



2025 - 2026



**Parent/Student
Manual**



Our mission:

To provide our students with the finest dance instruction through inspiration, artistry, technique and performance.

We are pleased that you will be joining us for the 2025–2026 Dance Academy Season. This will be an exciting year for all students, parents, teachers, assistants, and administrators to DANCE, grow, learn, and succeed together.

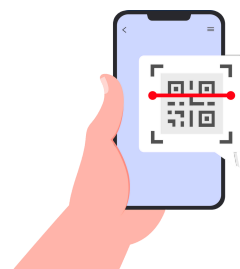
Our Philosophy

Dancers, like everyone, come in all different shapes, sizes and abilities. We all have our strengths and weaknesses and our goal at the Des Plaines Dance Academy is to help each individual dancer to SHINE through their strengths and improve upon their weaknesses. Teaching dance is about more than teaching technique and choreography. Students in our dance program also learn discipline, confidence, how to overcome challenges and how to persevere. These are lessons that will help our dancers succeed in whatever they choose to pursue, be it in the arts, sports, or academics. Our staff is motivated to teach dance for all aspects of life!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program, or any other information in this manual, please contact the DPDA Hotline at 847-391-6924. You may also send us an email at DPDanceAcademy@dpparks.org.

WHY THE DPDA:

- Reasonably priced: a fraction of the cost of private studios.
- Staff works from a detailed Dance Academy Syllabus to maintain consistency among classes.
- December Evaluations (For classes 7+).
- Additional training opportunities (Pop up classes/Intensive)
- Helping Hands Teacher Assistant Program.
- Recital costume fee included in registration.
- Free Recital T-Shirt & video.
- Professionally trained Dance Staff.
- Staff is CPR/FA Certified.
- Discover Dance Certified.
- Acrobatic Arts Certified.
- No membership fee.
- Star Student Program.
- End of year student evaluations.



Since 1971, The Des Plaines Park District has provided studio quality instruction and recitals, at a fraction of the cost that you would pay at a private studio. Our teachers are professionally trained dancers, who are committed to the growth and development of each student. Our goal is to offer our students a positive dance experience in a fun and creative environment.

THE DES PLAINES DANCE ACADEMY CONSISTS OF 4 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES:

Each program is specifically designed to accommodate every individual's desire to dance!

Artistry in Motion

12-month program
Dancers participate
in regional and
national competitions
and conventions

Seasonal

Adults,
Acrobatics, Aerial
Silks, Poms,
Bollywood

Performance

9-month program,
culminating in our
Annual June Recital

Pre-dance

Pre-level introductory
classes with minimal
commitment

- Participants must be the appropriate age by the first day of class.
- The Des Plaines Park District reserves the right to transfer students into a different class that will be more suitable to their skill level.
- If you have questions regarding what level your child is qualified for, please contact the Dance Academy at 847-391-6924 prior to registration. Questions and concerns may also be addressed at Natalie.Sanchez@dpparks.org

Performance registration and Payment Plan Information

You will only register one time
for the entire 33 week (9 month) Performance
Program. Dance Academy registration begins on
Monday, August 11 for Des Plaines Park District resident
and on Monday, August 18 for non-residents.

Payment plan: A \$35 processing fee will be added for each payment plan.

1. Fill out a registration form and bring it to the Leisure Center, 2222 Birch Street.
2. An installment billing agreement will be filled out by a Park District staff member.
3. 8 Installment payments will be charged to your credit or debit card on the 20th of each month after the initial payment.
4. You will receive a copy of the installment billing agreement once it has been approved.
5. Any declined payments will be subject to a \$25 penalty fee. Failure to adhere to the payment plan policies will result in your child's inability to participate in class.

**For more information about payment plans, please contact the
Business Dept. at 847-391-5700 (M-F 8:30a-5p).**

Des Plaines Dance Academy Website

For a complete list of classes and a detailed schedule,
please visit the Des Plaines Dance Academy website at DPParks.org

DiscoverDance Early Childhood Program

4 Sessions - Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer

These seasonal classes are designed for toddlers ages 2 – 4. The DiscoverDance Early Childhood Program introduces young children to the creative and expressive world of dance. Each session offers a series of movement-based classes that encourage natural motor development in a fun, multi-sensory environment. Through music, movement, and visuals, dancers will build a strong foundation while nurturing a love for the art form. This unique, concept-based approach also supports cognitive growth alongside physical development. Students are expected to follow the Performance Program dress code for each session (see pg. 11).

Aim for the Stars

Mini Performance Program - 2 Sessions (Fall and Winter)

These seasonal performance classes get your young dancer ready for the big stage! These classes are offered for students ages 3 through 6 that love to dance and are ready to hit the stage, but may not have time to commit to a nine month program. Each session provides students with professional dance instruction in specific genres (Ballet or Jazz). Students will work on dance technique, strength and flexibility. This is a great way to try out a new class or introduce dance in a performance setting to someone who has never tried it before. Throughout the session dancers will learn a short dance that will be performed at Prairie Lakes Community Center Theater. Show opportunities are; Winter Showcase and/or the Annual June Recital.

Performance

9 Month Recital Program - 32 Weeks

This program offers training in both technique and performance. Dancers showcase their achievements at our annual dance recital in June, held in the beautiful Prairie Lakes Theater. All registrants of the Performance Program are expected, but not required, to participate in the recital. Please notify your instructor by **November 17** if you do not plan to participate. Notifying your instructor after this date means you will be responsible for the full cost of the costume (costume orders are placed in early December). All costume fees are already included in your registration fees. Should you decide not to participate in the recital, you may fill out a refund request form for the costume fee only (must be received by **November 17**). Enrollment for recital classes ends **October 27**.

During the first few months, classes will focus on technique, gaining flexibility, and building strength. All of our instructors teach from our detailed syllabus, which focuses on nurturing a student's complete knowledge of dance. There will be a December evaluation for all 7+ classes to assess their progress. In the winter and spring months, students will expand their knowledge of dance and learn choreography to be performed in our annual June recital. Technique classes will have an additional evaluation right after spring break to reassess their growth.

Helping Hands Teacher Assistant Program

The Helping Hands Teacher Assistant Program is open to Des Plaines Dance Academy students who are interested in assisting in the classroom and have a desire to learn how to teach dance. This program provides participants with the opportunity to develop leadership skills, gain self-confidence, and experience personal growth while being of service to others. At the heart of the Helping Hands (HH) Program is the interaction between HH Assistants, Dance Academy staff, and program participants. HH Assistants help with dance classes under the guidance of the adult dance staff and play an important role in the success of the Dance Academy. HH Assistants should have a sincere desire to support staff in working with dance students. We are looking for experienced dancers who are eager to help and willing to make a commitment. Dancers interested in becoming an HH Assistant or learning more can contact the Dance Academy Supervisor at Natalie.Sanchez@dpparks.org.

