



School at Peridance Handbook

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Welcome to the School at Peridance! We are so excited to dance with you! Please refer to this handbook for all up to date policies for The School at Peridance children's programs.

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GENERAL POLICIES

We are very eager to get back into our physical studio and dance with you! Please note that policies for our reopening have been put in place for the safety of our staff, faculty, students and families. Many reopening guidelines have been set by the city/state and in order to operate safely we MUST adhere to all of these changes. We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to safely come back to dance.

With many changes to how our building will operate from day-to-day, please read through our reopening plan and procedures carefully.

- All School at Peridance students must submit liability waivers before entering the building each day. We will be sending an active link with more detailed instruction before Monday, September 7th.
- All students, staff and faculty must wear masks **at all times** while inside the building.
- Check in process takes place in front of the building's entrance.
 - All students, staff and faculty will have a temperature check before being allowed into the building
 - All students must be dressed for class upon arrival as the use of dressing rooms will not be permitted. Students may wear street clothes over dancewear and should have **ONE** bag with them for any street clothes, shoes and water bottle to keep in the studio.
 - Once students check in, they will be required to wash their hands in the first floor restroom (designated for hand washing only).
- ONLY students will be allowed inside the building. Drop off and pick up will take place in front of the building. PLEASE LISTEN CAREFULLY to instructions given by check-in staff. Teachers or assistants will escort children to/from class.
- ALL CLASSES for dancers under the age of 8 years will be virtual due to the fact that parents/guardians will not be permitted in the building (please see Fall schedule for exact class status).
- DRESSING ROOMS AND WATER FOUNTAINS will not be available for use in Peridance Center

GENERAL POLICIES *continued*

- Bathrooms will be available for use and monitored by staff for social distancing.
- Each studio has a specific class capacity to adhere to social distancing guidelines. When necessary, classes will operate in a hybrid system.
- Pick up for all classes must be punctual.

For additional information, please see Peridance Center Reopening Plan 2020

Responsibilities of Parents & Guardians

1. Any medical, physical or emotional needs your child may have should be discussed before enrolling your child so that the teacher can help develop a curriculum to better fit your child's individual needs. Please contact a School Coordinator to facilitate this process.
2. NO children are allowed in the studios without a teacher present at any time.
3. It is highly encouraged that a parent or caregiver is present for our virtual young dancer classes (especially dancers under 6 years old) for safety and technology purposes. Many of our faculty have found that online classes are most successful when a young dancer has a parent/caregiver interacting with them and the online class.

CLASSES

General

For the first semester of Fall 2020 (September 10, 2020 - January 31, 2021) Classes will take place according to the following structure:

- Classes for children under 8 years old will only take place **virtually**. These classes include:
 - Creative Story Dance I
 - Creative Story Dance II
 - Creative Movement
 - Creative Ballet
 - Ballet/Tap Combo
 - Pre Level Classes* (Pre Ballet, Pre Tap, Intro To Hip Hop, Pre Core*)
 - Level I Classes (Ballet I, Tap I, Contemporary I)

- Classes for ages 8 and up will be offered in a hybrid fashion with a rotation of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the students at the studio and $\frac{1}{3}$ virtually at home. That means that each student will be at the studio for two consecutive weeks and will take the class virtually at home for 1 week. These classes include:
 - Ballet II, Ballet III, Ballet IV, Ballet V
 - Tap II/III, Tap IV, Tap V, Tap VI
 - Level A & Level B Street Dance/Hip Hop Styles
 - Contemporary II, Contemporary III, Contemporary IV, Contemporary V, Contemporary VI
 - Core I, Core II, Core III, Core IV, Core V and Advanced Core

The schedule of rotation will be pre-set, so all are asked to fully adhere to the schedule. Students who are not scheduled for an in-studio class will not be allowed into Peridance Center. We absolutely cannot exceed the number of students allowed in the studio. Parents may opt to have their children take class virtually only.

Based on guidelines and instructions from City/State authorities, we may allow additional in-studio classes as soon as permissible and realistically possible.

