

# BAAD FAQ's

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## General Questions

### **Why is there a dress code?**

Dress code allows the student to safely and comfortably move and perform routines without hindrance. It also allows the teacher to be able to see and correctly align and form student's posture. Proper shoes are incredibly important to prevent injuries. Lastly, a dress code gives the students and teachers a chance to focus on dance and not be distracted by dance wear.

### **Where can I buy attire?**

We have the necessary attire for classes available for purchase at the studio. You can also purchase attire online.

### **Can we join mid-year?**

Yes, you can join all year round. We recommend enrolling as early in the season as possible. Starting early in the season helps students to grasp the new movements and choreography with greater ease. There is the chance that if your child joins too late in the year their costume for recital may not come in time. If this were to happen your child would still be able to attend classes, but not perform in the recital at the end of the year.

### **My child is falling behind in class. What can we do?**

We offer private lessons for students who are falling behind or just want to get extra practice. Private lessons are available throughout the year. You can sign your child up for private lessons at the dance studio.

### **Can my son take dance classes?**

Yes! It is equally important for boys to have the same opportunity to learn rhythm & timing, coordination, classroom etiquette and an appreciation for the performing arts. Dance will increase strength and flexibility, and help to build a strong, healthy body that is a benefit in all future sports programs and professions.

### **How do I know which class to sign up for?**

All dance classes are broken into different levels in order to have a safe, challenging, and age-appropriate learning environment. We use ages as guidelines. However, we also take into account dance ability, maturity, and work ethic. Although parents and students will have input, the director will have the final say. Class placements generally take place at the beginning of the year, but there are some cases in which a student may benefit from being placed in a different class.

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## Studio Policies:

### What is the Dance Code of Conduct?

Dance requires discipline. Discipline requires proper etiquette. Here are some class rules that will help your child succeed in class (and out of class!):

**Don't be late for class!** By being late, students miss out on stretching and as a result, could injure themselves. Plus, it is poor dance etiquette! Students should arrive a couple minutes early, dressed with shoes on and hair fixed, ready to go!

**Follow the dress code!** A dress code benefits not only the teachers in their ability to make corrections, it benefits the student! By following a dress code, the student is safer, feels the unity in the class, and can focus on the movements instead of what he/she is wearing! Dress code includes the correct attire, as well as the correct shoes, no jewelry, and hair pulled neatly back and away from face.

**Come with a desire to learn with complete attention towards the teacher!** Not focusing on the teacher could result in injury or performing in poor form. Not listening also wastes valuable time in class for everyone. Dance is hands-on learning, so 100% participation from the student is key!

**Do your best to be a finisher—complete every combination, every class, and every year!** Dance takes discipline and a good work ethic. With all things, it deserves the time it takes to improve and to see results. Keep trying and you'll be amazed! If you need additional help, private lessons are available.

**Corrections are a part of dance!** Accept them with a good attitude, knowing that it's feedback that helps make a dancer get better and better. All corrections are constructive criticism, wanting you to achieve your greatest dancing potential!

**Practice!** Give every practice everything you got and practice at home! When you're in class, you should be practicing as though you are performing. That way, when it's time to perform, you are ready!

**Say hello, goodbye, and thank you to your teacher every class!** It's respectful, shows appreciation, and good manners are a part of good discipline. Discipline creates a wonderful learning environment and wonderful dancers!

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## Billing:

### **When are payments due?**

Payments are due by the 15th of each calendar month (September through May/June). All monthly payments will be automatically withdrawn on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. You will not receive an invoice unless you make payments online. You may, however, request one at any time. A late fee of \$15 will be added to your account after the 15th of each month.

### **What are some ways that I can make payments?**

For your convenience, we accept cash, checks, and credit cards. We also have an auto withdrawal payment plan which is connected with your credit card or bank account. Payments can be made securely online or at the studio. Checks can be made out to "Bay Area Academy of Dance".

### **What day does the auto withdrawal charge my account?**

Auto withdrawal charges your account on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### **How do I end my auto withdrawal?**

To end auto withdrawal please let Ms. Tricia know before the first of the month you want the withdrawal to stop.