Acrobatics

1 Technique Session (Fall) – 1 Performance Session (Winter)

Acrobatics is a style that combines the techniques of classical dance with acrobatic movement. We are proud to offer this new comprehensive program whose simple, thoughtful progressions (Flexibility, Strength, Balancing, Limbering and Tumbling) take the beginner preschool level student from donkey kicks and tuck jumps to the advanced student tumbling effortlessly across the floor! The program is designed to teach acrobatics through safe, proper progressions and stresses the importance of alignment and training everything on both sides of the body. Fall session students will focus on training and developing their acro technique. Winter session students will learn a routine that will be performed at the annual June Recital. Fee for winter session will include a costume and recital t-shirt.

Aerial Silks

1 Technique Session (Summer) – 2 Performance Sessions (Fall and Winter)

Aerial Silks combines strength, grace, and flexibility to create a unique type of movement. You will learn to manipulate the silks and move your body in new ways. How to pose, climb, and invert on the silks are just a few of the skills you will learn in addition to conditioning and how to combine poses into unique sequences. Please wear fitted clothing that covers the backs of your knees, underarms, and midsection. Summer session students will focus on training and developing their Aerial Silks technique. Fall and Winter session students will learn a routine that will be performed at the end of the session. Fee for Fall and Winter session will include a costume.

Des Plaines Poms Dance Team

2 Performance Sessions (Fall & Winter)

Poms dance is a fun, high-energy style that requires strength, stamina, coordination, and above all else, teamwork! In this class, dancers will learn how to work together as a team to perform sharp, precise, energetic routines that incorporate elements of jazz, hip hop, and other styles. The Fall session team will perform their routine at Artistry in Motion's "Winter Showcase" and compete at Dance Idol Competition at the end of the session. The Winter session team will perform their routine at the annual June Recital. Fee includes their costume and a performance t-shirt (Winter Showcase or June recital).

Adult Classes

4 Sessions

These seasonal classes are geared for ages 18+ and for those who would like to try dance oriented workouts made for adults. Throughout the year we offer seasonal dance inspired workout classes for our 18+ residents to experience. This year we are excited to have Adult Ballet Barre Burn (non-recital). This class will improve your strength, balance, and flexibility in this ballet inspired workout. Using elements of dance, Pilates, and yoga to exercise the legs, abs, and arms for a full body burn. For those interested in more, we also offer (13+) Beginning Teen/Adult Aerial Silks with a performance at the end of the session! You can register for one session or all four!

Student Evaluations and Class Placement

Each student enrolled in Ages 7+ classes will be evaluated on their knowledge and technical skill in December. These evaluations do not result in a pass/fail, but are meant to gauge a student's development, strengths and weaknesses. We at the Des Plaines Dance Academy recognize that every child learns at a different rate and this feedback is meant to bring positive encouragement to every participant and give parents more insight into how their child is doing in the classroom.

In March after spring break, all students enrolled in Jazz and Ballet Technique classes will be re-evaluated again to see progress from the last evaluation.

Please note: Due to the design of our syllabus, dancers should expect to remain in the same class level for a **minimum of two (2) years**. Some exceptions may apply.

Season 22 auditions
will be scheduled
after the Annual
June Recital

Tentative dates
6/10 + 6/11

Artistry in Motion Dance Company

12 Month Competitive Program

To provide our dancers multiple opportunities to perform and share their love of dance with the community.

Our goal is to nurture a student's ambition to grow into a versatile dancer and a well-rounded performer.

Artistry in Motion Dance Company is an award-winning dance company, currently celebrating its 21st season. It is designed for the dedicated dancer, who also loves to perform. This diverse and multi-talented company consists of 52 dancers, ranging in age from 5-18. AiM is divided into 4 company levels; Mini Company, Junior Company, Teen Company, & Senior Company. Artistry in Motion self-produces a winter show at Prairie Lakes Theater: "Winter Showcase". Dancers also perform and are a highlight at various community events throughout the year. AiM Company Members compete, attend dance conventions, and workshops to further their dance training.

Artistry in Motion Dance Company promotes a deep appreciation of dance as it provides an environment for learning. It offers a venue for students to understand and develop performance techniques, while experiencing various dance styles. For more information email Lauren Smith at Lauren.Smith@dpparks.org.

Groove Hip Hop Company

12 Month Competitive Program

Groove in Motion Hip-Hop Company is in its 8th year. It is designed for the dancer with a love of hip-hop to train in a more structured environment. This company is divided into 3 levels; Groove Mini Company, Groove Teen Company, & Groove Senior Company. Groove works in conjunction with Artistry in Motion at all community events, performances and competitions.

Rhythm in Motion Tap Company

12 Month Competitive Program

Rhythm in Motion Tap Company is in its 17th year. It is designed for dancers with serious tap skills and a love of rhythm, who want to take their training to the next level. This company is divided into 2 levels; RiM Mini Tap Company & RiM Senior Company. RiM works in conjunction with Artistry in Motion at all community events, performances and competitions.

Winter Showcase

Friday, January 9, 6:30p

Saturday, January 10, 2:30p

Saturday, January 10, 6:30p

Prairie Lakes Theater, 515 E. Thacker Street

Tickets on sale to the public December 15 at the ALC, 2222 Birch Street 847-391-5700
(M-F 8:30a-5:00p) and online DPParks.org until Thursday, January 8.

Tickets on sale 1 hour prior to show time at the box office, **if available**.

Bollywood Rhythm & Roots - NEW

2 Sessions (Fall and Winter)

Embark on a vibrant journey through the dynamic world of Bollywood dance! No prior dance experience is necessary, just bring your enthusiasm and a smile. Throughout the session dancers will learn a short dance that will be performed at Prairie Lakes Community Center Theater. Show opportunities are; Winter Showcase and/or the Annual June Recital. Fee includes their costume, performance shirt, and photos (Winter Showcase or June recital).

