

THE RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL OF DANCE, LLC
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT
THE 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- FALL Semester will run from Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 through Saturday, January 27th, 2024.
- SPRING Semester will run from Monday, January 29th through June 9, , 2024. The Spring Performance is scheduled for the weekend of June 8 & 9, 2024 at the Ridgefield High School.
- The Ridgefield School of Dance follows the Ridgefield Public School schedule in the event of inclement weather - not school days off and reserves the option to have in-studio or zoom classes based on actual weather conditions. Notification will be sent via text message.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL POLICIES:

- PARENTS of PreBallet through Ballet 2 dancers are welcome to observe class. Parents of Ballet 3 through Company may observe classes the last week of each month.
- THE SCHOOL RESERVES the right to cancel a class due to insufficient enrollment and to close a class when it has reached capacity.
- DANCERS SHOULD ARRIVE at the studio with enough time to dress and be ready to start on time. DANCERS LATE TO CLASS may enter the studio at any time. Dancers Ballet 3 and up may participate in class if they arrive within 15 minutes of the start of class and with permission of the instructor. Dancers arriving later than 15 minutes may be asked to observe class. MOBILE devices are not allowed in the studio during class except when recording choreography.
- CLASSES MISSED due to illness or other conflicts may be made-up by taking another scheduled class on the same or lower level within the same term they were missed. Students are welcome to make-up classes in another discipline. There will be no refund or credit for missed classes.
- WITHDRAWALS There are no refunds for voluntary withdrawal from classes after the 2nd week of each session unless it is for a medical reason with a doctor's note.
- PERMISSION is granted to The Ridgefield School of Dance to use and publish for editorial, trade, advertising or other promotional purpose all photographic, video, and digital images of your child, in conjunction with the studio and school name. Parents who do not wish their child's image to be used in this manner must declare so in writing.
- A LIABILITY WAIVER must be signed through the parent portal, or on hard copy, prior to the first class.
- MEDICAL INSURANCE: The Ridgefield School of Dance does not carry medical insurance for its students. It is required that all dance students be covered by their own family insurance and if injury occurs it is understood that the family's medical policy is the only source of reimbursement.
- EMAIL & TEXTING: Please make sure we have your correct email address and cell phone number and subscribe to texting on our parent portal as we send out information about classes, class cancellations, rehearsal and performance schedules via email and/or text. Your email address will be used exclusively for The Ridgefield School of Dance purposes. Please include alison@theridgefieldschoolofdance.com, and alison@ridgefield.dance in your address book. Check spam/junk/marketing folders in case emails are accidentally re-routed. It is important to subscribe to texting on our parent portal.
- CLOSURE for COVID-19: Should in-studio classes be suspended due to COVID-19 related reasons, classes will immediately continue on Zoom on a regular schedule although some classes may be combined.

REGISTRATION & TUITION POLICIES:

To register your dancer and insure her/his place in class, please remit the following:

1. A signed tuition form or all information requested through our parent portal.
2. There is a non-refundable annual registration fee of \$75.
3. Tuition must be paid in full before the student may take class unless a payment plan is arranged and a credit card on file. Registration fees and \$75.00 of the tuition are non-refundable.
4. Payment may be made via Zelle: 914.414.3797, Check, Cash, Venmo @Alison-Brown-64, or credit card. There is a 2% convenience fee for credit card charges.
5. A deposit for costumes is charged in the Fall and applied to the purchase of costumes for the SPRING performance. Costumes, including shipping and sales tax often exceed the deposit. If costumes cost more than the deposit, your account will be charged the difference. If your dancer does not continue in the Spring session, costume fees will be refunded. The purchase of tickets for the performances

finance the expenses incurred for performances. Tickets are available for purchase 3 to 4 weeks before the performance.

6. There are absolutely NO REFUNDS for voluntary withdrawal from classes after the 2nd week unless it is for a medical reason with a doctor's note.
7. A discount will be given to families with more than one student dancing.
8. Discounts are void on past due balances unless a payment plan and credit card is in place.

DRESS CODE:

HAIR: To limit distractions dancer's hair should be neatly secured away from their face. Short hair should be held back in a headband and barrettes.

Pre-Ballet, Ballet 1: hair up and off the face in a bun or a tidy pony tail.

Ballet 2 through Company: tidy bun.

Jazz Department dancers: high pony tail.

NO JEWELRY (including braided wrist and ankle bands, watches or rings) may be worn in class.

FOOD - No food of any sort is allowed in the dance studios.

