2025-2026 RPA Dance Company Registration Information

Welcome to RPA Dance Company! Please read through the following information for explanations about classes and required attire for the upcoming dance year.

Enrollment

We have a variety of classes to offer students from the age of 2 and adult classes. The information following will tell you about classes available, charges for those classes, schedule and registration. If we are aware of the age and level of your child. Once you have completed the online registration form email us to assist with enrollment if needed.

If you wish to come into the studio to register and enroll, we will have a period of enrollment opportunities in August. Instructors and staff will be available to assist in class selection. We can also assist with the purchase of the required shoes and dance wear during this time. It is best to order these early in order to get them here before classes start! We will be available on afternoons when CISD starts back to school from 3:30 to 6:30 for sizing for shoes, tights, and leotards.

Classes Offered in 2025-2026.

<u>Mom and Me:</u> for students age 2. This class will teach creative movement. This class promotes the development of coordination, fine and gross motor skills, balance and the appreciation of movement with the help of mom.

<u>Preschool Pals:</u> "Princess Dancing" for students age 3 or 4 containing ballet, jazz, beginner tumble and creative movement. This class promotes the development of coordination, fine and gross motor skills, balance and the appreciate of movement and exercise in a fun

<u>Pre-School Pros:</u> A more advanced class of Preschool Pals for students age 4 or 5. This class offers a fun introduction to dance where they will recognize rhythm, shape and dynamic movement and pre-ballet training.

<u>Gymnastics:</u> Classes available for both preschool students and school age students. Will include core strength exercise and correct gymnastic posture. Classes are divided into five levels. Ages are a guideline

- Preschool students age 4-5 (Pre-K and below)
- Beginner students age 5-7 or students who cannot perform a backbend.
- Intermediate students age 6 and above that have fundamental gymnastic experiences
- Junior students age 8 or above that are working on front walkovers, roundoffs and have mastered developmental skills.
- Senior students that have mastered developmental skills and are working on advanced gymnastics skills (back handspring)

Beginner Dance: A basic dance class that offers a well-rounded dance education in ballet and jazz. It will lay the foundation for basic skills, techniques as well as foster creativity and imagination in class through movement and imagination. Ideal for students age 5 to 3rd grade.

<u>Intermediate Dance:</u> A progression of beginning dance techniques that introduces more leaps and turns. Dancers will participate in both ballet and jazz. For dancers with a solid beginner dance experience.

<u>Ballet:</u> The basis of all dance and the most important of all dance curriculum. Students who wish to participate in RPA Dance Company or wish to be considered for Company MUST take Ballet at all times. Pointe classes are offered for those eligible. Offered in Junior and Senior Levels.

<u>Jazz:</u> An upbeat music and fast-paced movements are combined with a healthy supply of technique. Jazz can also help cheerleaders and gymnasts with foot-movements. Offered in Junior and Senior Levels.

<u>Drill Team Prep</u>: A foundation class offered for older students with minimal dance experience integrating the techniques used for Drill Team such as kick technique and dance combinations from different genres.

<u>Lyrical/Contemporary/Modern:</u> A class involving elements of ballet and jazz that challenges the dancers to use choreography and movement to interpret meaning and express emotion. Offered in Intermediate, Junior and Senior levels.

<u>Clogging:</u> Western style clogging blend with modern dance movement will give dancers a sense of rhythmic appreciation through foot work taught in steps to gain knowledge of musicality using the beat on the song. Expressed through loud taps of the shoes. This will allow dancers to have the ability to count music and gain strength overall.

<u>Hip Hop:</u> A high-energy class with a focus on hip-hop techniques and street dance styles performed to hip-hop/R&B music. Three class levels are offered

<u>Acrobatic/Flexibility:</u> a class focused on flexibility and strength of acrobatic skill and tricks. Experienced dancers/gymnastics background required.

Class Attire Guidelines and Dress Code

Students should enter and leave the building in street shoes and put on dance shoes once inside the building; dance shoes will ruin very quickly by being worn outdoors! NO Clogging shoes are allowed on the brick floor. Put all belongings on the shelves or on the hooks in the hall. If you must dress in appropriate attire upon arriving, please arrive early. Dance and footwear can be purchased at a reasonable price here at the studio. If needed items are not in stock, then an order will be placed, and we ask that you pay at the time the order is placed. DO NOT ORDER TIGHTS OR SHOES from an outside location. RPA has SPECIFIC brands and styles we wear for the year and recitals/competitions!

Mom and Me: Leotard of any kind with ballet shoes.

Preschool Pals: Required to wear pink leotards with skirts attached, pink tights and ballet shoes.