Dance and Arts Camp

4 summer sessions (2 weeks each session)

Unleash your creative spirit and spend half your day dancing and half your day creating simple props, painting scenery, tie-dying a t-shirt, and making crafts. Musical themes are announced on the first day of each session. Dance attire should include a leotard, leggings, shorts, and a tank top or t-shirt. Ballet and/or jazz shoes are recommended but not required. The fee includes a camp T-shirt, art supplies, art & dance instruction, and loads of fun and friends! No previous dance experience is required. Performances are held on the last Friday of each session at 2:00pm in the Prairie Lakes Theater. Family and friends are invited to attend! Musical themes are announced on the first day of each session.

Teeny Tiny Dancer Camp (Ages 3-5) - Let your tiny dancer come on a magical adventure as they take their first steps in dance. This camp will be a combination of creative movement, beginner ballet and jazz. More than just a dance camp, this program specializes in inspiring a love of dance through an imaginative program designed especially for young children.

Camp Dance-A-Lot (Ages 6-9) - Dancers build simple props and scenery, as well as focusing on several disciplines of dance, including jazz, hip hop, ballet, and contemporary. Dancers learn the choreography for three to five short pieces they perform on the last Friday of camp in the Prairie Lakes Theater. Please bring a water bottle, a morning snack, and a healthy snack for lunch.

Camp REMIX (Ages 10-14) - Remix dancers create challenging and creative dance routines and art projects. Participants work on show theme backdrops and learn the choreography for three to five short pieces they will showcase on the last Friday of camp in the Prairie Lakes Theater. Please bring a water bottle, a morning snack, and a healthy snack for lunch.

Summer Dance Academy

These classes are offered to new and continuing students ages 3-18, who want to be introduced to a new form of dance or for those who want to continue to develop their technique, strength and flexibility. Students who take dance classes throughout the summer tend to progress faster than dancers who take the summer off. Summer Session will run for 5 weeks.

Master Classes

Throughout the year, The Des Plaines Dance Academy gives our students the opportunity to study dance with the best talent Chicago has to offer through Master Classes, workshops, and intensives. These instructors teach and perform nationally and internationally, and we are bringing them to you at a fraction of the cost you would pay at another event. Take advantage of this amazing opportunity to further your child's dance training and launch it in a new direction. As always, our goal is to expose our dancers to the best dance training possible and to ensure that they are having fun, too! Keep checking the Dance Academy flyer bins at the Administrative and Leisure Center and the Dance Academy website at DPParkrs.org for more information.

DiscoverDance Classes

These introductory classes begin with the fundamentals of dance such as rhythm, coordination, and creative movement. Dancers will learn the basics of each discipline including terminology, positions, and simple center combinations.

Class Dress Code: SOLID colored leotard (NO Skirts, tutus, or dance costumes) with PINK convertible tights. Dancers will be barefoot or in canvas ballet slippers without laces (satin slippers, socks, and street shoes are NOT permitted in class).



Ballet Classes

Ballet is the foundation for all forms of dance. It provides strength, balance, flexibility, posture, technique and knowledge of terminology critical to success in other dance forms, including jazz, modern, lyrical, tap, and hip-hop. Students will be taught the classical techniques of ballet, including terminology and positions. Classes will start with a proper barre warm-up, and then move into center and progressions.

***It is strongly recommended that all dancers take ballet in conjunction with any other dance genre.**

Pointe Class

This class is designed for the serious student who would like to advance their ballet technique, while gaining tremendous strength and stability in their feet, ankles and legs. When the instructor feels a student is strong enough to advance their pointe work without the risk of injury, the student will move on to Continuing Pointe.

Class Dress Code Ballet/Pointe: BLACK leotard (no visible undergarments, if necessary dancers are encouraged to purchase front lined or shelf lined leotards for additional support), PINK convertible tights, and Pink canvas ballet slippers. For all levels- proper ballet bun (bobby pins and hairnets) required. All Pointe shoes must be approved by the instructor before ribbons and elastics are sewn on (ballet skirts allowed in Pointe class only, length must be instructor approved).

Jazz & DP Poms Classes

Jazz combines techniques of classical ballet and modern dance with current forms of popular dance. Students will be taught movement vocabulary ranging from the isolation of certain body parts to the movement of the entire body with accents of musical rhythms. Classes begin with a warm-up, including isolations, stretching, strength building, and center barre work. Dancers will learn traveling progressions across the floor as well as center combinations, working on performance and style. ***Please note: In order to properly advance, it is strongly recommended to take ballet in conjunction with jazz technique.**

Class Dress Code: Solid colored leotard or form fitting top and form fitting bottoms (tights, leggings, shorts). CLEAN Tan leather jazz shoes (No laces). Hair should be pulled back securely in a ponytail.

Contemporary Classes

Discover new ways of using your body and defy the limitations of all different dance forms. This discipline of dance requires strength, control and grace, by utilizing concepts such as; contract/release, fall/recovery and tilts/spirals.

Class Dress Code: Solid colored leotard or form fitting top and form fitting bottoms (tights, leggings, shorts). Barefoot.



Classes with a Prerequisite

Please note: The Des Plaines Dance Academy reserves the right to transfer students into a different class that will be more suitable to their skill level. If you have questions regarding what level your child is qualified for, please email the Dance Academy Assistant Supervisor, Natalie.Sanchez@dpparks.org, prior to registration.

Beginning Pointe: Must be 12 by the start of 2026, have taken at least 2 previous years of ballet & are enrolled in 2 additional ballet classes.

Continuing Pointe: If you took 2024/25 Beg. Pointe class you are approved to take 2025/26 Cont. Pointe & must enroll in 2 additional ballet classes.

(7-12) Contemporary: Must be enrolled in an additional ballet class.

(13+) Contemporary: Must be enrolled in an additional ballet class & have instructor's consent.

Tap Classes

Students learn to make music with their feet. Early levels learn basic terminology in an interactive classroom, working in center and down the floor. Basic combinations will be taught, allowing students to practice connecting different steps. Advanced levels focus on how to elaborate on these basic ideas, incorporating intricate rhythms, and will be exposed to the exciting “loose ankle” technique of tap.

Class Dress Code: Solid colored leotard or form fitting top and form fitting bottoms. NO JEANS. Black leather lace up tap shoes required for all levels (No slip on or split-sole shoes).

Hip Hop Classes

Students will learn to groove to the newest and best of upbeat street funk. Classes will begin with a basic warm-up, including isolations, stretch and strength, and learn combinations in center and down the floor, incorporating style and attitude.

