

#### FALL 2025-SPRING 2026 AUGUST 4, 2025-JUNE 11, 2026

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2026 Recital Classes: Little Dancers Day & Rising Stars

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Jennifer Burgardt Rolleen Myers Jessica Gray Salas
Susan Boreliz Holly Morrow Byron Seddens
Hayley Dickson Gia Ottati Kory Watkins
Gayle Farley Rosselyn Ramirez
Kristi Jackson Lisa Radzanowski

Jan Manning David Richards

#### **LITTLE DANCERS CLASSES (AGES 3-7)**

**REQUIREMENT:** Minimum age for enrollment is 3 years old. Little Dancers must be fully potty trained before beginning classes.

Code Level	Ages	Day	Class time	Instructor
800 4 Fun Dance	3-4	Sa	10:00 AM-10:45 AM	Tori
801 4 Fun Dance	3-4	F	4:30 PM-5:15 PM	Tori
802 4 Fun Dance	4-5	Th	4:30 PM-5:15 PM	Tori
804 Pre-Ballet	4-5	F	4:30 PM-5:15 PM	Rosselyn
806 Pre-Jazz/Hip Hop	4-5	Th	5:15 PM-6:00 PM	Tori
808 Acro Gym	4-6	Th	3:45 PM-4:30 PM	Jessica
810 Pre-Ballet	5-6	F	3:45 PM-4:30 PM	Rosselyn
812 Pre-Ballet	5-6	Tu	4:30 PM-5:15 PM	Rosselyn
814 Pre-Ballet/Jazz	5-6	Sa	10:45 AM-11:30 AM	Tori
816 Pre-Tap/Jazz	5-6	F	3:45 PM-4:30 PM	Tori
818 Pre-Hip Hop/Tap	5-6	M	4:45 PM-5:30 PM	Rolleen
820 Ballet	6-7	M	4:00 PM-4:45 PM	Holly
822 Ballet	6-7	Tu	3:45 PM-4:30 PM	Rosselyn
824 Jazz	6-7	Th	4:45 PM-5:30 PM	Jennifer
826 Tap	6-7	Tu	4:45 PM-5:30 PM	Rolleen
828 Hip Hop	6-7	F	5:15 PM-6:00 PM	Tori

Please read our helpful guide titled "How to Have a Great Dance Class Experience at SRVDA: A Guide for our "Little Dancer" Families" at the end of this document for additional information regarding expectations, dress code, and more!

#### **BALLET CLASSES**

Code Level	Ages	Day	Class time	Instructor
100 Ballet 1	8-10	W	3:45 PM-4:45 PM	David
101 Ballet 1	9-12	Th	5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Holly
104 Ballet 2	8+	W	4:45 PM-5:45 PM	David
105 Ballet 2	8+	F	5:15 PM-6:15 PM	Rosselyn
107 Ballet 3	9+	W	5:45 PM-6:45 PM	David
108 Ballet 3	9+	Sa	11:00 AM-12:00 PM	David
110 Ballet 4	9+	W	6:45 PM-7:45 PM	David
111 Ballet 4	9+	Sa	12:00 PM-1:00 PM	David
113 Ballet 5	10+	Sa	10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Holly
115 Ballet 6	11+	Sa	10:00 AM-11:00 AM	David
117 Ballet 7*	11+	Th	6:30 PM-7:45 PM	Holly
119 Ballet 8*	12+	M	4:00 PM-5:15 PM	Jan
121 Ballet 9*	13+	Th	6:45 PM-8:00 PM	Gayle
122 Ballet 9*	14+	Tu	6:15 PM-7:30 PM	Rosselyn
124 Ballet 10*	15+	F	6:15 PM-7:30 PM	Rosselyn
126 Ballet 11~	16+	W	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Gayle
127 Ballet 11~	16+	Sa	12:00 PM-1:30 PM	Holly

