



THE LEARNING LAB



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THIS FAQ sheet has been prepared to answer parent questions about the learning lab and to help parents decide whether or not it would be a good fit to support their child's education this fall.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE LEARNING LAB?

The Learning Lab at DSD is a way our business (Diamond School of Dance LLC) can support local schools by keeping enrollments in local districts via online and virtual learning opportunities within each district. It's also a way to offer support for parents who may not be comfortable going back to traditional school this fall and who also may be looking for more support and socialization than may be available at home.

HOW IS THE VIRTUAL LEARNING LAB DIFFERENT THAN SCHOOL?

The Learning Lab at DSD is a service offering at Diamond School of Dance LLC, an independent youth learning facility, which does not operate under the same guidelines as public schools. As a private organization, we are able to set our own class sizes, educational best practices and standards of care.

WHERE WILL THE LEARNING LAB BE HELD?

The Learning Lab at DSD will be held at Diamond School of Dance's state of the art performing arts facility located at 2861 Mall Dr. Eau Claire.

WHAT IS THE DAILY SCHEDULE?

We have two options: Half days (8:30am-11:30am) or full days (8:30am-2:30pm). Each day includes study time with additional enrichment activities, lunch breaks and physical activity to enhance the learning experience. .

WHAT DO THE FULL DAY STUDENTS DO FOR LUNCH?

Students will bring their own lunch and snacks each day.

WHAT ARE THE CLASS SIZES?

Each classroom will be limited to 15 students, which will be considered a cohort. Each cohort will stay together for learning, lunch and enrichment activities to minimize community exposure.





WHO WILL BE SUPERVISING THE STUDENTS?

Each classroom will be staffed by background checked, adult Instructional Guides whose role is to help the students to log-in to their online coursework and navigate virtual learning each day. Our instructional guides are also there to create a sense of community, foster safe socialization and facilitate daily enrichment activities among learners. A DPI certified teacher will support and assist with learning at The Learning Lab.

IS THERE A FEE?

Yes, The Learning Lab at DSD is a fee-based service similar to a day camp or other youth development activities. Registration requires a one-time, non-refundable registration fee of \$35 which will hold your space between now and the start of classes.

Beginning the first week of classes, weekly fees of \$25/per day for half days or \$35/per day for full days will be charged to your account on Monday of each week. For your convenience weekly fees will be drafted automatically. Please note: A one week notice is required to withdraw.

WHY IS THERE A FEE?

Weekly fees are charged to cover expenses such as the hiring of staff, background checks, training, administration, equipment, wifi, materials, cleaning and space.

WHAT PROTECTIONS AND PROCEDURES ARE IN PLACE TO FIGHT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19?

Diamond School of Dance, LLC follows the More Than Just Great Dancing!® Safer Studio™ policies and procedures which focuses on a hierarchy of measures beginning with avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms, followed by frequent hand cleaning and good hygiene practices, amplified cleaning, and physical distancing to minimize contact and mingling.

WHAT MEASURES ARE PUT IN PLACE TO FOSTER A SENSE OF NORMALCY FOR CHILDREN IN A PANDEMIC WORLD?

The mere act of getting up in the morning, getting dressed and “going to school” can be a significant anchor for a child in a turbulent time. Daily routines are stabilizing for children. Our small class sizes and structure minimize risk and maximize the joyful parts of schools such as socialization. Important routines of school such as classroom greetings, newsletters, enrichment activities in the arts and community building are not only still present in our program, they are more important than ever.



WILL THE STAFF AND STUDENTS HAVE TO WEAR MASKS?

The current State Emergency Order #1 allows for instructors to step back more than six feet from students and lower their mask to give large group instructions.

State Emergency Order #1 requires all students over the age of five to wear a cloth face covering while indoors until September 28, 2020. Students do not have to wear a face covering while outdoors if spread out appropriately from other children. Once the emergency order expires, parents will be allowed to make their own decision for their children regarding masks and face coverings unless another order is put into place.

WHAT IS YOUR ILLNESS PROTOCOL?

Staff, parents and students should know the symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Diarrhea (watery)
- Sore throat/congestion
- Headache
- Chills
- Muscle and joint pain (multiple)
- Nausea or vomiting
- Loss of sense of smell

Staff and students should notify The Learning Lab at DSD administrators and contact healthcare providers if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness and will be asked to STAY HOME until they are symptom-free for 72 hours. Any student who becomes unwell during the school day will wait in a special isolation area, which is supervised by a staff member, until a parent or guardian can arrive.

Students or staff who test positively for COVID-19 will follow the country's current recommendations for self isolation. Students may take up to a two week leave of absence and keep their place in the program.

If there is a positive report of COVID-19 in our learning community, we will follow the county's current guidelines for notifications.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

- Registration for full week and full day enrollemtn begins Saturday, Aug. 8 at 8am. and is available on a first come, first served basis. Half day registration will follow based on availability.
- Registration requires a \$35, non-refundable registration fee. Weekly fees will begin the first week of school and will be charged weekly on Mondays.

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- **Minimize risk...
Maximize JOY!**
- **Academic Support +
Enrichment Activities**
- **Serving the WHOLE
child through ARTS
and EDUCATION**