Class Dress Code: Loose fitting dance specific clothes, easily able to move in(no streetware). NO JEANS OR SHORTS (Legs must be covered for potential hip hop floorwork). Clean sneakers, no street shoes or outside shoes (Your hip hop sneakers are to only be worn in class and not outside). ***The instructor will notify each class what specific shoe to purchase during the first week of classes.**

Acrobatics Classes

Students will enhance their flexibility, strength, balance, and tumbling skills in this new program. Taking the beginner preschool level student from donkey kicks and tuck jumps to the advanced student tumbling effortlessly across the floor! The program is designed to teach acrobatics through safe, proper progressions & stresses the importance of alignment and training everything on both sides of the body.

Class Dress Code: Biketard or leotard with dance shorts/leggings or tight fitting tank top with dance shorts/leggings, no tights, hair in a ponytail. Barefoot.

Aerial Silks Classes

Aerial Silks combines strength, grace, and flexibility to create a unique type of movement. You will learn to manipulate the silks and move your body in new ways. How to pose, climb, and invert on the silks are just a few of the skills you will learn in addition to conditioning and how to combine poses into unique sequences.

Class Dress Code: Comfortable, fitted clothing that covers the backs of your knees, underarms, and midsection. NO LOTION, JEWELRY, SHOES, or clothing with ZIPPERS.

Bollywood Rhythm & Roots Classes

Embark on a vibrant journey through the dynamic world of Bollywood dance! No prior dance experience is necessary, just bring your enthusiasm and a smile.

Class Dress Code: Loose fitting dance specific clothes, easily able to move in (no streetware). NO JEANS OR SHORTS

Male Identifying dancers: For all classes (with the exception of Hip Hop) Solid colored fitted t-shirt, Black shorts or pants/joggers (no logos).

Shoes: Ballet-Black canvas ballet slipper, All other classes-refer to section for shoe requirements

Proper attire is vital for the dancer’s safety and will maximize the dancer’s learning experience. It is necessary for the instructor to see the shape and line of the dancer’s body which will assist in the proper assessment of the advancement of each student. We appreciate your cooperation with the compliance of the dress code for our program. Individual instructors may have additional requirements; please check with your instructor after the first day of class.

Please note: We encourage a hands-on teaching approach. Instructors may need to physically readjust a student’s body, to fully correct the dancer’s placement and alignment (Instructors will ask dancers first if they can adjust them).

Additional requirements:

- Hair must be secured away from the face for ALL classes.
- Tools needed for a ballet bun: Elastic ponytail holders, bobby pins/hair pins, hair net, brush/comb, gel/hairspray.
- All jewelry must be removed before any class.
- Dancers ages 10 and older should wear deodorant.
- ALL Level dancers should not wear underwear underneath a leotard and tights (Tights are the undergarment and if necessary dancers are encouraged to purchase leotards with front/shelf lining). No visible undergarments.



Attendance Policy

In order to maximize each student's experience, it is necessary to enforce the following attendance policy for all 9-month performance program classes. If the need arises, a student may miss a total of 6 classes, with no penalty. **After missing a 7th class, the parent will be notified, and the student will be placed on probation. At this point, participation in recital is at the instructor's discretion with approval from the Cultural Arts Manager. If a student reaches the maximum of 8 absences from September through May, participation in recital is prohibited. This policy will be strictly enforced!**

Parents and students are reminded that frequent absences may slow down a dancer's progress, and lead to uncertainty with recital choreography. The dancer is prohibited from performing in the recital due to repeated absences to be fair to dancers who attend class regularly and know the choreography.

Pick up / Drop off Procedure

Students should arrive NO MORE than 15 minutes prior to the start of class. Our instructors have many duties to tend to prior to beginning a class or may be teaching another class; therefore, they will not be responsible for any child who is dropped off before class doors open. If you intend to accompany your child into the building, please park in the designated areas. If you wish to simply drop off or pick up your child, please DO NOT PARK OR LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED IN THE DRIVE THRU AREA. **Parents of dancers age 6 or under are required stay in the hallway or lobby during class.**

Classroom doors will open promptly at the time class is scheduled to begin and will reopen at dismissal. If you are early, please wait until the class instructor opens the door to welcome students in at the start of class. Please be on time for arrival and dismissal. If you will be extremely late, due to uncontrollable circumstances, please email DPDanceAcademy@dpparks.org.

Missed a class?

9-month program students are able to make-up a missed class by attending another class with pre-approval from their instructor first. Attending a make-up class and turning in the proper form, filled out by their instructor and signed by the make-up instructor, will erase one of the student's absences. If absence is unavoidable, we strongly encourage make-up classes. Classes are best made up before March 22, 2026. Please notify your instructor of any pre-known absences, due to vacations, school or family events, at least 2 weeks prior to the missed class.

Canceled classes

Classes that had to be canceled due to weather, power outages or last-minute cancellations will have the opportunity to be made up. Any make-up classes will be held at their regular day and time. If a make-up class cannot be scheduled, a refund credit for the canceled class will be issued to your household account.

Classes may at times be canceled due to teacher illness or conflict and a substitute is not available. We will notify participants via their DPPD household's primary email address submitted in EPACT. **Please make sure the Des Plaines Park District has your current contact information on file and your child's EPACT information is correct.**

Snow Day Policy

The Park District follows District 62 guidelines for holidays and breaks. In cases of inclement weather (snow) or extreme cold, the park district will evaluate the situation and notify families of any closures if they occur. If staff/ families can travel safely to our facilities, we will not cancel programs. You can always check the Park District website or the Des Plaines Dance Academy facebook or BandApp for up-to-date class cancellations.

Illness/Injury

If your child becomes ill while at dance class, they will be asked to sit out the duration of the class or if they become severely ill, a phone call will be made home for the child to be picked up. Please make sure the park district has your current contact information in Epact. **IMPORTANT: If they have a fever or are contagious, we ask that they stay home from class, so as not to infect other participants and instructor. In the case of severe illness please notify the instructor if other dancers may have been exposed.** A doctor's note may be required to return to class after an extended illness. Please call the Dance Academy at 847-391-6924, and leave a message for your child's instructor if they have to miss a class. You may also email Natalie.Sanchez@dpparks.org.

PLEASE NOTE: If a dancer sustains a long-term illness or injury, that prohibits them from participating in class full-out for multiple, consecutive weeks, **they MUST be cleared from a doctor to dance full-out by May 1st in order to participate in the recital.** This rule is not meant to punish an ill dancer, but to protect them. We are looking out for our dancer's overall health and well-being!

