

*River Valley Dance Academy*

# 2019/2020 Fall Registration



*At the heart of  
any successful  
individual is a  
drive that  
is fueled  
by passion.*

*What's yours?*

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## Approach to Dance

### **Pathway One:**

Designed for the student that is developing their interest in dance. The goals are primarily recreational in nature, and present an opportunity for children to develop coordination, a sense of self-esteem, and a place to experience the joy of dancing. For Preschool and Kindergarten, we offer a Ballet/Tap Combination Class. For older beginning students, we offer Jazz, Kick, Hip Hop, Tap & Ballet. Students in this Pathway select 45 minutes to an hour of dancing for their class each week.



### **Pathway Two:**

Designed for the student that is interested in a progressive program. Classes are available in ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, lyrical, modern, hip hop, conditioning, kick, contemporary, leaps and turns. Students selecting Pathway Two will design a schedule where they will dance multiple hours a week. Beginning through Advanced Classes are available.

*Additional options, once students are pursuing our progressive path:*

**Performance Company:** Students 9 yrs old and up may audition for Performance Company, once they have reached Level III. Performance Company is the umbrella term used for the 7 Lyrical Ballet/Jazz Teams, the Hip Hop Team (6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades), and our Classical Ballet Company. Dancers are divided by age and skill after an audition camp, held June 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Dancers interested in Per-

formance Company are looking to dance a minimum of 4 hours per week. They receive training in ballet and jazz, with the option of expanding their studies into other styles. They perform throughout the community, attend dance conventions and competitions, take trips together, and participate in master classes with guest instructors. Our **Ballet Company** is a focused experience for the serious dancer looking for an intensive study experience in classical ballet, pointe, and modern. The Company is comprised of four age based groups: Preparatory, Junior, Teen, and Senior.

### **Pathway Three:**

In the musical theatre program, youth will explore the fundamentals of stage movement, pantomime, character & scene development, and improvisation. This is an acting class intended to introduce participants to the world of drama and musical theatre. Activities that deal with diction, clarity, intonation, and projection will be introduced, as well as exploratory exercises reflecting on action, reaction, focus and building relationships with your fellow actors on stage. Opportunities for performance are provided. This year's participant will be cast in *42<sup>nd</sup> Street* (Young Performers Edition).



## Pathway Four:

At River Valley Dance Academy, we believe in the intrinsic value which dance provides when one begins to explore the creative processes within themselves. As the world of dance can sometimes be competitive and inaccessible to persons who may be challenged in physical or developmental domains, we have made it a priority to offer classes to children who have not yet had the opportunity to dance. If your child or someone you know has a developmental disability, or is physically challenged, please help us to invite them to our studio.



## 2019/2020 Class Schedule

**Combination Classes** *Combination Ballet and Tap or Jazz classes, geared to the younger child looking to explore dance during these formative years of growth and development. Sauté, plié, and pas de cheval; learn a bit of French when you dance with us, even as a young child. Your dancer will also focus on locomotor skills, patterns and pathways of movement. Rhythm instruments and ribbons will help them to feel the music, scarves to express themselves, and poms of course will add to the fun! Understanding classroom structure, meeting new friends, following directions, building confidence, learning to make choices, and body awareness are all benefits of this well-designed developmentally appropriate class for your child. Attire: We have a preschool uniform. Dancers wear pink tights and their hair in a bun. Leotard and shoes can be ordered at Open House. Opportunity for performance is provided at our annual recital.*