Preschool Pros: Required to wear purple leotards with skirts attached, pink tights and ballet shoes.

<u>Gymnastics</u>: No shoes. Wear a leotard or tight spandex shirt and shorts or capri pants or leggings. If you are attending a dance class prior to gym class, please have tights that are convertible to pull off toes.

<u>Beginner and Intermediate Dance:</u> **Any color leotard with skirt or shorts or tight fitting athletic clothes are required**. Tights in class are not required. Half-sole dance shoes (tywlas) are required for this class.

Fundamentals of ballet/Jazz: Required to wear leotards or tight fitting dance clothes. (Ballet shoes and Half-soles Required)

Ballet levels 1-3: Leotard and pink ballet tights are required. Ballet shoes are required.

Junior/Senior Jazz, Drill Team Prep: Required to wear tight fitting dance clothes. Half-soles (twylas) are required.

<u>Lyrical/Contemporary:</u> For movement purposes, we will allow clothes with movement. Such as long pants and baggy shirts- dancers will want to have something covering knees to allow floorwork to be smooth and not catch skin on the ground when we do floor spins or dancing through floor using knees. Special Dance socks are available at RPA for purchase. Half-soles (twylas) are required.

<u>Clogging:</u> Required to wear athletic clothing, Black lace up clogging shoes with heel and toe clogging taps attached. Shoes should work with socks. Clogging shoes require extra taps to be attached so please come get shoes before dance season starts.

<u>Hip Hop:</u> Creative functional clothing is required. Wear tennis shoes with CLEAN soles (remember you will be on our dance/gym floor and we need it to stay MUD free.)

End of Year Recital

May 9th, 2026

All RPA students will be invited to perform with their class (exception of acro classes) in our end-of-the-year recital. Costume information will be discussed shortly after classes begin so ordering can take place in November. All costume deposits will be due in November that are non-refundable. Remainder of costume fee will be posted in January. If you drop a class after January, if the costume remainder has been paid will be yours to keep but will not be able to receive a refund by RPA Dance Company.

RPA DANCE COMPANY

2025-2026 Tuition and Class Information

Registration/Insurance Fee: \$60 per student which includes an RPA Dance Company t-shirt. Due at the time of registration and is non-refundable.

Recital/Costume Fee: \$25 recital fee will be posted in April and has to be paid to participate in our recital in May. Costume fee deposit will be \$50 per costume. This deposit will be paid in November when costumes are ordered. Costume cost will have a remaining balance based on individual costume cost. Remainder will be posted in January-usually \$10-\$25.

Tuition: Monthly tuition is charged by the number of hours taken for all family members combined. Tuition is due by the 5th of each month and a \$5 late fee is charged after that date. Families wishing to pay for the Fall (September-December) or Spring (January-May) in advance will receive a 3% discount on their total tuition rate. If you wish to pay a full year of Tuition (September-May) you will receive a 5% discount on tuition. Please see the office for assistance.

Students are expected to come to class regularly. We ask for a notice by the 21st of each month for those that wish to cancel your next month of classes. If a student drops a class, they will be expected to pay a \$35 registration fee to rejoin.

Studio Expectations

RPA Dance company has the right to refuse service to anyone at any time. Providing a safe environment for the children and parents that pay for our services is our highest priority. If staff or the owner feels that the safety of our children has been compromised, you will be asked to leave or escorted by law enforcement. We will not tolerate arguments or disruptive behavior of any sort in our studio or anywhere that we are representing our studio. We are a service to you therefore if you do not like the product you do not have to dance with us!

- Students are expected to come to class regularly. We ask for a notice by the 21st of each month for those that wish to cancel your next month of classes.
- If a student is absent for an excessive amount of time, they may be asked not to participate in recital/competitions or could be removed from class.
- Students are expected at every level to have the correct dance attire, shoes and other required items for class.
- Students will be removed from all dance classes if unpaid tuition exceeds 90 days.
- Students that owe tuition from the prior dance season will not participate or enroll in future classes until the bill is paid.
- Dancers that bring extra items to class are responsible for their belongings stored in appropriate areas and clean up all areas after use.
- No parents/siblings/other students are allowed in the dance room to watch unless advised by the instructor. Stay in the common areas to view classes.
- Parents of dancers are responsible for all dance wear/costumes when they are taken home.
- Communication to instructors by parents in person/phone should be appropriate and respectful. Any major concerns can be addressed to the owner/director.
- RPA has a Zero Tolerance of bullying or fighting of any party in the studio or any place that RPA is representing as a group.