not held until the \$50 (plus \$5 for each additional child) registration fee is paid.

**Summer Classes:** Beginning **June 1<sup>st</sup>** you will be able to enroll in our summer classes. Go to [ckda.com](http://ckda.com), create your parent portal and click on “summer schedule” and find those classes showing the location as “DeQuincy”. You can register online quite easily! If you have any questions or problems, please email us and let us know!

**Contact Information:** Please be certain that your contact information (**address, email and all phone numbers**) is always kept current. We will communicate with you **typically via email**, and must have correct contact info to ensure that you receive all pertinent information. **It is your responsibility to keep informed.**

**PreK/Kinder Classes:** Our preschool and Kindergarten classes are both hour long combo classes. PreK consists of tap/ballet/acro and Kinder consists of tap/ballet/jazz. Each class will have one costume. PreK will perform both a tap and ballet dance (using the same costume for both) in the recital. ***PreK Acro does not perform in the recital.*** Kinder will perform a tap, ballet, and jazz dance (using the same costume for all 3) in the recital. Children in kindergarten also have the option of enrolling in our Acro 1 classes.

**ATTENDANCE:** From September - March dancers with excessive absences may be asked to take private lessons at their expense in order to continue in their classes. ***Beginning in April dancers missing more than three classes (April - May) will be taken out of formations and those missing 3 consecutive classes in the same class will result in dancer not being allowed to participate in the show.*** Attendance is extremely important as we near recital - there is partner work, formations and lifts that cannot happen without all the dancers there. Your child cannot feel confident about her/his ability or performance without being in class. It is also incredibly unfair to the dancers who are always there.

**Auto Pay** – Once we have the site up and running, you will be asked to enroll in auto pay through your parent portal. We will draft your payment between the 1st and 5th of the month. ONLY TUITION will be drafted. ***All costume fees, recital fees, registration fees, etc must be taken care of independently by you-*** either online through your parent portal or in the office with cash or check. **We WILL NOT auto draft costume fees, registration fees, or recital fees.**

**Perfect Attendance:** At recital, trophies are awarded to students who have “perfect” attendance at the end of the year. To receive this award students **must not miss any classes** and must be enrolled for at least 6 of the 9 months of classes.

**\*\*Please exercise caution when allowing your child to bring jewelry or electronic devices (phones, laptops, ipads, etc). *We are not responsible for items left at the studio, lost or stolen.***

# Sondra Stark Legacy Studio 2025-2026 “What’s It Gonna Cost Me?”

Below is a list of all expenses you will incur while at SSLS. Please read all information carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at [sslegacystudio@gmail.com](mailto:sslegacystudio@gmail.com)

**There is a \$50 non-refundable Registration Fee (+ \$5 for each additional child) due at registration.**

**SSLS will waive Transaction Fees incurred through your parent portal for enrolling in “autopay”**

{There is a **\$20 Late Fee** added to all tuition that is 30 days past due}

***Tuition is the same each month whether the class meets two, three or even five times.*** Tuition is charged based on the following scale and is **due the first of each month.** ***We are not responsible for classes canceled due to “acts of God” such as flooding, dangerous icy conditions, illnesses, etc.***

**Prek and Kinder** \$50 per month for one hour combo class

**1<sup>st</sup> grade and up monthly fees are as follows:** (\$50 for first hour, \$35 for a second hour, \$25 for each additional hour – see examples below for first three hours of instruction)

¾ hour class = \$45 Full hour of instruction = \$50 1 hour and fifteen minutes: \$58.75

1 hour & 30 minutes: \$67.50 1 hour & 45 minutes: \$76.25 2 hours: \$85 2 hours 15 minutes: \$91.25

2 hours 30 minutes: \$97.50 2 hours 45 minutes: \$103.75 3 full hours: \$110

***2<sup>nd</sup> child in same family receives 25% discount off tuition.***

## **Costume fees:**

PreK / Kinder \$70.00 (**ONE** costume for all routines in the show)

All 1<sup>st</sup> and up Tap/ Jazz / Hip Hop / Lyrical-Contemporary classes: \$77.00 per costume\*

All 1<sup>st</sup> and up Ballet Costumes: \$85.00 per costume

All Acro costumes \$70.00

**\*1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Up Combo classes** require separate costumes for each genre.

Classes will begin **Monday, September 8, 2025**. We follow the same calendar as the Calcasieu Parish Schools for Fall Break, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Mardi Gras and Easter. **We will not meet on October 31<sup>st</sup>.** We do not take off any other school holidays or teacher in-service days (with the exception of the in-service day immediately following Christmas break). Studio closed for: Fall Break (Oct 13-14) Thanksgiving (Nov 24-28), Christmas (Dec 19-Jan 6), Mardi Gras (Feb 16- 18), Easter/Spring Break (April 3-12).

