Our mission is to enrich our community by providing affordable, high-quality dance training in an encouraging and safe environment for students of all ages. Our program aims to inspire a lasting love and appreciation for dance through a wide range of dance styles and levels.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Steppin' Out Dance Studio

Recital costume fees due Oct. 1, 2019
PREPARING FOR CLASS

PLACEMENT
It takes many years to train a dancer and develop the proper skills and ability required to advance. Instructors continuously monitor and evaluate dancers in class and reserve the right to place students in a different level class to ensure appropriate level of instruction is given.

ATTENDANCE & LATE ARRIVALS
Dancers should arrive prompt for class and be prepared to dance, allowing time prior to the start of class to allow to put on shoes, pull hair back, and begin any necessary warm ups. Dancers arriving late for class should receive instructor permission to join the class. Proper warmup is important for the dancer’s safety, and if a dancer arrives more than ten minutes late, may be asked to observe the remainder of the class. Regular attendance is essential to the progression of technique and ability. Unfortunately, classes will not be made up due to student absence.

CLASSROOM RULES & BEHAVIOR
No gum or food is allowed in class. Due to various food allergies, students will be asked to eat snacks outside of the classroom. Water bottles are acceptable; please no soda or sticky substance that can spill, creating a hazardous environment. Cell phones must be turned off or silenced during class. Courteous behavior is expected, and teachers reserve the right to dismiss any student who is disruptive. Dancers should use the restroom prior to the start of class to minimize class disruption. We encourage parents of children ages two through five to wait in the dance hall or lounge for the duration of the class. Students must be attended while in the building and may leave the building with a designated adult.

LATE PICK-UP
Please be prompt in picking up your dancer after class concludes. This allows for classes to remain on schedule and instructors to focus on their next class. Dancers will be released to their parent/guardian at the door at the conclusion of class and if you are late to pick up your dancer, the dancer will remain in the dance studio with their instructor.

CANCELLATIONS
In the event of a class cancelation, families will be notified via email or a phone call. Class cancellations due to inclement weather will be posted on our website and be reflected in a building closure.

LOST ITEMS
Please label all belongings with your dancer’s first and last name. Any lost items will be placed in the lost and found boxes located in each dance studio. If your dancer is missing an item, please inform the instructor or Dance Coordinator, Samantha Gaul, at sgaul@fvpd.net. The Fox Valley Park District is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

PARENT OBSERVATION
Classes throughout the duration of the session are closed to viewing. Instructors are encouraged to invite parents to view their dancer’s class twice throughout the session. Please refer to the calendar for exact observation dates.

COMMUNICATION
Steppin’ Out Dance Studio primarily communicates through email and important information will be disseminated this way. Information may include, but not be limited to, class cancellations, costume measuring, recital information, etc. Emails will be distributed from dance supervisor, Erin O’Brien, at eobrien@fvpd.net or dance coordiantor, Samantha Gaul, at sgaul@fvpd.net. At any time if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to communicate via email or by phone.
# Class Attire

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<th><strong>Class/Level</strong></th>
<th><strong>Shoes</strong></th>
<th><strong>Leotards</strong></th>
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<th><strong>Optional Dancewear</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Ballet</strong></td>
<td>Fairytale Ballet, Tutu Toddlers, Budding Ballerinas &amp; Basic</td>
<td>Pink ballet*&lt;br&gt;*Shoes should be leather or canvas, no satin slippers</td>
<td>Pink or black leotard</td>
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<td>Simple dance skirts</td>
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<td>Beginning Ballet &amp; Level I-V</td>
<td>Pink split-sole ballet*</td>
<td>Black leotard</td>
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<td><strong>Pointe</strong></td>
<td>Beginning &amp; higher</td>
<td>Pink pointe shoes</td>
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<td><strong>Lyrical</strong></td>
<td>Beginning-Level II</td>
<td>Tan jazz</td>
<td>Black leotard</td>
<td>Pink or tan convertible</td>
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<td>Tappin’ Tots, Tiny Tappers, Basic &amp; Beginning</td>
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<td>Simple dance skirts or demi dance shorts</td>
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<td>Level I-V</td>
<td>Black lace-up jazz tap</td>
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<td>Demi dance shorts only. No gym or loose-fitting shorts.</td>
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<td><strong>Jazz</strong></td>
<td>Jazzin’ Jrs., Basic, Beginning &amp; Level I</td>
<td>Tan jazz</td>
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<td><strong>Modern</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Hip Hop</strong></td>
<td>Little Jammers, Basic &amp; Beginning</td>
<td>Black low-top dance sneakers</td>
<td>Not required (Int/Adv. students may wear t-shirts)</td>
<td>Tan</td>
<td>Loose pants, leggings or dance shorts may be worn. No jeans or street shoes.</td>
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<td>Follow female levels</td>
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DANCE RECITAL