#### POINTE CLASSES (INSTRUCTOR PLACEMENT ONLY)

**REQUIREMENT:** Pre-Pointe & Pointe students must enroll in at least **2** additional Ballet classes.

130 Ballet Tech & Pre-Pointe~	11+	W	5:15 PM-6:30 PM	Jan
132 Pointe 1	12+	Th	7:45 PM-8:45 PM	Holly
133 Pointe 2	13+	M	5:15 PM-6:15 PM	Jan
134 Pointe 3	13+	Th	8:00 PM-9:00 PM	Gayle
135 Pointe 3	13+	Tu	7:30 PM-8:30 PM	Rosselyn
136 Pointe 4	14+	F	7:30 PM-8:30 PM	Rosselyn
137 Pointe 5	16+	W	8:00 PM-9:00 PM	Gayle
138 Pointe 5	16+	Sa	1:30 PM-2:30 PM	Holly

#### **BALLET COMPANIES (BY AUDITION ONLY)**

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150 Youth Ballet A Tech & Co~	9-11	M	6:15 PM-7:45 PM	Jan
151 Youth Ballet B Tech & Co~	8-10	F	3:45 PM-5:15 PM	Jan
160 Junior Ballet Co Tech*	9+	F	5:15 PM-6:30 PM	Holly
161 Junior Ballet Company*	9+	F	6:30 PM-7:45 PM	Holly
170 Teen Ballet Co Tech*	13+	W	6:30 PM-7:45 PM	Holly
171 Teen Ballet Company*	13+	W	7:45 PM-9:00 PM	Holly
180 Senior Ballet Co Tech*	14+	M	5:15 PM-6:30 PM	Holly
181 Senior Ballet Company*	14+	M	6:30 PM-7:45 PM	Holly

#### **JAZZ CLASSES**

Code Level	Ages	Day	Class time	Instructor
200 Jazz 1	8-10	Th	3:45 PM-4:45 PM	Gia
201 Jazz 1	8-10	Sa	11:30 AM -12:30 PM	Tori
202 Jazz 1	9-12	F	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Tori
204 Jazz 2	8-9	Th	3:45 PM-4:45 PM	Jennifer
205 Jazz 2	9-12	Th	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Tori
207 Jazz 3	9+	Th	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	Tori
209 Jazz 4	10+	M	5:15 PM-6:15 PM	Byron
211 Jazz 5	11+	M	7:45 PM-8:45 PM	Byron
213 Jazz 6	12+	M	6:30 PM-7:30 PM	Byron
215 Jazz 7	13+	W	4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Byron
217 Jazz 8*	14+	F	4:45 PM-6:00 PM	Byron
220 Jazz 9*	15+	W	5:00 PM-6:15 PM	Byron

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230 Youth Jazz Tech & Co~	8-11	W	3:45 PM-5:15 PM	Jennifer
240 Junior Jazz Co Tech*	9+	Th	4:00 PM-5:15 PM	Kristi
241 Junior Jazz Company*	9+	Th	5:15 PM-6:30 PM	Kristi
250 Teen Jazz Co Tech*	13+	Tu	5:00 PM-6:15 PM	Kristi
251 Teen Jazz Company*	13+	Tu	6:15 PM-7:30 PM	Kristi
260 Senior Jazz Co Tech*	14+	Th	6:30 PM-7:45 PM	Kristi
261 Senior Jazz Company*	14+	Th	7:45 PM-9:00 PM	Kristi

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- 4 FUN DANCE: Dancer's choice of appropriate Ballet or Jazz attire, Ballet or Jazz shoes, and Tap shoes (tap shoes preferably with velcro, buckles, or snaps that can be easily taken on or off without the help of an adult). Hair must be securely pulled back.
- BALLET: Solid color leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet shoes.
   Ballet skirts, ballet sweaters, leg warmers optional. Hair must be securely pulled back in a bun. Ballet shoe laces should be comfortably tied in a knot with the excess lace cut off. Adult Ballet Students: Your choice of appropriate dance attire and Ballet shoes.
- JAZZ/CONTEMPORARY/LYRICAL: Any style of leotard or dance attire. No clothing may be worn that obstructs the view of the body (baggy t-shirts, pants). Jazz shoes. No street clothes or shoes may be worn. Hair must be securely pulled back.
- BOYS BALLET AND/OR JAZZ: Sweatpants, dance pants, or shorts. T-shirts. Ballet and/or Jazz shoes.
- TAP: Your choice of appropriate dance attire. Tap shoes.
- HIP HOP: Comfortable dance/workout attire. Dance tennis shoes.