### **Are there any other fees or payments besides tuition?**

We procure an annual registration fee of \$12 for every student (\$6 for returning members). Costumes are also a fee but those aren't taken out until January 15<sup>th</sup> via automatic withdraw.

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### **How much does Recital cost?**

Recital participation requires 1 Costume Fee per routine (\$65). Recital will also require the purchase of tickets. For your convenience, these fees are split up throughout the year. Costume Fees and tickets are non-refundable.

### **Why have a recital?**

Recitals are an exciting time where the dance students get to showcase all that he/she has learned throughout the year. It also develops in the student confidence and performing skills, crucial for any dancer.

### **When and where is the recital?**

Recitals are held annually toward the end of the dance year (end of May or early June). The venue (auditorium, theatre, etc.) is usually chosen based on proximity to the studio and date availability. The specifics will be given to you with plenty of notice.

### **Why do I have to buy a ticket to recital?**

The cost of producing a recital and renting a venue is very high but it is an essential part of our program as it is the culmination of the dancers' hard work. Because every family has a different number of people in attendance we don't feel it would be fair to build the cost of recital into tuition by distributing it evenly across all students.

### **Do all students perform in recital?**

Yes! ALL of our classes perform in the recital, except for technique and fundamentals. Each class has a pre-determined number of dances that will be performed in the annual show so everyone gets a chance to shine!

### **Are there any classes that don't perform in recital?**

Yes, technique does NOT perform in the end of year recital.

### **Does my child have to attend recital rehearsals?**

Yes, all students must attend recital rehearsals. This way students can familiarize themselves with the venue and dancing on stage.

### **Does my child have to attend dress rehearsals?**

Yes, all students must attend dress rehearsals. This way students can get used to dancing in their costumes and make any changes to hair and makeup before the day of recital.

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## **Can I be backstage with my child?**

Only designated volunteers will be permitted backstage. Backstage volunteers will supervise all children, not just their own dancer.

## **When does my child have to be there for the recital?**

Your child needs to be at the theater 30 minutes before show time. They need to be there early in order to get everyone situated before the show and to get the backstage volunteers familiar with the kids.

## **Can I take pictures at recital?**

Yes you can take pictures at recital, but we do ask that the flash be off as to not distract the students performing on stage. We will also have both recitals taped which can be purchased on the day of recital.

## **Are there class pictures?**

Yes, class pictures are taken throughout the recital day. We have professional photographers come in and take individual and class pictures. The photographers have order forms at their table so you can pick out what photos you would like to purchase. Purchase is not necessary.

## **When are class pictures?**

Class pictures are taken throughout recital day. There will be a schedule sent out of all the classes and times for pictures. Please be mindful of the time so you don't miss your class's photo time. If your student is not on time, they will not be in the class picture.

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## Costumes:

### **How much are costumes?**

Costumes are each \$65. Every class that your child is in will have a costumes for recital. If your child is in multiple classes they will have multiple costumes. Costume payments will be automatically withdrawn on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Are shoes included in the Costume Fee?**

Shoes are NOT included in the Costume Fee for any classes. We will communicate to classes which shoes and accessories (tights, hair, etc.) will be required for their costume.

### **Are tights included in the Costume Fee?**

Tights are NOT included in the Costume Fee for any classes. We will communicate to classes which color tights will be required for their costume.

### **Why are costume payments due so early in the year?**

Costume payments are due early so we can ensure we get the costumes we want. If we wait too long availability may be limited. In some cases a costume may need to be sent back for sizing issues, so extra time is crucial to make sure we have all costumes on time for recital. We also need to make sure we have the required funds to pay for the costumes before placing the order.

### **Do you offer fundraising for costume and recital fees?**

Yes we do! We do a Seroogy's fundraiser to help pay for students costumes. Costume prices add up fast when a student is in multiple classes so this is a great way to lower those prices for families. Additional information will be given out early in the dance season. Fundraising is NOT required; we offer it as a way for you to offset your costs should you choose to participate.