101WQB13	3 & 4 yrs	Ballet/Tap	Wed	5:45-6:30	Amanda
101HIB11	3-5 yrs	Ballet/Tap	Thu	9:45-10:30 a.m.	Kirsten
101FIB12	3 & 4 yrs	Ballet/Tap	Fri	5:15-6:00	Kirsten
101SCB11	3 & 4 yrs	Ballet/Tap	Sat	9:00-9:45 a.m.	Ashleigh
102MKA13	4 ½ -6 yr old	Ballet/Tap	Mon	5:45-6:30	Brooke
102TTC11	4 ½ -6 yr old	Ballet/Tap	Tue	4:15-5:00	Katie
102WIA13	4 ½ -6 yr old	Ballet/Tap	Wed	6:00-6:45	Kirsten
103MTB11	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Ballet/Jazz	Mon	3:45-4:30	Katie
103TTC13	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Ballet/Tap	Tue	5:45-6:30	Katie
103HIB13	6-8 yrs old	Homeschool Ballet/Tap	Thu	10:30-11:15 a.m.	Kirsten
103SCB12	1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Ballet/Tap	Sat	9:45-10:30 a.m.	Ashleigh
104FIB23	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ballet/Jazz I	Fri	6:00-7:00	Kirsten
<b>Ballet</b>					
201WQB15	6 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ballet I/II	Wed	7:15-8:00	Amanda
202MQA11	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Ballet II	Mon	4:15-5:00	Amanda
202SIA12	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Ballet II	Sat	11:00-11:45 a.m.	Kirsten
202FIB11	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ballet IIb	Fri	4:30-5:15	Kirsten
202WQB12	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ballet II	Wed	5:00-5:45	Amanda
203TQB12	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ballet III	Tue	5:00-5:45	Amanda
204WQB16	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ballet III/IV	Wed	8:00-8:45	Amanda
208HIA42	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Adv. Ballet Tech	Thu	7:00-8:30	Kirsten
<b>Adults</b>					
209WIA24	Adult	Ballet	Wed	6:45-7:45	Kirsten



## 2019/2020 Class Schedule

### Jazz

211FKC11	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Jazz I/II	Fri 4:30-5:15	Brooke
212MQA12	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Jazz II	Mon 5:00-5:45	Amanda
212SIA13	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Jazz II	Sat 11:45-12:30	Kirsten
213FKC13	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Jazz IIb/III	Fri 6:00-6:45	Brooke
212WKC11	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Jazz II	Wed 4:15-5:00	Brooke
213HKB14	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Jazz III	Thu 6:15-7:00	Brooke
214TKC25	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Jazz III/IV	Tue 7:30-8:30	Brooke
214TTC12	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Adv. Broadway Jazz	Tue 5:00-5:45	Katie
215WWC25	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Advanced Jazz Tech	Wed 7:30-8:30	Sammy
283WKB14	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Contemporary Jazz	Wed 6:30-7:15	Brooke
284FKC12	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Adv. Contemporary Jazz	Fri 5:15-6:00	Brooke

### Modern

261FHA12	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Modern	Fri 5:15-6:00	Hannah
261WEA11	5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Contemporary Modern	Wed 4:15-5:00	Jennifer
262HSC23	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Modern	Thu 6:30-7:30	Joe
263HSC24	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Modern	Thu 7:30-8:30	Joe
264THA25	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Horton Modern	Tue 8:30-9:30	Hannah
265WEA22	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Contemporary Modern	Wed 5:00-6:00	Jennifer
264HSC25	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Advanced Modern	Thu 8:30-9:30	Joe

### Tap

271TQB13	2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Tap	Tue 5:45-6:30	Amanda
272TQB11	5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Tap IIb/III	Tue 4:15-5:00	Amanda
273WQB11	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Tap III	Wed 4:15-5:00	Amanda
274HQB16	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Tap Comp. Team IIIb/IV	Thu 7:45-8:30	Amanda
274HQB22	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Advanced Tap	Thu 5:15-6:15	Amanda

### Kick

152WWC24	5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Kick	Wed 6:30-7:30	Sammy
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### Pointe *(by permission, must also be in a ballet class)*

221SGA14	6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> grade	Pointe I/II	Sat 12:30-1:15	Shelby
223HIA13	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Pointe III	Thu 8:30-9:15	Kirsten
224WIA16	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Pointe Technique	Wed 8:45-9:30	Kirsten
224FHA13	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Pointe Variations	Fri 6:00-6:45	Hannah
224HIA11	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Advanced Pointe	Thu 6:15-7:00	Kirsten

### Adaptive Dance

401SQC13	Adaptive Dance Ballet, Jazz, Pom		Sat 11:15-12:00	Amanda
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**Acro Sessions** \$96 for 6 classes. Does not count toward the 8 hour maximum.