CLASSES *continued*

Virtual Classes

Peridance is working to provide the highest quality virtual classes for all our students. We are working with the online platform **FitGrid** which sends unique and secure Zoom links for classes out to students 30-60 minutes before each class is scheduled to begin. These links do not exist until 60 minutes prior to class start time at the earliest. The link is unique to each participant and should not be shared with anyone else. Students will receive FitGridlinks each week but students will refer to the schedule sent Sept 14 for their in person or virtual classes. Each week an email will be sent to these hybrid classes to remind in-studio participants and virtual participants where they will be taking class. **You will get a new link every week!**

To ensure you receive your class link please be sure to add hello@fitgrid.com to your email contacts. If you do not see the email, please search your spam and promotions folders. Look for subject lines containing the phrase "live-stream link".

Students or families who do not receive FitGrid links 20 minutes prior to class start time should contact a School Coordinator to receive the virtual class link.

Zoom Tips

- Select "Speaker View" in the top right hand corner of your screen to view your teacher and click "Mute" in the bottom left hand corner of your screen before the class begins
- Please turn ON your camera at the start of the class and keep the camera on for the duration of the class. We find this helps create a sense of community and also allows your teacher to see you to pace the class appropriately and provide feedback!

Trial Classes

The School offers trial classes as a way for students and teachers to select the best suitable class. A trial class may only be taken once per style/level. There is a \$35 trial class fee which may be deducted from tuition if registering for the class within the same week. Trials must be booked in advance and are non-refundable. Please contact a School Coordinator to set up a trial class.

CLASSES *continued*

Age Groups/ Levels

PERIDANCE WILL PLACE ALL STUDENTS INTO THE MOST APPROPRIATE LEVEL ALLOWING THEM TO PROGRESS SAFELY THROUGH OUR PROGRAM.

- All students are generally placed in classes by age with utmost consideration for level and experience.
- Final placements will be determined after the first few weeks, once we have a full assessment of individual students and all classes.
- Please note: a trial or placement class may be recommended to determine proper fit of level and ability for each class

SAP Program: Open Track

CLASS	AGE RANGE	PREREQUISITES
Creative Story Dance I	18 mos - 2.5 yrs	
Creative Story Dance II	2.5 - 3.5 yrs	
Creative Movement	3.5 - 4.5 yrs	
Creative Ballet	4.5 - 5.5 yrs	
Ballet/Tap Combo	4.5 - 6 yrs	
Pre Level	6 - 7 yrs	
Level I	7-8 yrs	previous dance training recommended
Level II	8 - 10 yrs*	2-3 years of dance training in this style recommended
Level III	9 - 12 yrs*	3-4 years of dance training in this style recommended
Level IV	11 -14 yrs*	4+ years of dance training in this style recommended
Level V	13 - 16 yrs*	5+ years of dance training in this style recommended
Level VI	15 - 18 yrs*	5+ years of dance training in this style recommended

CORE PROGRAM: Pre- Professional Track

Students interested in auditioning for the Core program should contact a school coordinator to set up an audition time.

CLASS	AGE RANGE	PREREQUISITES
Pre Core	7 - 8 yrs	No audition required
Core I	8 - 9 yrs	By audition only
Core II	9 - 11 yrs	By audition only
Core III	11 - 12 yrs	By audition only
Core IV	10 - 14 yrs	By audition only
Core V	12 - 15 yrs	By audition only
Advanced Core	13+ yrs	By audition only

DRESS CODE

Dress code is required for at home virtual classes with the exception of footwear. Dancers are encouraged to wear appropriate footwear, but in certain instances teachers will advise with alternative options to protect students' feet and floors at home.

For all classes, dancers should have hair secured back away from their face.

Please note that dancers for any ballet based class are welcome to wear pink or flesh colored tights with pink or flesh colored ballet slippers. We do ask that tights and shoes match for a consistent line.

Class	Dress Code
Creative Story Dance I & II	Comfortable Clothing (Leggings, T-Shirt, Shorts or Leotards) / Bare Feet / No Tutus/Detachable Skirts Please!
Creative Movement	Comfortable Clothing (Leggings, T-Shirt, Shorts or Leotards) / Bare Feet / No Tutus/Detachable Skirts Please!
Creative Ballet	Pink Leotard / Footed Ballet Tights / Ballet Slippers
Ballet/Tap Combo	Black Leotard / Footed Ballet Tights / Ballet Slippers / Black Tap Shoes
Pre Ballet	Light Blue Leotard / Footed Ballet Tights / Ballet Slippers
Ballet I	Lavender Leotard / Footed Ballet Tights / Ballet Slippers
Ballet II	Royal Blue Leotard / Footed Ballet Tights / Ballet Slippers
Ballet III	Navy Blue Leotard / Footed Ballet Tights / Ballet Slippers
Ballet IV, V & Core	Black Leotard / Footed Ballet Tights / Ballet Slippers
Boys' Ballet	White Fitted T-Shirt / Black Boys' Tights / Black Ballet Slippers / Black Socks
Tap (Pre Level- VI)	Black Leotard / Black Tights or Leggings / Black Tap Shoes
Contemporary (Levels I - VI, Core)	Black Leotard / Black Tights or Leggings / Bare Feet
Hip Hop (Pre Level- VI, Core)	Comfortable Clothing (Leggings, T-Shirt, Sweats) / Athletic Sneakers / No Crop Tops or Booty Shorts
Core Modern	Black Leotard / Black Tights or Leggings / Bare Feet
Core Jazz	Black Leotard / Black Tights or Leggings / Black Jazz Shoes