DANCE ATTIRE - Dance attire may be purchased at Joy of Movement located at 17 Danbury Road, Girolmetti Court in Ridgefield. 203.438.4555. We recommend that ballet slippers be properly fitted at a store for dance attire. We recommend Freed pointe shoes which are available at Attitudes in Norwalk.

FOR BALLET STUDENTS

Girls: Leotard colors with light pink tights with feet and pink ballet slippers.

Leotard colors & styles:

PreBallet Light Pink - Bloch Essential short sleeve leotard - unattached skirt optional

Ballet 1 Sun (new) - Bloch Girls Essential camisole leotard - no skirt*

Ballet 2 Lavender - Bloch Girls Essential camisole leotard - no skirt*

Ballet 3 Light Blue - Bloch Girls Essential camisole leotard

Ballet 4 Berry - Bloch Girls or adults Essential camisole leotard

Ballet 5 Aubergine - Bloch Girls or Adults Essential camisole leotard

Ballet 6 Black - Bloch Adults Essential thin strap camisole leotard

Ballet 7 Black - leo of choice or black Bloch Adults Essential camisole leotard or comparable

Pre-Professional Division - Black leo of choice or black Bloch Adults Essential camisole leotard or comparable *ballet skirt optional but must be removable and best used when leaving the studio

Ballet Slippers: Pink Ballet slippers.

Ballet 4 & up - LEATHER BALLET SLIPPERS (may be split sole)

Pointe shoes must have elastic and ribbons sewn on. Miss Jess recommends Classic or Studio Freed's available at Attitude 181 Westport Avenue, Norwalk CT 06851.

Please speak with an instructor for guidance **before** sewing on elastic and ribbons.

Tights: All female ballet dancers wear pink tights during class.

• For Performances:

- Ballet 3 through Pre-Professional division must wear Bodywrappers convertible tights in Ballet Pink Item # C45 (child) #A45 (adult).

Boys: White or Black T-shirts, black footless tights, white socks, black ballet slippers.

DANCE ATTIRE FOR JAZZ/LYRICAL/CONTEMPORARY/MTD DANCE STUDENTS:

Leotard: Black leotard and jazz shorts. If coming from or going into ballet class, ballet class leotard is acceptable

Tights: stirrup or footless tights optional for class.

Shoes: Lyrical/Contemporary: Bare feet, toe undies or pirouette slippers. Hair in a bun or high ponytail.

Jazz students: Tan or beige jazz shoes (no black), possible need for character shoes

Hair pulled back off face in a high ponytail.

No jewelry. No T-shirts or loose tops

Boys: Shorts and T-shirt

DANCE ATTIRE FOR TAP: Girls: Black Leotard, tights and/or fitted jazz shorts. Black, lace-up, hard-or medium-hard sole tap shoes. Boys: hard or medium-hard sole lace-up tap shoes.

FOR PERFORMANCES: All female jazz department (including Contemporary, Lyrical, Theatre Dance, and Tap) dancers must wear Bodywrappers stirrup tights # C32 (child) or #A 32 (Adult) in Jazzy Tan, and the appropriate shoes for class.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please include these email addresses in your contact file:

Office: 203.894.5957 Text: 914.414.3797

Alison Brown - Executive Director - Alison@theridgefieldschoolofdance.com and alison@Ridgefield.Dance

The Ridgefield School of Dance

Following is a guideline for class placement based on your child's age and ability.

Emphasis at the Ridgefield School of Dance is on placing the children in the best environment for them to learn, not just in a class with students of the same age.

<u>Class</u>	<u>General Age Guideline</u>
PreBallet A, B, C, D	3 - 4
Ballet 1 A, B, C	5 - 7
Ballet 2 A, B, C	6 - 8
Ballet 3	7 - 9
Ballet 4	9 and up by recommendation
Ballet 5	10 and up by recommendation
B6 & Pointe	By recommendation
Ballet 7 & Pointe	By recommendation
PreProfessional Division/Company	By Invitation or audition
Jr Tap (Beg)	3rd grade and up - all ages
Teen Tap (Int)	12 and up with tap experience
Jazz I Beginner	7 - 10 Elementary School
Jazz II Beg. Beg/Intermediate	Middle School & up by recommendation
Jazz III Intermediate	High School & by recommendation
Jazz Adv/Co	By audition or invitation
Theatre Dance	Middle & High School
Lyrical I Beginner	8 and up
Contemporary II Int.	12 and up and by ability - should have ballet
Fusion Adv Contemporary/Modern	Advanced dancers - Must have some ballet
Modern	Middle & High School w/ dance experience
Choreography Workshop	Middle & High School

Admission to B3 through PreProfessional division/Company is by recommendation of the instructor and according to ability. Ages will vary class by class based on experience.