A11SBC04	2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Acro Session (Sep 7-Oct 12)	Sat	1:00-2:00	Kim
A21SBC05	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Acro Session (Sep 7-Oct 12)	Sat	2:00-3:00	Kim

**Conditioning and Fitness**

230FHA21	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Exercise for the Healthy Dancer	Fri	4:15-5:15	Hannah
230SQC22	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Exercise for the Healthy Dancer	Sat	10:15-11:15 a.m.	Amanda

**Hip Hop**

191TPB24	1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Hip Hop	Tue	6:30-7:30	David
292TPB25	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Hip Hop	Tue	7:30-8:30	David

**Lyrical and Leaps & Turns**

251TKC26	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Leaps & Turns	Tue	8:30-9:30	Brooke
253WKC12	5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Leaps & Turns III/IV	Wed	5:00-5:45	Brooke
255HKC21	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Leaps & Turns IV/V	Thu	4:15-5:15	Brooke
251HQB15	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Lyrical	Thu	7:00-7:45	Amanda
251HQB17	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Lyrical	Thu	8:30-9:15	Amanda
252WQB17	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Lyrical Intermediate	Wed	8:45-9:30	Amanda
254WKC13	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Advanced Lyrical	Wed	5:45-6:30	Brooke

**Musical Theatre** Triple Threat Classes with Vocal Coaching by Jill Cowan, MT dance by Katie Taintor, and Acting by Melissa Miller. Two performances of the Young Performers edition of 42nd Street, courtesy of Tams Witmark on Saturday, May 2nd at PIM Arts High School in Eden Prairie. Does not count toward the 8 hour maximum tuition.

301MXX51	1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Musical Theatre Triple Threat	Mon	4:30-6:30	Miller,
302MXX51	5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Musical Theatre Triple Threat	Mon	4:30-6:30	Taintor,
303MXX51	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Musical Theatre Triple Threat	Mon	4:30-6:30	&Cowan

## Punch Card Payment Option

Punch cards are available for Adults, Students on their High School Dance Teams, and students working in the professional Theatre Community. While most students will prefer to receive the savings available through paying annually, or in ten installments, RVDA chooses to make itself accessible to dancers who may not be able to commit on a weekly basis. If you can only attend fall and spring classes; or hope to dance for the school year, but may not be able to attend every week, please register with a punch card for the classes you select. For dancers using punch cards, if you plan to participate in spring performances, speak to your instructor by October 20th regarding costume, and preparation.

10-class punch card: .75 hour classes - \$140, 1 hour classes - \$185

20-class punch card: .75 hour classes - \$265, 1 hour classes - \$350

When registering for a class you would like to use a punch card, please add a "-P" to the end of the registration code (i.e. 231WKA6-P). Punch cards must be used during the season for which they are purchased and the balance can not be used in following seasons



