



Contact Information

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<p>Note that <u>email is our preferred means of communication</u>, especially during the school day. We will respond to your inquiry as soon as possible.</p> <p>Remind Code for Dance Majors: @macydc</p> <p>Both teachers will also have Remind accounts for each class separately. Students are required to join both. Parents are encouraged.</p> <p>Text (via Remind) and email communication will not be done after 6:00pm or on the weekends, with the exceptions of rehearsal and performance days.</p>	<p>Dance major class schedule:</p> <p>Emerging Dance Troupe: Mr. Carson: 2nd Period Ms. Nat: 7th Period</p> <p>Evolving (Intermediate) Ensemble: Ms. Nat: 8th Period</p> <p>Pre-Professional Dance Group: Mr. Carson: 5th Period Ms. Nat: 6th Period</p> <p>Ballet: (Mostly Evolving students) Mr. Carson: 3rd Period</p>

Important Dates for 2023-2024:

Mandatory Events are highlighted in yellow.

Additional non-mandatory events will be added to the Google Calendar as they arise.

<p>Back-to-School Social/Pool Party: Binfield-Maxwell Residence, Aug 24, 2024, 3-6pm</p>
<p>AIISD Day of Dance: AISD PAC, Oct 5, 2024, Time TBA</p>
<p>Adjudicated Works Showcase (mandatory, performance by invitation): AISD PAC McCallum FABT, Oct 11, 2024</p>
<p>Winter Dance Concert (mandatory): AISD PAC Rehearsals: January 22-23, 2025 Performances: January 24 & 25, 2025 @ 7:00 pm</p>
<p>National High School Dance Festival: Pittsburg, PA, February 26-March 3, 2025</p>
<p>Austin Dance Festival Youth Edition: TBA - March 2025</p>
<p>Student Directed Dance Concert (mandatory): McCallum Arts Center (MAC) Rehearsals: Schedule TBD Performances: April 24 & 25, 2025 @ 7:00 pm</p>
<p>Dance Banquet* (mandatory): Maggiano's Little Italy, May 4, 2025 *required for NHSDA membership</p>
<p>Academy Convocation: TBA - May 2025 (Academy Graduates and their families only)</p>
<p>All events are also posted to the Mac Youth Dance Co Google Calendar</p>



Academy Major Status:

As per the Fine Arts Academy contract, students must fulfill the following requirements each year to maintain status as an academy major:

- Maintain a "B" average in all Academy classes.
- Perform in 2 mandatory dance concerts
- Participate in their dance classes each year (double blocked)

We do not, except in the case of an emergency, allow students to miss a concert date due to other obligations, including competitions, festivals, and/or college auditions or visits. Students are also expected to attend all after school rehearsals. **Any conflicts must be approved within the first 2 weeks of each semester.** Missing rehearsals and/or performances will also affect grades as per the McCallum Dance syllabus. As well, if students miss after school rehearsals without the approval of the directors, they may be made an understudy, be taken out of a section of a dance and/or the entire concert, thereby endangering their academy status.

McCallum Youth Dance Company Dress Code:

Students are expected to dress in the McCallum Dance dress code for all classes and rehearsals. The McCallum Dance dress code is based on the collegiate and professional industry standards.

For ALL ballet classes:

Female identifying dancers:

- black leotard
- pink or flesh colored tights
- pink or flesh colored ballet shoes (shoes should match tights)

Male identifying dancers:

- black form fitting bottoms (shorts or pants)
- black or white form fitting top (no logos)
- black ballet shoes

For ALL modern, jazz, Flamenco and other technique classes:

Female identifying dancers:

- black leotard
- black leggings or black tights
- bare feet, socks, or jazz shoes depending on teacher preference

Male identifying dancers:

- black form fitting bottoms (shorts or pants)
- black fitting top (no logos)
- bare feet, socks, or jazz shoes depending on teacher preference

For everyday choreography rehearsals:

Guest Choreographers reserve the right to set the dress code for their rehearsals.



All dancers:

- fitted athletic top or leotard in any color (no logos, no sports bras)
- tights, leggings, fitted joggers, shorts, or athletic skirts in any color
- ballet shoes, barefoot, socks, or jazz shoes depending on teacher preference

Additional dress code information:

Long hair should always be worn up. No large jewelry.

Examples of clothing not in dress code:

- clothing that is not form fitting including but not limited to large baggy t-shirts, sweatshirts, or pants
- clothing that is not athletic in nature
- clothing with large logos

Please see class syllabus for more information on dress code and class expectations in relation to grading.

Students are expected to provide dance-wear for performances (as needed). Some examples are below:

- footwear: ballet shoes, jazz shoes in tan or black, socks
- tights: pink, skin tone and black
- leggings or bike shorts
- bras: black and flesh tone
- dance belts for male dancers
- black and/or flesh leotards
- NEW FOR 2024-2025: All students must provide flat, black, full sole tap shoes.

Fees

Fees are required for all students enrolled in dance majors' classes. **Scholarships are available.** Please see the scholarship application below for more information.

Dance Fees cover the following:

- Individual dance attire (varies by year)
- Costumes to be used in performances
- Meals for mandatory rehearsals and dance concerts
- Programs for dance concerts
- Student field trips
- Annual banquet
- Student Varsity Letters
- National Honor Society for Dance Arts induction fees & graduation cords

Fee Schedule:

Dance Fees are officially due by January 7, 2025. **The fee is \$230 for the entire school year, and we do appreciate payment as early in the school year as possible.** We are happy to



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create a payment plan as you can see below. Additionally, we offer scholarships and you will find the scholarship application due date below.

Payment Plan	Due 10/15/2024	\$130
	Due 1/7/2025	\$100

All students who have not paid fees in full by April, 2025 will be placed on the obligations list, which includes not being able to purchase prom tickets and/or seniors not being able to receive their diploma. Fees are non-refundable. Unpaid fees may result in the student not being allowed to perform, which will put academy status in jeopardy.

Payment Options: (We do NOT use School Cash Online)

1. **We are happy to offer digital payment this year using Ludus.** [Click this link to pay online.](#) Please note that if you are paying online there is a fee of 5%+\$0.75 which equals \$12.25 for a total of \$242.25.
2. **Please pay by check, money order, or cash to *McCallum Dance*.** If paying by cash or check, there is no fee for a total of \$230.00. Checks can be sent to school with your student, dropped off at the front office addressed to McCallum Dance - ATTN Natalie Uehara, or mailed to the school at the following address. Many families use their banks online bill pay feature to pay fees.

McCallum High School Dance Department
ATTN: Natalie Uehara
5600 Sunshine Drive
Austin, TX 78756

Scholarship Application for McCallum Dance Fees

We are able to offer some **partial** scholarships for students and families for whom fulfilling the fees obligations places a hardship on the family. In order to qualify for a scholarship we require the following:

1. The dancer needs to write a one page essay explaining why McCallum Dance is important to them and the reason for the financial need.
2. Submit a \$50.00 payment with the essay. This fee must be paid via cash or check made payable to McCallum Dance.
3. Students and parents are asked to volunteer each semester.
4. Students who participate in other school organizations which require a fee will not be considered for scholarship unless they are also on scholarship with the other school organization.

[Link to scholarship application](#)



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Please submit the application (student essay) and \$50.00 payment to the directors by October 15, 2024. ***If we do not receive an application by this date, you will not be eligible for a scholarship for fees.***