Parent Etiquette

- Per DPDA Policy, parents are not to stay in the room during class. Unless it is specified as a parent/child class.
- Blinds are closed to avoid distractions and maintain a structured and focused class environment.
- Due to security reasons, parents are not to record or take pictures unless with instructor permission.
- **TOYS AND STUFFED ANIMALS ARE TO BE LEFT IN THE CAR OR AT HOME.** Students are there to take dance class and in order to avoid tears right before class or class distractions, we ask that you do not bring toys into the building.
- In order to maximize your child's learning experience, we ask that parents refrain from addressing issues with the instructors before, during or after class. Please call 847-391-6924 and leave a message or email Natalie.Sanchez@dpparks.org, and we will get back to you in a timely manner. We appreciate your understanding of this matter.

Bathroom Use

All children **must be fully toilet-trained and tend to their own bathroom needs** (No pull-ups or diapers are allowed). Teachers or Helping Hands Assistants will walk your child to the bathroom. Teachers and Helping Hands Assistants are not allowed to change your child or assist them in the bathroom (parents of children under the age of 6 are recommended to stay in the hallway/lobby during class). If your child has a bathroom accident, you will be called to come and change them. Please be sure the people on your emergency phone list are aware of this policy. Three incidents will indicate that your child is not fully toilet trained and he/she may be removed from the program until such time that they have achieved this requirement. Please emphasize with your child the importance of telling their teacher when they need to use the bathroom and bringing your dancer to the bathroom BEFORE class begins.

Lobby/Hallway Expectations

Be considerate of other patrons as well as our students while in the lobby or hallway areas of the studios. Just as you can hear some of the instructor's voices coming from inside the studio, dancers and instructors inside the studio can hear loud noises from the hallway. **Siblings of students MUST be supervised at ALL times when in the building. There should be no running, yelling or playing with water fountains, vending machines, lockers, or promotional material outside the studios or in the lobby.** Dancers, please do not block the entrance to the building or the doors of the studios. Hang/Store belongings in designated areas and do not block walkways. Keep hallways clear for safe passage of other patrons.

Setting an example for your child

Please do not compare your child's progress to that of others in the program. Encourage your dancer to focus on his/her own accomplishments. Looking to others for inspiration is a good thing; however, a negative focus or comparison distracts from the energy that could be focused on becoming a stronger dancer. **In addition, speaking negatively about your child's teachers, fellow dancers, or other parents in front of your child-or other students-could result in problems far beyond your original concerns.** Often children will react in a way that imitates the parent's behavior with other adults or authority figures. Encourage your child to be the best that he or she can be without regard to what others may achieve. Dance is an individual art form; each child needs to achieve at a pace that's comfortable for them. No two students will progress at the same rate. It is important to encourage the children to focus on themselves, give their all, respect and be supportive of their teammates, and be satisfied with their own accomplishments.

Communication

We encourage parents to maintain open communication with our dedicated dance staff. Please check our DPDA Bandapp (QR code pg 1), for any announcements and information about the program. All concerns will be addressed in a manner that is fair to all Dance Academy participants. In order for the Dance Academy to maintain proper communication and notification with its participants, all registrants will need to have an updated email address with the Park District. Notices will be sent electronically, instead of being mailed home. Make sure your email address is current and checked periodically, especially in the months leading up to the recital. If you are not receiving emails, please check your junk or spam box.

Behavioral Policy

The Des Plaines Dance Academy follows the Des Plaines Park District Behavior Guideline (A-24) which can be found on the Park District website. Positive statements and redirection of behavior are used to help children learn self-control, problem-solving, and assume responsibility for their actions. When more discipline is needed, removal from the group may also help children regain control. Children will only be removed from the group for a short period of time.

When this fails, these guidelines will be implemented:

1. A conduct report is written by staff and discussed with the parents.
2. A copy of this report is given to the parent.
3. A conversation will take place with the staff and the parent to discuss further action if necessary.

The following listed below are examples of inappropriate behaviors that result in a conduct report:

- Disrespectful/Rude/Foul/Abusive language
- Continuous disruptive behavior
- Disrespecting Property
- Threatening/Causing bodily harm/affecting the safety of other participants, staff, or self.
- Continuous defiance of authority
- Eloping (running away or running out of the classroom)

If inappropriate behavior continues and a dancer has had repeated conduct reports during the program, then the following procedures may take place:

1. A behavior contract is implemented.
2. The dancer will be suspended from the dance program for a minimum of one class.
3. If the problem continues after the suspension, the dancer will be removed from the program.

Parents will always be informed of problems involving their children. If behavior persists, a meeting with the Cultural Arts Manager, Dance Instructor and Parent will be held. Refunds and/or prorates will not be issued for suspension and/or dismissal from dance.

Non-Resident Card

If you are a non-resident taking classes at the Des Plaines Park District, you may want to take advantage of this great, money-saving opportunity. Persons living outside Des Plaines pay up to 25% more than the resident rate for programs and facilities. Instead, Non-Residents can pay an annual fee of \$250 which will give them "Resident" status and save them the additional Non-Resident Fees for the entire year. For more information, please contact the Administrative and Leisure Center at 847-391-5700.

Performance Program Savings Plan

- Register for 2 classes and receive a \$25 discount.
- Register for 3 classes and receive a \$40 discount.
- Register for 4 classes and receive a \$55 discount.
- Register for 5 classes and receive a \$70 discount.
- Register for 6 classes and receive a \$85 discount.
- Register for 7 classes and receive a \$100 discount.

***Must register for all Performance/Company Classes at the same time in order to qualify for the savings plan. Valid for Des Plaines Dance Academy Performance/Company Classes only. Amount will be credited to your household account.**

Refunds

In order to receive any refund, you must complete a Refund Request Form. The form, which includes the complete policy, is available at any of our facilities as well as from our website: www.DPParks.org

1. Satisfaction Guaranteed: Participants will receive a full refund if they are dissatisfied with the program after the 1st class meeting, and we receive a refund request form at least 24 hours before the 2nd class meets. An Administrative Fee of \$3 per class or program will be charged for all refunds.
2. After the first week of a program/class no refunds will be granted unless the program/class is cancelled.
3. Refund requests received after the first week of a program will be honored if the request is due to a medical condition. A doctor's note must accompany the request.
4. No refunds for gift certificates will be allowed.
5. A refund request for trips or one-day programs must be received 48 hours prior to the day of the program; refunds will be prorated based on the program costs incurred prior to receipt of the request.
6. Refunds take approximately **2 weeks to process**, and are mailed in check form or credited to your credit card account.
7. If you have an outstanding balance, a refund will be applied to that balance.
8. **Dance Academy Costume Fees will not be refunded after November 17.** Participants will be responsible for the full cost of the costume.