The 2019-2020 year-round session concludes with a dance recital held at West Aurora High School. Participation in the dance recital is optional, however is strongly encouraged as it allows the dancer to show pride of ownership with their hard work that is shown in class all year. Dress rehearsal for the 2019-2020 season will be held on May 8 and 9 for Prisco/Vaughan, and May 16 for Eola. Recital performances on May 9 and 17. More information regarding recital will be distributed in Spring 2020.

DRESS REHEARSAL

Dress rehearsals will be held May 8 and 9 for Prisco/Vaughan and May 16 for Eola at West Aurora High School. The purpose of dress rehearsal is to ensure the safety of dancers while developing their comfort with spacing and lighting while performing on stage. This time also allows instructors to work with the lighting designers and address any spacing issues that may occur. Dress rehearsals are mandatory for every dancer participating in recital.

RECITAL PHOTOS

Individual and group photos will be taken by a professional photography company during dress rehearsal. Each class will have a reserved timeslot that pictures will be taken. Photos will take place at West Aurora High School.

COSTUMES

Total costume fees are due no later than October 1, 2019. Costume fees are $60 for classes level 1 and lower, and $65 for classes higher than level 1. There is a costume fee for each class that your dancer will participate in the recital with. For example, if your dancer participates in four classes during the year, she/he would need to pay for four costumes in the recital. The dance costume fee is nonrefundable.

COSTUME MEASURING

Dancers will be measured by their instructor in class to best select the appropriate costume and tight size for the dance recital. Measuring week will take place Sept. 30 through Oct. 5 during your dancer’s class session. Parents/guardians will be asked to agree and sign off on the dancers’ size recommended for their costume. If your dancer is not able to attend class during the costume measuring week, please contact Erin O'Brien for further information on measurement options. Costumes and tights will be distributed in class in the spring upon arrival. Parents are responsible for alterations if needed. If a costume needs to be exchanged, please contact Erin O’Brien within three days of receiving the costume.

RECITAL TICKETS

Tickets will need to be purchased to view the recital. There is no limit as to how many recital tickets may be purchased per family. Additional information in regards to ticket purchasing will be communicated in Spring 2020.

CLASS LOCATIONS

Eola Community Center
555 S. Eola Road
Aurora, IL 60504
630-851-8990

Prisco Community Center
150 W. Illinois Ave.
Aurora, IL 60506
630-859-8606

Vaughan Athletic Center
2121 W. Indian Trail
Aurora, IL 60506
630-907-9600
2019-20 SEASON CALENDAR

Classes meet on days highlighted in grey. Visiting week dates highlighted in black.

START DATES
Sept. 5: Prisco/Vaughan classes
Sept. 12: Eola classes

IMPORTANT DATES
Oct. 1: Recital costume due date
Dec. 23 to Jan. 4: Winter break
March 30-April 4: Spring break

2019-20 RECITAL DATES
Dress rehearsal dates:
May 8 & 9: Prisco/Vaughan
May 16: Eola
Recital dates:
May 9: Prisco/Vaughan
May 17: Eola

CONTACT
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