1/29/24

The Ridgefield School of Dance - Fall 2023, Spring & Summer 2024 Calendar

Fall 2023 Session

September 6, 2023	First day of Fall Classes
September 22	Last day to drop classes
October 7	Indigenous Peoples Weekend Adj. sched.
October 9	Indigenous Peoples day - no classes
October 31	Halloween- No Classes
November 12 (Sunday)	Mandatory Dress Rehearsal
November 11 - 18	Tech week - Mandatory rehearsals
November 17	Nutcracker Rehearsals - "Snow" Tech
November 18 - 19	Nutcracker Rehearsals/Performance
November 20 - 26	Thanksgiving week - No Classes
December 7	Founders Hall Nutcracker Tea TBD
December 19 - January 1, 2024	Holiday Recess - No Classes
January 2, 2024	Fall schedule resumes
January 13 & 14	Adjusted class schedule
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - no classes
January 27	Last Day Fall Session

Spring 2024 Session

January 29, 2023	Spring Session starts
February 1	2nd semester tuition due
February 15	Last day to drop classes
February 16 & 17	Presidents' Day weekend Adj class
February 19-25	February Recess - No Classes
April 15-2024	Spring Recess - No Classes
May 24 - 27	Memorial Day Weekend - No Classes
June 8 & 9	Performances - Ridgefield High School

Summer 2024 Session

June	Ballet Intensives Int. & Adv.
July	Young Dancers Summer Programs
August	Wednesday Workshop (Jazz)

THE RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL OF DANCE

**2024 Spring Schedule
January 29 through June 9, 2024**

1/01/24

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
Studio A	Studio B	Studio A	Studio B	Studio A	Studio B	Studio A	Studio B	Studio A	Studio B	Studio A	Studio B
9:30 - 10:30 Nia Adult				9:30 - 10:30 Nia Adult						9:00 - 9:45 PreBallet C	
					10:30 - 12:00 Adult Ballet Mixed-level Start date TBD					10:00 - 11:00 Ballet 1C	9:30 - 10:30 Ballet 2B
	3:15 - 4:15 Jazz III <i>HS</i> & Jazz Co						3:30 - 4:45 Optional B7			11:15 - 12:00 PreBallet D	10:30 - 11:45 Company/ PreProfessional <i>Technique</i>
3:45 - 4:30 PreBallet A	4:15 - 4:45 Jazz Co choreo	3:45 - 6:00 Pre-Professional Division Company Ballet 7		3:45 - 4:30 PreBallet B		4:00 - 5:00 reserved for private classes	4:45-6:00 Ballet 6 Choreography	4:00-6:00 Company/ PreProfessional <i>Technique</i> <i>Pointe & Variations</i>		12:00 - 1:00 PreProfessional Partnering <i>optional 10 cl.</i>	
4:45 - 5:45 Ballet Beg 2C & B1 opt 2nd cl.	4:45 - 5:45 Ballet 3		4:45 - 5:45 Jazz II <i>MS</i>	4:45 - 5:45 Ballet 1B	4:45 - 5:45 Ballet 2A	5:00 - 6:15 Contemporary / Modern fusion	4:45-6:00 Ballet 6 Choreography	4:45 - 6:00 Ballet 5/ 6 Push/Focus <i>optional</i>		1:15 - 2:15 Choreography Workshop 8 sessions	
5:45 - 7:00 Ballet 4	5:45-6:45 Theatre Dance I (MS/HS) ages:10 & up	6:00 - 8:15 Ballet 6 & Pointe	5:45 - 6:45 Jazz I (Beg) <i>ES</i>	5:45 - 6:45 Ballet 4	5:45 - 6:45 Ballet 3 Choreography	Adv	6:00 - 7:15 Ballet 4	6:00 - 6:45 Strength & Flex			
7:00 - 8:15 Ballet 5 Ballet 6	7:00 - 8:00 Adult Tap Intro		6:45 - 7:30 Beginning Tap <i>3rd grade & up</i>	6:45 - 7:45 Ballet 5	6:45 - 9:00 PreProfessional Division Company	Contemporary I Int.	7:15 - 8:00 Lyrical I B4 & Beg.				
8:15 - 9:00 B6 Pointe B7 Pointe opt.			7:30 - 8:30 Teen Tap <i>Int</i>	7:45 - 8:15 B5 Prepointe/cond	Ballet 7 Repertory		7:15- 8:30 Ballet 5 Choreography				

Note: if the school is closed for COVID-19 related reasons, Ballet 2 & up classes will immediately go to Zoom format based on current schedule. PB & B1 will have scheduled make up classes at the studio at a later date.