Referral Program

Word of mouth is the best form of advertisement when it comes to dance classes. We appreciate you spreading the word about our academy and want to offer you a reward for your loyalty. When your friend registers for a class at our studio and lists your name as a referral, you will receive a \$25 credit, which will be applied to any class within the Des Plaines Dance Academy Program. There is no limit to how many students you can recommend, so there is no limit on the amount of credit you can receive. The friend can be a former Dance Academy participant but cannot have danced with the Dance Academy for the past two years. You could potentially pay for a dance class or your recital costume just by spreading positive words about your experience with The Des Plaines Dance Academy!

Medication

If your child requires medication of any kind (epi pens, inhalers, etc.), they must fill out a Medication dispensing form which can be found and uploaded to ePACT. All medication must be in the original packaging or in clearly marked containers which include the person's name, medication, dosage, and time of day the medication is to be given. Staff are not able to administer any diabetic medication injections or check blood sugar for your child. ***Please contact the Park District if you are in need of the Medication Waiver, Release of Claims and Dispensing Information forms. They will also be located on ePACT.**

If you need to make any updates to your account (such as the pick-up list) you can do so by logging into your account using this link: <https://portal-us.epactnetwork.com>

If you have any technical difficulties with ePACT, please visit their Help Center website at <https://epactnetwork.freshdesk.com/support/home>

Inclusion

It is the parent/legal guardian's responsibility to notify the Park District of any physical, mental or emotional condition(s) which might require special attention by our staff. If your child needs special accommodations to participate in our dance program, notify the Cultural Arts Manager, Nancy Suwalski. Your confidentiality will be respected. With proper notification we can work with the parent, child, and staff to be prepared to assure for the best possible conditions for a positive dance experience.

MNASR

If your child requires assistance from our Maine-Niles Special Recreation Association, you must notify the Cultural Arts Manager a minimum of two weeks in advance. **If we do not receive notification with at least two-week notice, we may not be able to provide accommodations for your child.** Please see our website for more information.

Mandated Reporting

Suspected Abuse or Neglect In accordance with the procedures set forth on the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, any dance personnel having reasonable cause to believe that a child known to them in their professional capacity may be an abused or neglected child, shall immediately report the matter to their supervisor. The proper authorities will be notified.

Keeping You Informed

For important information, news and updates on all things DPDA, check out our:

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/DesPlainesDanceAcademy

Instagram: @DesPlainesDanceAcademy

BandApp: Des Plaines Dance Academy (Scan QR code on pg 1 to join!)

Website: <https://www.dpparks.org/programs/des-plaines-dance-academy/>

Workout While You Wait

This membership discount program is for the health club at the Leisure Center and is available to all parents/guardians of participants enrolled in Dance Academy programs. Cost is \$90 for an 9-month membership or \$10 a month. The program is Valid only September 2024-May 2025.

Contacts and Locations

Dance Academy Location

Administrative and Leisure Center, 2222 Birch Street
Dance Studio 101, 102, 113, and ALC gym

Theater Location

Prairie Lakes Theater, 515 E. Thacker Street

Administrative and Leisure Center Front Desk:

Nancy Suwalski, Cultural Arts Manager:

Natalie Sanchez, DPDA Assistant Supervisor:

Lauren Smith, Artistry in Motion Company Director:

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Nutrition

Eating right is an important part of a dancer's training. We encourage our dancers to practice healthy eating habits, as it provides them with energy to obtain the maximum out of their dance classes. A proper diet includes meals with a balance of protein (meat, beans, tofu, dairy), carbohydrates (breads, pasta, fruit) and a limited amount of good fat (omega-3 fatty acids, stay away from trans-fat). If a dancer has multiple classes in one day, they are recommended to pack healthy snacks, such as fruit/nuts/yogurt, for an energy boost. Keep soda and sugary snacks to a minimum (try not to purchase snacks from the vending machines). Drink lots of water throughout the day and at dance class. We require students to bring a water bottle to class.

Hygiene

Students are expected to maintain good personal hygiene habits such as bathing regularly, wearing deodorant (if of age), washing hands, sneezing/coughing into arm, etc. The dancers will be in close quarters, as well as working up a sweat throughout class. It is important to practice proper hygiene habits to eliminate sickness or other issues that may result from poor hygiene.

Student Injury

It is the responsibility of the parent and dancer to inform the instructor before class if the dancer has an injury that will preclude the dancer from any part of class. If a dancer receives a mild injury during class, he or she will be offered appropriate first aid treatment as needed. For a more severe injury, the parent will be notified immediately. Accident reports will be filled out by staff and given to the Cultural Arts Manager. We ask that if your child sustains an injury, or is not feeling well, but not sick before class begins, that they still come and observe class and take notes. Dancers should always come prepared with a notebook in their dance bag. Watching a dance class is very beneficial to becoming a better dancer.

Classroom Etiquette

- Please be on time for class! Arriving late can be disruptive to the teacher and other students. **If a student is more than 15 minutes late to class, they will be asked to sit out and watch the remainder of class. If late to class, please wait until the current exercise is complete before joining. This policy is strictly enforced.**
- Students who are not properly dressed may be asked to sit.
- Students are to bring a water bottle to class to avoid multiple trips to the water fountain.
- No talking or distracting other dancers in class.
- All cell phones must be turned off and placed in a phone box in the studio. No texting will be allowed during class time.
- Smart watches should be removed before taking class.
- Never say anything negative about another dancer or teacher or post negative comments to social media outlets.
- No sitting in dance class unless you are instructed to by your teacher.
- Be attentive and work on corrections when given. Students should apply all corrections to their own work whether or not you are being directly addressed.
- Let your teacher know if you feel ill or have an injury. Keep your instructor informed.
- Please visit the restroom before class.
- No running in the classroom or leaning/hanging on the dance bars at any time.
- No wet shoes, gum chewing, eating or drinking is allowed in the studios.
- Always applaud and thank your instructor upon completion of class.
- Students are expected to respect studios and hallways by keeping them clean, as a courtesy to all who use them.

Dancers, please practice respect. Students are not to be socializing in a disruptive manner during the class with other students. Please honor your teacher and fellow students by giving full attention and cooperation. You will be advised if we feel any student is not well adjusted to the classroom environment for any reason over time. Dance is educational and fun, however, an important part of class work is developing an attitude of discipline and respect for teachers and fellow students. We trust that following our classroom etiquette will provide an environment where classes at The Des Plaines Dance Academy will be a pleasure for all concerned.