**\*\*\*Costumes must be paid in 4 equal installments that will be added to tuition September – December. Costumes must be paid in full by December 10, 2025 for us to order your child’s costumes. Please note that costume fees include tax.**

**\*\*\*Recital Fee will be \$50 (plus \$10 for additional children). This fee is due with April’s tuition.\*\*\***

**All fees and tuition are non-refundable.** Should your child wish to drop a class, notify the studio via email AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. If we are not notified that your child is dropping before tuition is posted you are responsible for that month. Costumes are custom ordered and cannot be returned. Once costumes are ordered, you are responsible for them.

There is a \$35 NSF fee charged on all returned checks.

**Our 2026 annual dance recital will be held at DHS May 30<sup>th</sup>. Stage rehearsals will be held May 28-29 at the auditorium. \*On years where the last Saturday in May falls on Memorial Day weekend, we will push our recital back to the first Saturday in June.**

## Sondra Stark Legacy Studio 2025-2026 “What Do I Need?”

**PreK & Kinder Classes:** Black leotard – pink tights. Put their names in everything!! Pink ballet shoes, black tap shoes (Elastic or Velcro only! No ties please.), and a dance bag. They will wear pink ballet shoes for jazz (Kinder classes) as well as ballet. FYI - “Mary Jane” Tap shoes with Velcro clasp are the best for the littles.

*\*\*\*For Prek / Kinder and even 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders we recommend the following leotard. They are 2-piece (not bra top, but longer cami style and separate briefs) making it much easier for the little ones when having to use the restroom. You can order these through Dancewear Solutions (dancewearsolutions.com) – search for Tara Two-Piece Cotton Leotard - Make sure to order the black if you choose to use this option. This style leotard is not required, but has proven to be very helpful for the little ones at my studio in Moss Bluff.*

**All 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade dancers** are required to wear a black leotard and convertible tights (pink, black or tan) to **all dance classes**. For **Acrobatics class** dancers must wear black leotards and footless tights or bike shorts, no loose clothing or jewelry. No shoes or socks. Any dancer showing up in loose fitting clothing will not be allowed to participate in the class. We cannot properly spot, or correct dancers who are wearing loose fitting clothing. Dancers must have proper footwear (see “required footwear” section) and have hair secured out of face for **all classes**. Shorts / t-shirts / pants are **ONLY** allowed in **Hip Hop classes**. **Ballet** skirts are allowed in ballet class only, but are not required.

*To ensure that your child get the most out of each class, please see that he/she comes to class properly prepared and dressed appropriately*

All dancers must bring a **dance bag** clearly marked with their name to every class. This bag should contain all the shoes they will need for their classes. **Please make sure to put your child’s initials in ALL his/her belongings**. Please keep several band-aids and extra hair bands in a zip-lock in child’s dance bag. It is recommended (especially for the younger dancers) to keep a change of clothes in their dance bags as well, in case of accidents.

**Required Footwear:** Proper footwear is required for **all** classes. Note that the color required may change once costumes are selected.

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Tap:** Tan "Mary Jane" tap shoes. If your child already has black tap shoes they can wear those for class but for recital will need the tan shoes. **No ties allowed!**

**JH & HS Tap** students may wear the **black tap oxford or black slip-on tap shoes**.

**Jazz 1st Grade & Up:** Black jazz shoes

**Hip Hop 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Black Jazz shoes or black sneakers that are only used for dance class.

**JH & HS Hip Hop:** Black tennis shoes that are strictly for dance class. They must be kept in their bag with their dance shoes and are not to be worn on the street.

**Lyrical & Contemporary:** Half soles or bare feet (check with teacher)

**Ballet:** Pink ballet shoes with pink elastic sewn across instep.

**Hair:** Hair should be secured away from face and worn in such a way as not to impede your child or others. For acro, it is recommended that hair not be worn directly on top of the head, as this tends to hinder the child during rolls, headstands, etc.

*\*Snacks and drinks are allowed only in our waiting area. Please take trash with you when you leave. No gum is allowed at the studio at all. Always be respectful of other dancers, our facility, our teachers and staff\*  
Bottled water with a lid is allowed in dance classes.*