## 2019/2020 Class Schedule

### **Ballet Company** *(by summer camp audition; see guidelines for additional class requirements)*

601XJA21	Prep Company Ballet	TTh	4:15-5:15	Jocelyn
261FHA12	Prep Co. attend Modern	Fri	5:15-6:00	Hannah
<i>Saturday conditioning optional</i>				
602XJA22	Junior Company Ballet	TTh	5:15-6:15	Jocelyn
262HSC23	Jr. Co attend 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Modern	Thu	6:30-7:30	Joe
<i>Select between Conditioning and Exercises for the Healthy Dancer, depending on your age/ team</i>				
603THA33	Teen Company Ballet & Pointe	Tue	6:15-7:30	Hannah
263HSC24	Teen Co. attend 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Modern	Thu	7:30-8:30	Joe
223HIA13	Pointe III	Thu	8:30-9:15	Kirsten
<i>Teen Co choose from Fri or Sat. Exercises for the Healthy Dancer. Teen Co may also choose from Wed. 7:45 Ballet Tech, Pointe Tech, Horton, and Variations</i>				
604SIA51	Senior Company Ballet	Sat	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Kirsten
264HSC25	Sr. Co attend Advanced Modern	Thu	8:30-9:30	Joe
208HIA42	Sr. Co attend Advanced Ballet Tech	Thu	7:00-8:30	Kirsten
224HIA11	Sr. Co attend Advanced Pointe	Thu	6:15-7:00	Kirsten
230FHA21	Sr. Co attend Exercise for the Healthy Dancer	Fri	4:15-5:15	Hannah
<i>Senior Company may also choose from Pointe Tech, Variations, and Horton see above</i>				

### **Performance Teams:** *(by summer camp audition; see guidelines for additional class requirements. Team placement will be set after audition. When registering for Hip Hop Team, use code 59XXXXXX. All others, register for 51XXXXXX.*

501MIA24	Pulse Ballet/Lyrical/Production	Mon	6:30-7:30	Kirsten
511HKC22	Pulse Jazz	Thu	5:15-6:15	Brooke
531SQC21	Pulse & Fame Conditioning	Sat	9:15-10:15 a.m.	Amanda
541SGB23	Pulse and Fame Technique	Sat	10:30-11:30	Shelby
251HQB25	Fame Ballet/Lyrical/ Production	Thu	4:15-5:15	Amanda
512TKC24	Fame Jazz	Tue	6:30-7:30	Brooke
503MQB24	Intensity Ballet/Lyrical/Production	Mon	7:30-8:30	Amanda
513MQB23	Intensity Jazz	Mon	6:30-7:30	Amanda
543SGB24	Intensity Ballet Technique	Sat	11:30-12:30	Shelby
504MIA26	Fierce Ballet/Lyrical/ Production	Mon	8:30-9:30	Kirsten
514MKC23	Fierce Jazz	Mon	7:30-8:30	Brooke
208WIA25	Fierce Ballet Technique	Wed	7:45-8:45	Kirsten
505MQB25	Force Ballet/Lyrical/Production	Mon	8:30-9:30	Amanda
515MKC22	Force Jazz	Mon	6:30-7:30	Brooke
208WIA25	Force Ballet Technique	Wed	7:45-8:45	Kirsten
506THA24	Edge Ballet/ Lyrical/Production	Tue	7:30-8:30	Hannah
516WWC26	Edge Jazz	Wed	8:30-9:30	Sammy
208HIA42	Edge and Adrenaline Ballet Technique	Thu	7:00-8:30	Kirsten
507MIA25	Adrenaline Ballet/Lyrical/Production	Mon	7:30-8:30	Kirsten
517MKC24	Adrenaline Jazz	Mon	8:30-9:30	Brooke
<i>Intensity, Fierce, Edge, Force, Adrenaline, (choose Friday or Saturday Exercise for the Healthy Dancer)</i>				
591TPB26	Renegades Hip Hop Team	Tue	8:30-9:30	David



## FAQ

•**How many students are in a class?** 10 for preschool classes, 12 for kindergarten and progressive ballet classes, and 12-15 for all other classes. Performance Company rehearsals are structured differently.

•**Are parents allowed to watch?** Yes! There are large viewing windows and video monitors.

•**Is there a waiting room?** Yes! Along with coffee, seats, and a sibling play area.

•**Is there a recital?** Yes, the annual recital will be held the weekend of June 5-7 at the Hopkins Center or the Arts. There will also be an additional Ballet Company Performance of The Snow Queen on Saturday, Dec 7th at the Waconia Performing Arts Center. Classes that are skill based (*labeled as Technique, Leaps & Turns, Adult Ballet, Exercise, and Conditioning*) do not perform in the recital.