Bring a Friend to Dance Week

During the week of October 13-19, 2025 is a special opportunity to have fun and let your friends see where you dance. Your friend will take part in your regular dance class (only one friend per class). Your friend needs to wear dance clothes or comfortable clothes they can easily move in.

Your friend's parent must sign a participation waiver in order for your friend to participate in class. Forms will be available in the flyer bins outside each studio.

Spirit Week

During the week of April 20-26, 2026 we encourage dancers to come to dance class in the themed attire to celebrate National Dance Week (NDW). National Dance Week is an annual event in the United States sponsored by the United Dance Merchants of America to increase public awareness and appreciation of various forms of dance. Flyers will be available with the themes for each day during Spirit Week.

How to Succeed in Dance

Here are some helpful ideas and thoughts to guide every participant to be the best dancer they can be!

- ▶ Be Ready – on time and prepared for class (water, shoes, and mindset).
- ▶ Be Responsible – for yourself and your belongings.
- ▶ Be Smart – don't chew gum, run in class or hang on the barres.
- ▶ Be Attentive – listen quietly when the instructor is speaking.
- ▶ Be a Pro – work hard and always give 100%.
- ▶ Be Positive – never judge yourself or others.
- ▶ Be Safe – take care of your body in all that you do during the day.
- ▶ Be Brave – take risks so you can learn new skills.
- ▶ Have Fun - enjoy class, we dance because we enjoy it

Student / Teacher Relationships

The Des Plaines Dance Academy is committed to the principle of protecting the integrity and objectivity of its staff members in the performance of their duties and to maintaining a fun, safe and education environment. It is, therefore, fundamental to the overall mission of the Dance Academy that the professional responsibilities of its staff be carried out in an atmosphere that is free of conflicts of interest and favoritism that compromise these principles.

- The Dance Academy has a policy regarding online social networking. The staff, if asked, cannot "Friend or Follow" any of their students on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.
- Staff members, if asked, will not give out any personal contact information, i.e. cell phones, email addresses. Contact can be made with the Dance Staff by calling the Dance Academy hotline (847-391-6924) or via email at Natalie.Sanchez@dpparks.org

Lost and Found

The Des Plaines Park District & Dance Academy is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please label shoes and other personal items. Do not bring valuables to dance class and check to make sure you have everything you brought to the studio when leaving. Anything left in the dance studios will be placed in the lost and found box in the dance hallway.

ANNUAL JUNE RECITAL (JUNE 6-8)

A SHOW

Friday, June 6 6:30p
Saturday, June 7 2:30p

Recital 2026: Dancing with the DPDA Stars

B SHOW

Saturday, June 7 6:30P
Sunday, June 8 2:30p

All forms and handouts regarding **Recital 2026 : Dancing with the DPDA Stars** will be emailed home in April/May. Forms can also be downloaded on our website, www.DPParks.org, and will be available in all of the dance studios. Keep checking our website throughout the year for updated Des Plaines Dance Academy information.

Recital Costumes

All measuring for costumes will begin the week of November 3 and will continue through November 16. It is important that you work closely with the instructor to determine what size costume you want to order for your child. Each parent or participant must initial the costume measuring sheet to make sure we order the correct costume size. It is the responsibility of the parent to see the instructor to approve the costume size that will be ordered. If a parent does not stop in and check with the instructor to approve the size of the costume, the instructor will use their own discretion to determine what size to order. Sizing is determined by using the dancer's measurements and cross-referencing them with the costume company's sizing chart. Please note that costume sizing is generic and alterations may be required in order fit the costume appropriately to your dancer's body.

If you do not intend to participate in the recital, a refund request form must be filled out by **November 17** or you will be responsible for the full price of the costume. Costume fees are included in the registration fees.

Dress Rehearsal Information

- Attendance at Dress Rehearsal is **MANDATORY** to all students participating in the recital. Failure to attend will result in forfeiting the dancer's chance to perform. Any unavoidable conflicts should be addressed with the instructor prior to the rehearsal.
- A dress rehearsal schedule will be posted outside of each dance room. This will give parents an approximate time of when each grouping of dances is expected to start and finish. Students are encouraged to stay; this is a great opportunity to see the entire show.
- To avoid lengthy recitals, classes are divided into 2 shows (A & B). Each class is assigned to one of these shows. Please note that consideration will be given to families with a child or multiple children in only two recital dances to be in the same show, if possible.
- **Families with three or more dances should expect to participate in multiple shows.**
- The rehearsal will follow the order of the show. Drafts of the show order will be posted outside each dance studio in April, with the final show order posted by the beginning of May. It is important for parents to notify the instructor of any conflicts with the dress rehearsal or recital days before the final show order is posted.
- Dress Rehearsals will start promptly at 4:30p.
- Dancers should arrive at Prairie Lakes Theatre no later than 4:15p.
- All dancers must come in full costume (make-up, hair, tights, shoes, accessories etc.).
- Dancers will need to sit with their class in designated areas in the theatre. Please look for the sign with the name of their dance. After the dancers have completed rehearsing their dance, they will need to return to their reserved section of seats in the theatre. For safety reasons, dancers will not be allowed to sit in the area in front of the stage or in the aisles. Everyone will need to be in chairs!
- **NO FOOD OR DRINKS** are allowed in the theater! There will be tables set up in the lobby for everyone to use. To avoid damage to the costume, please do not eat or drink in costume or without cover ups.
- Parents, you DO NOT stay for the dress rehearsals. Dress rehearsals are not open to the public: Dance Staff, Dancers and Stage Parents ONLY! This helps us track who is in the theater and with crowd control. Parents can pick up their child from the designated stage parents in the Theater lobby at the end of their assigned shift.

Recital Information

- All dancers must arrive at Prairie Lakes a ½ hour before their designated show begins and go directly to their assigned dressing room. For students in levels Intermediate, Advanced, and Artistry in Motion, call time is 1½ hours before each day of performances for a mandatory warm-up class.
- Dancers are asked not to arrive in costume on the recital days! There will be time for dancers to change in the dressing rooms when they arrive for each performance.
- Make sure to label each item of the costume, including headpieces, shoes and any other belongings. The Des Plaines Park District is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
- We ask that you pack healthy snacks that will not stain the costume (pretzels, crackers, etc.) and a water bottle (no juices or soda please!).
- No dancers will be allowed in the theater before the performances! If dancers want to watch the show after their dance, parents will need to purchase a ticket for them. Dancers must be out of costume.
- **Videotaping and flash photography are not allowed at the performances!**
- If a dancer is in multiple dances, they are allowed to bow with only one class.
- Parents, please wait at least 10 minutes after the show before picking up your child. This gives the dancers time to get back to their dressing rooms and makes it less crowded in the hallways. We ask that family and friends wait in the Gym Lobby, not the Theater Lobby.