TUITION/FEES

Registration Fees

There is a separate registration fee for all students/classes. For one class, the registration fee is \$50.00 and for more than one class the fee is \$75.00. **Registration fees are non refundable.**

Multi Class & Sibling Discounts

Multi Class and Sibling Discounts are applicable towards Young Movers and SAP classes. During normal registration this discount applies toward every additional class after the first class.

Registration and Payment

Classes can be registered for through our online MindBody software platform or via email. Please be sure to read and understand all policies carefully before signing up for a class and contact a School Coordinator with any questions before signing up. **Please note that all tuition and fees are nonrefundable.** Payment is due in full* at the time of registration. We cannot reserve a space in a class until both registration and payment have been received. Monthly payment options are available for an additional servicing fee and can be arranged with a School Coordinator.

***Tuition Payment Options**

- Full Semester
- Payment Plan (4 installments charged automatically to a card on file with a non refundable payment plan fee)

Prorated Tuition

The School at Peridance will happily welcome new students into our programs should we have space available in the class. Students will be required to take a trial class first to ensure they are placed in the appropriate level and that both the teacher and student feel they are able to join in the curriculum with a late start.

TUITION/FEES *continued*

General Prorated Tuition Chart (Fall Semester)

Start Date	Tuition (for single Young Mover / General SAP class)
September 10 - October 24	\$698.00 / \$770.00
October 26 - December 5	\$482.00 / \$530.00
December 7 - January 31	\$266.00 / \$290.00

Refund / Cancellation Policy

There are **NO REFUNDS** once registrations and fees are processed and paid. **TUITION AND FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE.** In the event your child cannot attend their class or in cases of long-term health problems a school credit may be considered if your child is unable to attend class due to extenuating circumstances. This credit is applicable towards future children's classes only and is not transferable to any adult programs. All classes are subject to cancellation dependent upon student enrollment. In such cases a School Coordinator will contact all students in advance to coordinate alternative class and tuition options.

In the event that Peridance is unable to offer in-studio classes due to Covid-19 regulations, virtual classes will be offered. There will be NO REFUNDS OR CREDITS offered for classes that are transferred to a virtual platform.

ATTENDANCE

Check in Policy

Due to strict check in times, it is very important to arrive at classes on time.

General

1. Please notify us in advance when students will be unable to attend class. This can be done via email to kelly@peridance.com. The email should include the subject line: Absence, date, student name and class
2. Please keep us informed if there are any changes in caregivers or class dismissals and drop offs.
3. STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT FEELING WELL ARE ASKED TO TAKE VIRTUAL CLASSES AND NOT ATTEND CLASS IN PERSON. NO DOCTOR'S NOTE IS REQUIRED IN THIS INSTANCE. Dancers are always welcome to participate in classes virtually.

Core Program

1. Attendance for pre professional programs is MANDATORY whether in studio or online. It is imperative that students are in all classes in order to progress. EXCUSED ABSENCES include illnesses with a doctor's note or high school/SAT testing. These absences MUST BE COMMUNICATED as early as possible.
2. Students are always permitted to participate in classes virtually.

Make-up Classes

We cannot allow make-up classes except in cases of illness. We regret this policy, but it is unavoidable due to the limit of students per class. Only two make-ups per class per session are permitted, please email a School Coordinator to make arrangements. Make-up classes may be scheduled in the same or similar class levels and must be done through the school coordinator in advance.

Make up classes for the 2020/2021 academic year will only be offered through virtual classes. We will not be able to accommodate any in person make-up classes in accordance with city/state guidelines regarding class size and studio capacity.

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