•**How many costumes are required?** One per class taken, except for Performance Company (3).

•**What is the cost for a costume?** Preschool-2nd grade:\$60. 3rd-6th grade:\$70. 7th-12th grade:\$80. Team costumes may be slightly more, but will be under \$85.

•**Are there multiple class discounts?** Yes (*please see tuition chart*). Because tuition is calculated by family rather than by individual, households with multiple dancers receive additional benefits. The 5th hour of instruction in a week is free. In addition, each individual dancer pays for a maximum of 8 hours per week (*Musical Theatre and Acro classes do not count toward the maximum*).

•**What if I need to drop a class?** Written notice is required. If received prior to the 15th of the month, you will not be charged for the following tuition increment. If received after the 15th of the month, you will be billed for the following tuition increment. No refunds are provided.

•**How do I pay for tuition?** You can choose between making 10 equal payments or a single annual payment. If you choose to make ten equal payments, your first payment will be made upon registration. Payments 2-10 will be due the first of each month (Sept-May). If payment is not received by the 7th of the month, a \$15 late fee will be charged. To receive the annual tuition discount, you must pay upon registration (see tuition chart). Please do not pay annually if you may only dance part of the year as there are no refunds. The program year includes 32 classes plus the dress rehearsal for the recital.

•**Are there trophies?** All primary dancers receive medals. Trophies are earned as dancers 1st grade and beyond progress through the levels. Exams are offered each spring.

•**What do students wear?** For Ballet: We have a preschool and ballet uniform. Dancers wear pink tights and their hair in a bun. Tap, Jazz, Kick, and Modern students: Dancewear appropriate for their discipline - no crop tops or t-shirts or sweats. Hair must be pulled back. Hip Hop and Musical Theatre students should wear clothing they can move in (i.e. sweats, work out wear). Come to the open house in August to purchase the appropriate shoes for the classes you select.

•**Are there opportunities to perform beyond the recital?** Once dancers are in first grade, there are additional opportunities to perform in the community. These opportunities increase with age and experience.

•**What is Performance Company?** Students 9 years old & up may audition once they have reached Level III. Performance Company is the umbrella term used for the 7 Lyrical Ballet/Jazz teams, the Hip Hop Team, and our Classical Ballet Company. Our teams are about fun, friends, new skills, trips, and the opportunity for increased performances and competition. The Ballet Company is a focused experience for the serious dancer looking for an intensive study experience in Classical Ballet, Pointe, and Modern. The Performance Company Audition and Intensive is June 24-27, 2019 from 9am-4pm.

•**Do the students compete?** Once students earn a spot on the Performance Company, they will be offered the opportunity to compete.

• **Fall Classes Begin** on Friday, September 6, 2019.

•**If my child has never danced, which class do I register for?** Find their age group and interest on the schedule and register for a class designated level I or I/II.

•**If my child has danced before, which class do I register for?** We would like to invite you to request an evaluation for students second grade and older so we can help you choose the best placement for your student. Email Jocelyn@RiverValleyDanceAc.com.

•**When can I register?** Fall Registration begins April 15. Throughout the summer you may register at any time, until classes are full. Class capacity may be limited to 10, 12, or 14 students depending on the age and level. Once we receive your registration, we will call you with a confirmation. Open Houses are for tours, and ordering shoes & dance wear. While you can register at the Open House, minimal class availability may be left at that time.

