

**DANCE DEPARTMENT SYLLABUS**  
Firmly Planted Homeschool Resource Center  
2024-2025

**Meet Our Dance Department:**

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- Fairytales and Tutus A & B, Ballet 1 Child A, Lyrical 1&2, Ballet 3 Teen, Choreography, Dance Strength and Technique and Character Dance.

**Kaylah Alicea**

- Ballet 2 Youth and Ballet 5 Pointe

**Rene Cooper**

- Ballet 1 Child B, Ballet 1 Youth, Ballet 1&2 Teen, Ballet 4 Pointe, Dance Conditioning, Worship Dance and Advanced Lyrical/Contemporaryand

**Jade Moore**

- Hip Hop Jazz 1, 2, & 3, Lyrical Youth

**Georgia Freeman**

- Dance Arts A and B

**Hannah Fant**

- Tap 1, 2 and 3

**Abigail Hill**

- Fairytales and Tutus C

**AJ Bruce**

- Hip Hop: Boys Crew

Please keep in touch with your student's teachers using our Slack App. Please turn on your notifications and check your class channels at least every week on the morning of your class, in case the teacher has posted any pertinent information for that day. You will be added to a Nutcracker dance show channel after classes begin.

**Important dates for this year - Please add these dates to your calendars now.**

**\*Those with special parts will receive a schedule with some extra Tuesday night practices running from 6-8pm.**

9/23 7pm Parent Meeting in person in the auditorium or Zoom

11/19 Scene 1 & 2 Run-Through & Volunteer Training

11/25-11/28 Thanksgiving Break

12/05 5:00-6:45 Show A Dress Rehearsal

12/05 7:00-8:45 Show B Dress Rehearsal

12/06 6:00 Show A

12/07 1:00 Show A

12/07 6:00 Show B

12/08 3:00 Show B

1/20-1/23 Inter-Semester Break

2/24 6:00 Spring Show Parent Meeting

3/31-4/3 Spring Break

4/14-4/17 Class photos during classes this week

4/28-5/1 Ballet and Tap class evaluations

5/5. Parent volunteer training

5/15. 5:00 Show A Dress Rehearsal

5/15. 7:00 Show B Dress Rehearsal

5/16. 6:00 Show A Performance #1

5/17. 1:00 Show A Performance #2

5/17. 6:00 Show B Performance #1

5/18. 3:00 Show B Performance #2

5/19-5/22 Class parties during regularly scheduled classes. Turn in spot-cleaned costume and pick up course completion certificate.

## **Class Materials**

### **ATTIRE:**

Dancers are required to pull their hair back and to wear dance attire during class. All clothing should be modest and cover midriff.

Ballet - Leotard, tights, skirt and ballet shoes.

Tap - Sweatpants/ leggings, loose shirt or leotard and tap shoes.

Lyrical - Leotard or t-shirt, tights or leggings and ballet or lyrical shoes.

Jazz - Sweatpants/ leggings, loose shirt or leotard and Jazz shoes.

Hip Hop - Sweatpants/ leggings, loose shirt and Jazz or CLEAN tennis shoes.

We are able to size your student and order dance clothing and shoes for a good price once each semester. We will be sizing students for our Fall order on Wednesday, August 7th from 2-4. A list of clothing/shoe options and prices will be posted on August 6th.

Students may buy dance clothes or shoes from any source, and here are some other suggestions:

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (Shoes are difficult to get the right size.)

The Leotard  
2432 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
Portland, OR 97212

Portland Dancewear  
9225 SW Hall Blvd  
Tigard, OR 97223

Goodwill, Once Upon a Child and Discountdance.com may also be options.

### **Participation in Class**

Students are expected to participate fully in class and to come prepared to begin class at its start time. Students should be dressed for class, having used the bathroom if necessary **before** class begins. We are asking all students this year to bring a water bottle with them to class. This will allow for students to receive instruction for the full class time. Parents are encouraged to volunteer at the center or visit in the coffee shop or family lounge during class. This will make it easier for students to not be distracted and help them to focus on their class. If your student is sick or injured please send a message on Slack to his or her teacher prior to class. If the injury was severe enough, then a doctor's note is needed to allow them to return to class. Our Groupzu website now has new information available to you! Within each class you can find files, your child's attendance and any videos that were taken in class.

### **Class Payment**

Payment for class teacher fees is due either by the date listed on the website or on the first day of class unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher. Please check the Slack channel for your student's class for their specific information on payment details. Students will not be allowed to attend classes without payment. Please communicate directly with the teacher about this and do not include the student.

## **Student Progress and Certificate of Completion**

- Our students will get to display their first semester's progress at the Nutcracker Performance.
- Our end of the year Ballet and Tap class evaluations will be held during classes the week of April 28th - May 1st. Students will show their barre and center exercises in order for our dance staff to give recommendations for remaining in or advancing to the next level.
- A certificate of completion will be given during the last class of Spring Semester. Teachers may also celebrate with a small treat.

## **Dance Shows / Costumes**

Each year the dance department hosts two dance shows in which students will have the opportunity to participate. We are very excited for our dancers to get the opportunity to present to you The Nutcracker Dance Production - Firmly Planted Dance Department's version. We will have sets and props, characters who act/dance, teachers that do a ballroom dance, and a mouse and soldier dance battle!

During our Spring Show "Moses and the God who Delivers" most classes will be performing in either Show A OR Show B. This will be a great ministry opportunity for the students who are learning in class about how Moses trusted God to deliver him and how they can trust God to deliver them as well, to share this message with the audience.

Admission will be charged for these events, but unlike other studios, we do not charge the student a large fee to participate in the show. We have a costume rental program in order to make our shows more cost effective for our students and their families. The rental fee per semester is \$25 for most classes. For your convenience, the payment for the costume fee for each semester's costume fee will be included in the admin fee during their class registrations.

Each family is required to have at least one parent volunteer to help with our Nutcracker and Spring Shows. Last Spring was amazing and you all were essential parts of its success. Thank you! Sign up opportunities will be available after the Parent Meeting.

## **Additional Information**

It is sometimes necessary for the instructor to use physical contact in order to show a correction or adjust alignment. If a student is uncomfortable with this please email or direct message the instructor so they are aware and accommodations can be made. The teachers will be attempting to record the new material taught in class periodically and posting it to their class channel on Slack. This should enable the student to learn the new material if they miss a class due to sickness. The Spring Dance Show will be professionally filmed, edited and made available for you to view during the summer. Portions of this video may be shared in the future

on Fall Preview Night to demonstrate what the classes are like, as well as on the dance page of our new website. Care will be taken to follow the parent's wishes on the center's signed video/photo release form.

### Signature page

I have read the dance department syllabus and understand the information presented about my student being enrolled in class. I agree to this department's policies as well as understand my student is expected to participate in both dance shows and dress rehearsals in order to receive their certificate of completion at the end of the year.

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Student Signature                      Parent Signature                      Date

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Language spoken in home: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate best way to contact parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Health concerns/issues about students: \_\_\_\_\_

### How to Help

Each family is required to have one parent volunteer to help with the Spring Dance Show. Last year's Spring and Christmas Shows were a huge success thanks to all of our volunteers! Parents will be contacted by the volunteer coordinator. Please name your parent volunteer below. Interested in being this year's coordinator for either or both of the shows? Please contact the dance department head.

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Parent Name                      Phone Number                      Email

**\*Please print and return this page to one of your student's teachers.**