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#### TAP CLASSES

Code Level	Ages	Day	Class time	Instructor
300 Tap 1	8+	M	5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Rolleen
301 Tap 1	8+	Sa	1:00 PM-2:00 PM	Rolleen
302 Tap 2	9+	Tu	5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Rolleen
304 Tap 3 & 4	10+	M	3:45 PM-4:45 PM	Rolleen
306 Tap 5	12+	Sa	12:00 PM-1:00 PM	Rolleen
308 Tap 6	13+	M	7:45 PM-8:45 PM Li	isa/Susan

#### TAP COMPANIES (BY AUDITION ONLY)

320 Tap Company 8+ Tu 8:00 PM-9:00 PM Rolleen

#### HIP HOP CLASSES

Code Level	Ages	Day Class time Ins	tructor
400 Hip Hop 1	8-10	Th 5:45 PM-6:45 PM Gia	a
401 Hip Hop 1	9+	Sa 10:00 AM-11:00 AM Ko	ry
402 Hip Hop 2 & 3	10+	Sa 11:00 AM -12:00 PM Ko	ry
404 Hip Hop 4 & 5	13+	Th 4:45 PM-5:45 PM Gia	а

#### SPECIALTY CLASSES

#### Pre-requisites listed on Studio Director

Code Level	Ages	Day	Class time	Instructor
500 Acro Gym Beginner	8+	Tu	5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Jessica
501 Acro Gym Int/Adv	8+	Tu	3:45 PM-5:00 PM	Jessica
510 Ballet Co. Prep.	8-10	W	4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Jan
520 Contemporary 1	10+	Tu	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Hayley
522 Contemporary 2 & 3	11+	Tu	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	Hayley
524 Contemporary 4 & 5	13+	Tu	4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Kristi
526 Contemporary 6 & 7*	15+	Tu	7:30 PM-8:45 PM	Kristi
530 Jazz/Hip Hop Fusion	7-9	Tu	3:45 PM-4:45 PM	Rolleen
534 Lyrical 1	10+	F	6:15 PM-7:15 PM	Byron
536 Lyrical 2 & 3	11+	Tu	5:15 PM-6:15 PM	Rosselyn
538 Lyrical 4 & 5	13+	F	3:45 PM-4:45 PM	Byron
540 Lyrical 6 & 7	15+	M	4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Byron
542 Modern 6 & 7	15+	Sa	11:00 AM -12:00 PM	Holly
544 Partnering Class	14+	M	6:30 PM-7:30 PM	Gayle
546 Variations	13+	W	5:15 PM-6:30 PM	Holly
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## **TEEN/ADULT CLASSES (AGES 13+)**

Ages	Day	Class time	Instructor
13+	Sa	1:00 PM-2:00 PM	David
13+	W	7:45 PM-8:45 PM	David
13+	M	7:45 PM-8:45 PM	Holly
13+	F	7:15 PM-8:15 PM	Byron
13+	W	7:30 PM-8:45 PM	Byron
13+	W	6:30 PM-7:30 PM	Byron
13+	Tu	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	Rolleen
65+	W	11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Susan
65+	W	12:00 PM-1:00 PM	Susan
	13+ 13+ 13+ 13+ 13+ 13+ 13+ 65+	13+ Sa 13+ W 13+ M 13+ F 13+ W 13+ W 13+ Tu 65+ W	13+ Sa 1:00 PM-2:00 PM 13+ W 7:45 PM-8:45 PM 13+ M 7:45 PM-8:45 PM 13+ F 7:15 PM-8:15 PM 13+ W 7:30 PM-8:45 PM 13+ W 6:30 PM-7:30 PM 13+ Tu 7:00 PM-8:00 PM 65+ W 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

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# FALL 2025-SPRING 2026 HANDBOOK RULES & POLICIES | STUDIO INFORMATION EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 4, 2025-JUNE 13, 2026