**2019/2020 Tuition Rates** (see below): Rates based on total hours of instruction taken by all dancers in a family each week. **Register by May 19<sup>th</sup> to lock in 2018/2019 Rates for another year! Check with receptionist for 2018/2019 rates!**

Hours/Week \ Payments/Year	.75	1	1.25	1.5	1.75	2	2.25	2.5	2.75	3	3.25
10 payments	\$45	\$56	\$67	\$77	\$88	\$99	\$109	\$120	\$130	\$140	\$150
1 payment	\$405	\$504	\$603	\$699	\$800	\$902	\$994	\$1095	\$1196	\$1288	\$1380
Hours/Week \ Payments/Year	3.5	3.75	4	4.25	4.5	4.75	5	5.25	5.5	5.75	6
10 payments	\$160	\$170	\$180	\$190	\$200	\$210	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$227
1 payment	\$1472	\$1564	\$1656	\$1748	\$1840	\$1932	\$2024	\$2024	\$2024	\$2024	\$2088
Hours/Week \ Payments/Year	6.25	6.5	6.75	7	7.25	7.5	7.75	8	8.25	8.5	8.75
10 payments	\$234	\$241	\$248	\$255	\$262	\$269	\$276	\$283	\$290	\$297	\$304
1 payment	\$2153	\$2217	\$2282	\$2346	\$2410	\$2474	\$2539	\$2604	\$2668	\$2732	\$2797

For instructor bios, and much more about River Valley Dance Academy, please visit our website at:

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**When registering for Fall:**

Complete a registration card for your family and attach a check including payment:

Registration (\$30-Individual, \$40-Family) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\$5 discount if received by May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

Tuition Payment 1 of 10, or your Annual Tuition Payment (see chart) + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fall Open House**

Mon-Tue August 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>  
 4:00-7:30 pm

Order Dance Shoes & Attire for the Fall Season. Enter Raffle for Free Recital Tickets, Receive Open House Gift, and place last minute registrations.



**River Valley Dance Academy** will provide 32 classes for each class. Students will have an opportunity to perform in one or more recitals depending on their selected class. Students 1<sup>st</sup> grade and above also have the opportunity to perform at a nursing home or other community performance. Instructors are welcoming of all children, and will provide a nurturing dance education. Instructors will have goals and expectations of your young person, in order to help them gain the dance and developmental social skills/ respect, you would want them to acquire in a class, group, or team setting. Dance medals are provided for pre school and kindergarten dancers. Trophies are provided to students 1<sup>st</sup> grade and above when they move up a level for ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and pointe. Levels are assessed each spring for dancers 1<sup>st</sup> grade and above in these dance styles. 5 and 10 year trophies are provided for Musical Theatre, Kick, and Hip Hop students.

**Financial agreement:**

RVDA offers a Fall-Spring Term, and a summer session. Fall-Spring term requires a registration fee, while summer does not. The Fall-Spring term may be paid for in 10 installments, or with an annual payment at the time of registration. Persons selecting the annual payment will receive a discount, as a thank you for committing to the Term. If you believe your dancer may not dance the full 32 week session, please use the 10 installment plan. Once you have made your purchase, refunds are not available.

\_\_\_\_\_parent initials

We are looking forward to working with your dancer! We understand that some times life changes, and a parent may need to withdraw early from their class commitment. If your dancer is not able to complete the 32 week session, and you have chosen the 10 installment plan, we require written notice for withdrawal. Notice given between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of any month, will allow us to utilize that month's payment as your final payment, as long as your account is current. Notice given the 16<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> of any month will require the next month's installment to be paid.

Notify [Jocelyn@rivervalleydanceac.com](mailto:Jocelyn@rivervalleydanceac.com), to reach our staff

cc: [robert@rivervalleydanceac.com](mailto:robert@rivervalleydanceac.com) for book keeping

\_\_\_\_\_parent initials

Parents and Instructors will work together to select dancer's costume sizes, if ordering recital costumes. Account balances need to be current, and costumes paid for before they can be ordered. Costumes will be presented at the parent observation in October. Please plan on a parent attending. Costumes will be ordered and paid for that night. If your dancer chooses not to participate in the recital, please tell the instructor at the parent observation. Dancers are welcome to take classes, even if they are unable to attend the recital, as long as we are made aware. Once costumes are ordered they cannot be changed or canceled. Should the size the parent selected not fit, our staff will do our best to work with the costume company to see if there is anything we can do to exchange for size. The shipping and exchange fee then becomes the parent's responsibility.