Recital Tickets

Tickets will be available for DPDA families to purchase at the front desk at the Leisure Center on Monday, May 4. Families will be allowed to purchase 2 tickets per show. Tickets be released to the public and available online on Monday, May 11. Front desk hours are as follows: Monday - Friday: 8:30a-5:00p. The Leisure Center will be closed on Monday, May 25. Ticket sales close Thursday, June 4, but can be purchased at the Box Office on the day of the shows, if tickets are still available. Once tickets have been purchased, there are no returns. Tickets may be exchanged for another performance, unless the show is sold out. Tickets are \$12 per person/per show. Children under 2 are free (if they sit on a lap).

Volunteer Stage Parents

Calling all Volunteer Stage Parents! We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the recital as designated "stage parents" and room supervisors during the performance. Every class will need to have 1-3 dedicated adults, per show, depending on the age and size of the class. The duties of the stage parents will include helping dancers, for your child's class only, on and off stage and planning quiet activities in the dressing rooms as they wait for their turn on stage. Stage Parents are critical to helping our dance recital run smoothly! Volunteer forms will be included in the recital handouts, and sign-up sheets will be posted outside the dance studio.

Picture Day

Picture Day will be held on Saturday, May 30. A schedule of picture times will be included in the recital handouts. Pictures will be taken at Prairie Lakes, backstage. We also ask parents to wait in the hallway while pictures are being taken; only photographers, dance staff, and dancers will be allowed into the room.

Unique Recital Performance Opportunities**Dad's Can Dance**

Those daring dads who take the stage every year is open to ALL dads, uncles, or older brothers (must be 18+) who have relatives in the school of dance. Rehearsals begin in early spring and costumes will be provided by the dancers - that's you, Dad! Nothing to lose and lots of respect to gain!

Mom's in Motion

Moms in Motion are in their 8th year of performing and is open to ALL moms, aunts, or older sisters (must be 18+) who have relatives in the Dance Academy. Rehearsals begin in early spring and costumes will be provided by the dancers -that's you, Mom! After taking care of your dancer(s) all year, it's YOUR time to shine, MOM!

Senior Dance

Part of life is moving on and starting new adventures. One of the hardest things is saying good-bye. In order to congratulate our graduating seniors and wish them luck as they move on to new experiences, the annual recital will feature one dance choreographed by an instructor from the Dance Academy Staff, performed by all senior dancers involved in the Des Plaines Dance Academy Performance Program. Rehearsal schedules will be based on availability of the dancers and the Dance Academy staff and facilities. An additional fee for rehearsals and costume may be required to participate.

Des Plaines Dance Academy Calendar

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

(Dates are subject to change)

SEPTEMBER

9/8 (M) DPDA Specialty classes begin
9/20(Sa) [Des Plaines Dance Academy classes begin](#)

OCTOBER

10/13-10/19 (M-Su) **Bring a Friend Week!**
10/27 (M) DPDA 9-month performance program registration ends!
10/27-11/2 (M-Su) **Halloween Week.** Dancers may come dressed in costume (All level classes are encouraged to participate)
10/31 (F) **NO CLASSES (Happy Halloween!)**

NOVEMBER

11/3-11/9(M-Su) Measuring for DPDA recital costumes
11/10-11/16 (M-Su) Parent sign off on costume sizes (DPDA recital classes only)
11/24-11/30 (1 Week) **NO CLASSES (Thanksgiving Break - Happy Thanksgiving!)**

DECEMBER

12/1-12/7 (M-Su) **Parent Observation Week**
12/6 (Sa) Winter Wonderland at Prairie Lakes
12/8-12/12 (M-F) AiM's "Winter Showcase" pre-sale tickets go on sale at the ALC front desk (*for participating families only/ max 2 per family per show*)
12/8-12/14 (M-Su) **December Evaluations** (For ALL 7+ classes)
12/15 (M) AiM's "Winter Showcase" tickets go on sale at the ALC front desk and online
12/20 (Sa) Aerial Silks Winter Show (6:30p)
12/22-1/11 (3 Weeks) **NO CLASSES (Winter Break - Happy Holidays!)**

JANUARY

1/9 & 1/10 (F & Sa) Artistry in Motion Dance Company presents "Winter Showcase" at Prairie Lakes Theater- Fri (6:30p)/ Sat (2:30p)/ Sat (6:30p)
1/12 (M) Performance Program Classes Resume

FEBRUARY

2/9-2/15 (M-Su) **Valentine's Week.** Dancers may come dressed in pink/red/purple (All classes are encouraged to participate)

MARCH

3/23-3/29 (1 Week) **NO CLASSES (Spring Break - Happy Spring Break!)**
3/30-4/5 (M-Su) **Midterm Evaluations** (Only for Technique classes)

APRIL

4/20-4/26 (M-Su) **SPIRIT WEEK** - Celebrate National Dance Week!

MAY

5/4-5/8 (M-F) "A Night with the DPDA Stars" June recital tickets go on sale at the ALC front desk (*for participating families only/ max 2 per family per show*).
(8:30a-5p) Way to Go's due
5/4(M by 9a) Stage Parent and Handicapped Seating Request forms are due
5/11 (M by 9a) "A Night with the DPDA Stars" June recital tickets go on sale at the ALC front desk and online
5/11 (M) **In-Class Dress Rehearsal Week!**
5/18-5/24 (M-Su) **NO CLASSES (Memorial Day)**
5/25 (M) Last Day of DPDA Classes
5/29 (F) **Picture Day at Prairie Lakes**
5/30 (Sa)

JUNE

6/1 (M) Pointe Production/Opening/Closing/Mom's Dance/Dad's Dance/ Graduating Senior's Dance Dress Rehearsal
6/2-6/4 (Tu-Th) **"A Night with the DPDA Stars" Dress Rehearsal (4:30p)**
6/6 & 6/7 (Sa & Su) **"A Night with the DPDA Stars" Annual Recital- Fri(6:30p)/ Sat(2:30p)/ Sat(6:30p)/ Sun(2:30p)**
6/12 (F) Aerial Silks Dress Rehearsal (5:00p)
6/13 (Sa) Des Plaines Aerial Silks Recital (6:30p)
6/15 (M) Session 1 Dance & Arts Camp Begins

JULY

7/6 (M) First Day of Summer Dance Academy!



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