Our 2024 Spring performance is scheduled for the weekend of June 8th & 9th at The Ridgefield High School.

2024 Spring Schedule
January 29 - June 9, 2024

1/29/2024

BALLET DEPARTMENT

Class	Day	Time
Pre-Ballet A	Mon.	3:45 - 4:30
Pre-Ballet B	Wed.	3:45 - 4:30
Pre-Ballet C	Sat.	9:00 - 9:45
Pre-Ballet D	Sat.	11:15 - 12:00
Ballet 1B	Wed.	4:45 - 5:45
Ballet 1C	Sat.	10:00 - 11:00
Ballet 2C/1A	Mon.	4:45 - 5:45
Ballet 2A	Wed.	4:45 - 5:45
Ballet 2B	Sat.	9:30 - 10:30
Ballet 3 2x/week	Mon.	4:45 - 5:45
	Wed.	5:45 - 6:45
Ballet 4 3x/week	Mon.	5:45 - 7:00
	Wed.	5:45 - 6:45
	Thurs.	6:00 - 7:15
Ballet 5 3x/week	Mon.	7:00 - 8:15
	Wed.	6:45 - 8:15
	Thurs.	7:15 - 8:30
	Fri. Push - optional	4:45 - 6:00
Ballet 6//Pte 3x/week	Mon. & Pte	7:00 - 9:00
	Tues. & Pte/cond.	6:00 - 8:15
	Thurs.	4:45 - 6:00
	Fri. Push - optional	4:45 - 6:00
B7 & Pte 3x/week	Tues.	3:30 - 6:00
	Wed.	6:45 - 9:00
	Thurs.	3:00 - 4:45
	Mon./Fri optional	
Company/ Pre-Professional Division 4x/week	Tues.	3:30 - 6:00
	Wed.	6:45 - 9:00
	Thurs. <i>optional</i>	3:30 - 4:45
	Fri.	4:00 - 6:00
	Sat.	10:15 - 11:45
<i>Partnering</i>	Sat. <i>optional</i>	12:00 - 1:00
Strength & Flexibility	Fri. <i>recommended</i>	6:00 - 6:45

**PreProfessional dancers must take class 4x/week incl. Tues/Wed/Fri. May take Thurs alt to Sat. Thursday is an optional day and/or make up day for B7/Company*

2024 Spring Schedule
January 29 - June 9, 2024

1/29/2024

JAZZ DEPARTMENT

Class	Day	Time
<u>JAZZ</u> Jazz (I) Beg.	Tues.	5:45 - 6:45
Jazz (II) Beg. Int.	Tues.	4:45 - 5:45
Jazz (III) Int.	Mon.	3:15 - 4:15
Jazz (Co) Adv.	Mon.	3:15 - 4:45
Jazz Mixed Bag Theatre Arts TBD	Sat.	1:15 - 2:15
Musical Theatre Dance I Beg.	Mon.	5:45 - 6:45
<u>TAP</u> Teen Tap (Int)	Tues.	7:15 - 8:15
Beginning Tap 3rd gr & up	Tues.	6:45 - 7:30
<u>LYRICAL & CONTEMPORARY</u> Lyrical I Beg.	Thurs.	7:00 - 8:00
Contemporary	Thurs.	6:00 - 7:00
Mod/Contemp Fusion (Adv)	Thurs	5:00 - 6:00
<u>WORKSHOP</u> Choreography workshop 8 cl	Sat.	1:15 - 2:15
<u>ADULT</u> Adult Ballet <i>mixed level 6</i> Class Session	Weds TBD	10:30 - 12:00
Adult Nia <i>all levels drop in</i>	Mon. /Wed.	9:30 - 10:30 AM
Adult Tap Intro	Mon.	7:00 - 8:00 PM

Fusion is an advanced level and requires a ballet background

In the event of inclement weather, classes will be cancelled if the Ridgefield Public schools are closed **and actual conditions warrant closure.**

Fees are as noted, however, tuition exceeding \$4,850 (excluding workshops & private classes) for any student will be deducted from the total. A 5% discount on tuition will be given to families with more than one student dancing. There are no refunds following the 2nd week of classes. There will be no refunds or credits for missed classes. Missed classes may be made up in any discipline within the session they were missed. Registration, tuition and costume fees are due by the 1st class unless a payment plan and credit card are on file. Tuition may be pro-rated only for families new to The Ridgefield School of Dance. Credit card payments are subject to 1.5% convenience fee.

