

REVERENCE

Academy of Dance

Royal Academy of Dance Program

You should be aware of these important items that occur during the training year:

1. A specific uniform is required for your class; that may include a leotard, tights, ankle socks, skirt, character shoes, ballet shoes with or without ribbons, waist elastic, leather shoes, soft block pointe shoes and pointe shoes for girls. Boys will wear shorts, a white shirt, white socks and white leather ballet shoes.
2. Regular attendance in class is a must for the student learning the material as well as for other students in the class, as many exercises are group oriented. If attendance is missed more than 2 classes per month, a private lesson is required or the student will not take an exam.
3. Ms. Vera will determine whether it appropriate for the student to take an examination or class presentation. For Pre-Primary, only a class presentation is available.
4. A class presentation or class award is suitable for students who may be younger than their classmates, may have strength and capability issues, may not attend class regularly, or have health issues. A class presentation or class award is a very acceptable alternative to an examination because it is goal oriented and holds the student accountable for learning the year's material without the possibility of failure.
5. Students in Pre-Primary present their class in front of an examiner 6-8 students at a time with their group and their teacher. It is very important to make this initial experience a positive one. The following year in Primary, they will go in 4 at a time without their teacher and will have knowledge of the experience from their pre-primary presentation. This procedure is the same for all other grades.
6. Mock exams are important to simulate the exam or class presentation experience as closely as possible. This is why the student must attend with their regular grouping. Students should arrive dressed properly with a clean uniform and hair in a bun with bangs gelled back. The bun should be no higher than the top of the ears and hair should be secured in the bun using a fine hairnet. Mock exam times and dates are posted on the bulletin board in January.

7. Examinations are scheduled by the head office of the Royal Academy of Dance in Wisconsin. We are part of a 6 state tour for the examiner and once the dates are set, no changes can be made. Examinations can fall on any day of the week. We at Reverence have no control over the dates given. Your child may need to be excused from school for several hours for this very important event that your child has been preparing for all year. Through the years, both you and your child will realize that this exam or class presentation is a valuable part of their education in the fine arts. This year all exams are anticipated to occur in March before the break. Please do not make plans to travel during this time of year as no refund will be given on an exam entry.
8. Upon successful completion of their examination or class presentation, your child will receive a certificate of accomplishment. Please make this special for them. We suggest framing it in a fancy frame and hanging it in their room. It represents an entire year of accomplished work. The examination rubric totals to 100 possible points. Marks are given for technique, musicality, and performance. These marks are sent to England for verification and then returned to us 4 weeks after the end of our regional examination tour. Students grades are qualified as PASS, MERIT and DISTINCTION. Students in the British Isles may receive college credit for the upper grades. This has not happened in North America as of yet.
9. This year, the RAD is offering the solo performance award for any RAD 1-5 student who can perform all of the dances in the specified level as well as one non syllabus dance in any genre. This is a separate entry to the exam and a separate exam result will be provided with the awarding of a certificate of completion and a bronze, silver or gold medal.
10. You are receiving the most thoroughly researched and formulated education in ballet. We are fortunate to have registered teacher, and Examiner for the Royal Academy of Dance. Vera Stephenson. Ms. Vera is the only RAD examiner in the state, one of 10 in the US, and 200 in the world. There are only 3 RAD schools in Colorado and we are the largest school. We have had examiners from South Africa, Hong Kong, Malaysia, England, Italy, Canada and the US.

The education you receive at Reverence Academy of Dance is truly unparalleled anywhere in the state and you get so much for your money.