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#### TUITION:

- To register, or to view current enrollment and tuition due, visit our Studio Director portal (link available on www.SRVDA.com)
- NO refunds are given on registration fees or tuition.
- Tuition is paid on a monthly basis.
- The Academy accepts checks, Visa, Mastercard, and Discover for payment of tuition.
- Online payment and auto-payment are encouraged. Tuition will be charged on the first day of the month for those enrolled in auto pay.
- Tuition will not be prorated for missed classes, nor will tuition be prorated if a class cannot be made up.
- A \$15.00 late fee will be applied if tuition is not received by the 10th of the month.
- If an account remains in a past due status, admission to class will be denied.
- Tuition is prorated automatically if registering for a class mid-month.
- A \$25.00 fee is charged for all returned checks.
- Monthly tuition may vary depending on how many times a class meets in a given month.
- DROPPING CLASSES: A 2-week notice prior to the start of the pay period is required when dropping from a class. Students who drop (stop attending class) without notifying the studio office are responsible for all tuition charges incurred; regardless of attendance, until the studio is notified.

#### Fall 2025-Spring 2026 PAY PERIODS & DUE DATES:

	TUITION DUE	START	END	LATE
1	AT REGISTRATION	8/4/25	8/31/25	9/10/25
2	SEPTEMBER 1	9/1/25	9/30/25	9/10/25
3	OCTOBER 1	10/1/25	10/31/25	10/10/25
4	NOVEMBER 1	11/1/25	11/30/25	11/10/25
5	DECEMBER 1	12/1/25	12/31/25	12/10/25
6	JANUARY 1	1/1/26	1/31/26	1/10/26
7	FEBRUARY 1	2/1/26	2/28/26	2/10/26
8	MARCH 1	3/1/26	3/31/26	3/10/26
9	APRIL 1	4/1/26	4/30/26	4/10/26
10	MAY 1	5/1/26	5/31/26	5/10/26
11	JUNE 1	6/1/26	6/14/26	6/10/26

#### Fall 2025-Spring 2026 REGISTRATION FEE:

One Student:		\$ 40.00	Max. Per Family	y:	\$ 60.00	

# **FALL 2025-SPRING 2026 TUITION RATES:** Based on # of classes for the entire family. **Monthly tuition may vary depending on how many times a class meets in a given month.**

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Classes Per week	Rate Per Class	1 (Full) Week Total	4 Week Total				
Drop In Class	\$29.00	NA	NA				
1	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$96.00				
2	\$22.00	\$44.00	\$176.00				
3	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$240.00				
4	\$18.00	\$72.00	\$288.00				
5	\$17.00	\$85.00	\$340.00				
6	\$15.00	\$90.00	\$360.00				
7	\$15.00	\$105.00	\$420.00				
8	\$14.00	\$112.00	\$448.00				
9	\$14.00	\$126.00	\$504.00				
10	\$13.00	\$130.00	\$520.00				
11	\$12.00	\$132.00	\$528.00				
12	\$11.00	\$132.00	\$528.00				
13	\$11.00	\$143.00	\$572.00				
14	\$11.00	\$154.00	\$616.00				
15	\$11.00	\$165.00	\$660.00				
16	\$11.00	\$176.00	\$704.00				
17	\$11.00	\$187.00	\$748.00				
18	\$11.00	\$198.00	\$792.00				
19+	\$10.00	\$190.00+	\$760.00+				

Additional fees applied to classes over 1 hour:

1 hr 15 mins (\*): \$4.00 per class | 1 hr 30 mins (~): \$8.00 per class

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**RECITALS:** Recitals are held at the end of the Fall 2025-Spring 2026 season in June. Recital information is distributed to families during the 2025 winter. For the 2025-26 dance year, SRVDA will hold **Little Dancers Day & Rising Stars** in June 2026.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES** (subject to change):

August 4, 2025- First Day of Classes!