The Ridgefield School of Dance reserves the right to cancel classes with insufficient enrollment.

For questions about the programs offered and general information, please contact Alison Brown or Jessica Boelts at 203.894.5957 or email alison@theridgefieldschoolofdance.com

REGISTRATION - Annual

Annual registration \$75 per family	\$	75.00	#1
-------------------------------------	----	-------	----

TUITION per semester - there are two semesters per year

Ballet Department:

PreBallet Ballet 1 - 1x/week	\$498.00	\$
Ballet 2 - 1x/week	\$498.00	\$
Ballet 3 - 2x/week	\$996.00	\$
Ballet 4 - 3x/week	\$1,743.00	\$
Ballet for Teens 1x week/non-performance	\$498.00	\$
Ballet 5 3x/week & pre pointe & conditioning	\$1,992.00	\$
Ballet 5 & 6 push - Friday - optional	\$622.00	\$
Ballet 6 & Pointe	\$2,615.00	\$
Ballet 7 & Pointe	\$2,988.00	\$
Company/ PreProfessional Division & Pointe	\$3,984.00	\$
Partnering 10 sessions	\$550.00	\$
Strength & Flexibility	\$375.00	\$
Ballet & Jazz workshops 10 classes	\$285.00	\$

Jazz Department:

Jazz I - Beginner	\$498.00	\$
Jazz I/II - Adv. Beg.	\$498.00	\$
Jazz II - Beg. Intermediate	\$498.00	\$
Jazz III Advanced	\$498.00	\$
Jazz Company	\$498.00	\$
Contemporary I	\$498.00	\$
Jr. Tap (Beg)	\$375.00	\$
Teen Tap	\$498.00	\$
Lyrical I (Beg.)	\$375.00	\$
Contemporary/Modern Fusion Advanced	\$498.00	\$
Musical Theatre Dance (MS & HS by ability)	\$498.00	\$
Choreography Workshop 6 sessions	\$225.00	\$

Subtotal per student \$4,850 (excl workshops) or total tuition, whichever is less \$			#2
--	--	--	----

COSTUME DEPOSIT* - Towards purchase of costume for Spring 2023 performance

PreBallet, Ballet 1	# of dancers __ x\$65	\$
Ballet 2	# of dancers __ x\$65	\$
Ballet 3 - Ballet 4	# of dancers __ x\$75	\$
Ballet 5, Ballet 6, Ballet 7, Company	# of dancers __ x\$125	\$
Jazz Dept incl. Lyrical, Contemp, MTD, Tap	# of classes __ x\$75	\$

Subtotal	\$		#3
----------	----	--	----

*Costume deposit is **only an estimate** of the cost of the costume. Actual costs may exceed the deposit.

Costume costs that exceed the deposit will be charged to your account. You own your spring costume.

Items borrowed from the studio must be returned in the condition they were loaned.

Thursday technique for B7 & PreProfessional Div. is optional and may be used as an extra or make up class

1/29/2024

#1 Registration	\$75.00 (Annual)
#2 Sprig Tuition	\$
#3 Costume dep	\$
Total	Items 1, 2 & 3

If you have more than one dancer at the school, please send payment for registration, costume deposit and an estimated 1/2 of the tuition. We will calculate your discount and invoice the balance.

Tuition (excl. workshops & private lessons) is capped at \$4,850 per student, per term

Payment Information:

Please note credit card payments are subject to a 1.5% convenience fee. Checks and direct payment via Zelle or Venmo are encouraged.*

Payment options

- Check payable to RSOD
 - Zelle to 914.414.3797
 - Venmo to @Alison-Brown-64
 - Credit cards - Visa, Mastercard. We no longer accept Amex
 - Credit card payments incur a 1.5% convenience fee
 - Cash
- 50% of tuition due upon registration
Balance due by first day of classes unless a payment plan is in place.

Payments that are 10 days late will be charged to the credit card on file with a 2% fee. Additional payment plans are available upon request.

Note: There are no refunds for withdrawals after the 2nd week of classes without a doctor's note.

*Mail checks to Ridgefield School of Dance 66 Grove Street, Suite B, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Credit Card info -

Credit Card # _____
Name on Card _____ Exp Date _____ Sec. Code: _____

Note: You may also register on-line by accessing the parent portal by going to our website: www.theRidgefieldSchoolOfDance.com and selecting registration under the "About" tab. After you register, an invoice will be issued based on selected classes.

Please make sure that all information on the parent portal is correct including contact information, birthdate, school and grade.

You must **subscribe to texting on our parent portal** to receive all reminders and class notifications.