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Tuition Bills are sent to the billing email provided at time of registration. Each family has one account. We can send one or two emails, depending how many homes a dancer lives in, however, there is still just one account. If your family shares two households, please agree on how the bill will be handled in advance. Bills are sent just before the first of each month to families that have selected the installment plan. Installments are set at time of registration, so other than costume month, bills can easily be projected, as the monthly tuition installment should always be the same. Tuition Installments are due the first of each month. Checks can be dropped off at the studio in the black box on the wall next to the instructors office, mailed to RVDA, 3700 Chestnut Street North, Suite 101 Chaska MN. 55318, set up with your bank as an automatic payment, and they can mail us a check by the first of the month, or you can run a credit card if present at the studio. Credit cards are processed at a 3 percent processing fee. Cards cannot be taken over the phone for your protection. We do not keep credit cards on file

for your protection. Late fees of \$15 will be charged to accounts not current by the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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**Communication:**

RVDA provides an all studio Mass email monthly. We also use this communication if there should be a cancelation due to weather or illness of an instructor. It is important anyone that might drive your dancer receive this communication. It is important if you provide your work email, and you might not have access to it, that you also provide your home email. If your dancer shares two households, please make sure all guardians emails are provided. ALSO, please save [Jocelyn@rivervalleydanceac.com](mailto:Jocelyn@rivervalleydanceac.com) to your device as a favorite, allowing our mass emails to go to your feed. Often security software sends mass emails to junk folders, so please alert your device to allow this email address access. Should your email address change during the year, or you need to add an email address, please go to our HUB, and you can add emails.

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RVDA has two web sites [www.rivervalleydanceac.com](http://www.rivervalleydanceac.com) is our website for the community. This website alerts those looking for a dance studio about our program. [www.rvdahub.com](http://www.rvdahub.com) is our website for our customers. This website requires a password. It is DANCERVDA in all caps. This website lists all dance class dates for the year, all performance dates for the year, recital and dress rehearsal assignments. It provides addresses, reporting times, handouts, order forms, and deadlines. Please note the password, as you will want to access this website many times throughout the year. There are two squares, click on the pink SH for studio hub, when you get to the website. If your dancer auditions for our Performance Company, there are additional dates and handouts on the blue CH square. The password for the Company HUB is RVDAPC. Either square can be screenshot and saved as an app on your phone.

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**What if RVDA has a Cancellation**

Four students are required for a class to run. If your class should be canceled, we will do our best to help you find another class. If you cannot make another class work, your payment will be refunded.

If a class is canceled for weather, we will send a mass email, post it on fb and Instagram. A class canceled once, will not have a separate date for a make up, but individuals are welcome to do a make up in another class. If a class is canceled more than once due to weather, the instructor will provide an additional day and time for the class to be made up. If an instructor is ill, they will try to secure a substitute so class can go on as scheduled. If they cannot secure a substitute a mass email will be sent, and the instructor will provide a make up on a different day and time. If your dancer is sick and misses a class, they are welcome to do a make up in another class.

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**Photo and Video Release**

RVDA will take photos and video of recitals, and occasionally at workshops and class. Parents understand that photos and video can be used for rehearsal/educational purposes, social media and marketing, and historical record of studio events.

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**Liability Release Waiver**

The undersigned understands that participation in this activity is completely voluntary, the activity is being offered for the benefit of the participant, and due to the physically demanding nature of dance, the undersigned acknowledges the risks inherent in this activity. The undersigned agrees that River Valley Dance Academy shall not be liable for any claims, injuries or damages incurred by the participant due to the nature of this program. The undersigned expressly releases and discharges River Valley Dance Academy, its agents, and/or employees from any such claims, injuries or damages.

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