August 4-9, 2025- Zoom Observation Week

August 14, 2025- Nutcracker Audition Form & Enrollment Due

August 15-17, 2025- Nutcracker Zoom Meeting & Auditions

September 1, 2025- LABOR DAY- STUDIO CLOSED

September 7, 2025- Photoshoot with Rosselyn Photography

September 8-13, 2025- Zoom Observation Week

September 13, 2025- Jazz Master Classes with Tash Marconi

October 24-31, 2025- Zoom Observation Week

November 24-30, 2025- FALL BREAK- STUDIO CLOSED

December 13-14, 2025- "Impressions of the Nutcracker" at DVPAC

December 15-20, 2025- Zoom Observation Week

Dec. 21, 2025-Jan. 4, 2026- WINTER BREAK-STUDIO CLOSED

January 2026- June Recital Signups!

January 12-17, 2026- Zoom Observation Week

January 24, 2026- Last Day of Open Enrollment

February 9-14, 2026- Zoom Observation Week

April 17, 2026- Spring Concert at the Lesher Center (featuring our 25-26 Dance Companies)

#### May 25, 2026- MEMORIAL DAY- STUDIO CLOSED

May 30-31, 2026- Little Dancers Day Rehearsals & Recitals June 11, 2026- LAST DAY OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR! June 12-14, 2026- Rising Stars s Rehearsals & Recitals at the DVPAC



## FALL 2025-SPRING 2026 HANDBOOK RULES & POLICIES | STUDIO INFORMATION EFFECTIVE: August 4, 2025-JUNE 11, 2026 (subject to change)

CLASS ENROLLMENT: Students cannot enroll in any class above their recommended level. Teachers have the exclusive right to determine the appropriate level. A 2-week notice is required when dropping from a class. No refunds are given on paid tuition. A student missing more than 2 weeks in a row without notifying the Academy is subject to replacement in classes with waiting lists.

**WAITLIST PROCEDURE:** On the Studio Director registration portal, students who attempt to register for a class that has reached full capacity are automatically added to the waitlist. If a space becomes available, the office staff will notify the family about officially enrolling in the class. The family will have 24 hours to confirm enrollment. After a 24 hour period with no response, the student will be removed from the waitlist.

#### LOW CLASS ENROLLMENT AND / OR

**ATTENDANCE:** A minimum enrollment of 5 students is required for a class to continue to be offered. If there are 4 or fewer students in attendance in a class at any time, the class length will be shortened by half, or possibly canceled for that day. Affected families will be notified if a class is canceled or shortened.

**PUNCTUALITY:** Admission to class will be denied if a student is more than 10 minutes late. Parents/legal guardians must not drop children off earlier than 15 minutes before their class and students must be picked up immediately following their last class. Parents/legal guardians are subject to a \$15 charge, plus \$1 per minute after 15 minutes, if a child is not picked up in a timely manner. The Academy cannot be responsible for overseeing students outside of class.

**CLASS CONDUCT:** Students are expected to be quiet in class, pay attention at all times, and show respect for their teachers. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and will result in dismissal from class.

MISSED CLASSES: If a student should miss class for any reason, please email info@srvda.com to let the instructor know. Monetary reimbursement is not given for missed classes. The Academy will do its best to provide make-up times for classes missed due to illness or other legitimate excuses. However, attendance is your responsibility and make-up classes are not guaranteed. Students are allowed a max. of 5 make-ups per class in a school year. Make-ups will not be allowed in classes participating in a June show after 1/31/26. Students must be currently enrolled to attend a make-up class. Make-up classes must be scheduled within one month of absence. Students may not make-up a class prior to missing a class. Make-up classes must be scheduled through Studio Director beforehand. Make-up classes are non-transferable.

**COMMUNICATION:** Most classes run back to back, making it difficult to speak with instructors. If you have special concerns or questions, you may talk to personnel in the office; if necessary, messages will be passed on to instructors. If for any reason you will not be in class, please email info@srvda.com to let the instructor know.

**PARKING LOT:** Our primary concern is the safety of our students. The parking lot has 2 driveways; one for entrance only and one for exit only; please follow signs. Parking is available on either side of the Academy as well as on the street. There is a drop off zone in front of the Academy. No waiting, parking, or double parking is permitted in the drop-off zone at any time. Faculty Only parking spaces are directly across from the front door; no student parking.



**COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:** If your child is feeling ill or has a fever, they should refrain from in-person classes and take, optionally, on Zoom instead. We will continue to monitor public health recommendations and requirements to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

**LOBBY AREAS:** The lobby will be open to guests as long as it does not get crowded. While in the lobby areas, please be quiet and respectful of classes that are in session.

**FOOD:** Food and drinks (other than water bottles) are not allowed in the studios. Popcorn, crackers, or crumbly foods are not allowed in the lobby. Other food in the lobby will be allowed only if the area is picked up, and wrappers and waste are disposed of in the appropriate containers in front of the Academy.

**LOST ITEMS:** Management is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Unclaimed items left at the studio will be donated or thrown away at the end of each month.

**VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY:** No video or photography allowed without the permission of the Instructor and the other student's parents/legal guardians prior to the start of class.

**CLASS OBSERVATIONS**: SRVDA will offer Zoom observations on the following days (subject to change):

- 1. August 4-9, 2025
- 2. September 8-13, 2025
- 3. October 24-31, 2025- Halloween themed w/ in-person option
- 4. December 15-20, 2025- Winter themed w/ in-person option
- 5. January 12-17, 2026
- 6. February 9-14, 2026- Valentines Day themed w/ in-person option Zoom meeting information and passcodes are emailed to currently enrolled families on the first Monday of the observation period.

Students, parents, or legal guardians who fail to adhere to the rules and policies set forth by San Ramon Valley Dance Academy will be subject to dismissal from the Academy. SRVDA reserves the right to refuse service to any student, parent, or legal guardian at any time.

# How to Have a Great Dance Class Experience at SRVDA A Guide for our "Little Dancer" Families

At San Ramon Valley Dance Academy, we are aware of the importance of a child's first experience in dance and we are committed to providing quality instruction for young children. Accordingly, classes are taught by highly experienced faculty members. We are also aware that individual needs and expectations vary. While some prefer focusing on a single dance style in a formal setting, others favor exploring multiple dance styles in a less structured environment. "Little Dancers" classes recognize individual needs and offer a variety of weekly 45-minute classes for children ages 3-7.

- Class Options & Content: All classes begin with a basic warm-up consisting of stretching, motor-coordination skills, and musicality.
- 4 Fun Dance: A class offered for younger dancers to learn 4 of the FUNdamentals of 4 different dance styles including Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Tap... while having lots of FUN!
- Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz, Tap: Classes offered in these varied disciplines take a creative, fun approach to introducing technique and style to young dancers.

In an effort to assure that our younger students have the best introduction to dance possible, our caring and experienced staff have compiled some valuable information for participants. Please read and follow the guidelines provided below.

#### PREPARING YOUR CHILD

Please prepare your "little dancer" for class by telling him or her what to expect. Make sure your child knows he or she will be required to follow instructions and that he or she must be courteous to others in class. If your child has a combination class that may require shoe changes, we recommend dancers practice putting on and taking off their dance shoes without the assistance of an adult. This is an important skill that will continue to be practiced in class as well.

#### BE ON TIME

Always bring your child to class on time. When students arrive late it disrupts the entire class and tardy children often feel uncomfortable and embarrassed. By arriving early, you can comfortably dress your child for class and take any necessary trips to the "potty room." You may also want to arrive early when making up a class so that your child can be introduced to the new instructor and class.

#### ATTEND CLASSES REGULARLY

Regular attendance is required in all classes. The children learn by repetition and proper step progressions. When classes are frequently missed, students often fall behind and do not learn the necessary material.

#### BASIC CLASS STRUCTURE

45 minute classes at SRVDA are most often structured to consist of a 15 minute warm-up, progressions, creative exercises, and a combo. We do also trust our instructors to decide what will work best for the group's skill set and interests, and this may mean alterations to that basic structure.

For our 4 Fun Dance classes, this structure is often a mixture between ballet, jazz, tap, and hip hop and will vary each class. For example, one week will include a ballet warm up and exercises with jazz progressions and combos, the next class may include a jazz warm up & progressions with hip hop exercises and combo, and so on.

#### EXPECTATIONS OF CAREGIVERS

It is important to have an open mind and realistic expectations of your child and the class. These are our youngest dancers, many of whom have just learned to walk and master stairs. The "Little Dancers" classes are an introduction to dance and movement. Our program develops basic motor skills, pattern skills, and the fundamentals of dance and musicality (relating to music and its tempos). Our age levels are based on the common overall development of 3-7 year olds.

#### WHAT TO WEAR

There are so many beautiful dance outfits, but really, simple is best. We recommend dancers wear class-appropriate clothing and shoes. The hair should be placed securely and comfortably out of the face with all distracting hair ornaments, bows, and jewelry left at home. For reference, here is our current dress code policy:

- NO jeans, dresses, skirts (other than ballet skirts), gum, or jewelry allowed in class.
- 4 FUN DANCE: Dancer's choice of appropriate Ballet or Jazz attire, Ballet or Jazz shoes, and Tap shoes (tap shoes preferably with velcro, buckles, or snaps that can be easily taken on or off without the help of an adult). Hair must be securely pulled back.

- BALLET: Solid color leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet shoes. Ballet skirts, ballet sweaters, leg warmers optional. Hair
  must be securely pulled back in a bun. Ballet shoe laces should be comfortably tied in a knot with the excess lace cut off.
  Adult Ballet Students: Your choice of appropriate dance attire and Ballet shoes.
- JAZZ/CONTEMPORARY/LYRICAL: Any style of leotard or dance attire. No clothing may be worn that obstructs the view of the body (baggy t-shirts, pants). Jazz shoes. No street clothes or shoes may be worn. Hair must be securely pulled back.
- BOYS BALLET AND/OR JAZZ: Sweatpants, dance pants, or shorts. T-shirts. Ballet and/or Jazz shoes.
- TAP: Your choice of appropriate dance attire. Tap shoes.
- HIP HOP: Comfortable dance/workout attire. Dance tennis shoes.

#### DRESS CODE EXAMPLES







#### WHAT TO BRING

For dancers enrolled in 4 Fun Dance, or those enrolled in more than one class in one day, we recommend having a bag large enough to transport the dancer's items to and from the studio. We also recommend bringing a spill proof water bottle for water breaks. It is important that any items brought to dance class should be labeled with the dancer's name.

#### OBSERVING CLASSES

All parents/legal guardians wish to view their child's progress and watching them truly warms the heart. But it can also be quite a distraction for our "little dancers." To ensure the least amount of interruptions to classes, please see our guidelines below:

- Please remember, watching is watching there should be no outside coaching during class.
- On observation days, you may view your child's class(es) from the Zoom application only.
- Make sure your children know they are supposed to stay in the classroom area, and can talk to Mommy & Daddy after class, but not during.
- If you or your child do cause a distraction, promptly remove yourself and the distraction from the class in progress.
- Videotaping and photography are great methods of documentation but should not interfere with the class. This will only be allowed with the prior express permission of the instructor, students, and students' parents/legal guardians in the class.

#### **OBSERVATION DAYS**

Due to safety protocols, SRVDA will offer Zoom observations only on the following days (subject to change):

1. August 4-9, 2025

3. October 24-31, 2025\*

5. January 12-17, 2026

2. September 8-13, 2025

- 4. December 15-20, 2025\*
- 6. February 9-14, 2026\*

- (\*) Indicates an in-person option.
- parents/legal guardians are invited to observe class by using the Zoom application.
- parents/legal guardians who observe will be required to turn off their video and speaker audio while watching.
- parents/legal guardians are not allowed to interrupt the instructor while observing.
- Please note that we often cannot control connection issues that may occur and cannot guarantee there will not be any connection interruptions.
- Videotaping and recording is not allowed unless there is approval from everyone in the class.
- If a parent misses an observation day, it cannot be made up
- If there are disturbances or distractions during the observation days, future observation days will be canceled.

We at SRVDA hope these helpful hints will make your child's dance class more enjoyable and offer an exciting season of dance... with many more to come!