

Penhold School of Dance

REGISTRATION PACKAGE

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General Information

Penhold School of Dance is a non-competitive dance school located in Penhold, Alberta just 10 minutes south of Red Deer. We offer ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, musical theatre, contemporary, acro and hip hop classes. Creative Dance and Combo classes are also available for ages 6 and under. Many of our classes are once a week classes but two or three times a week ballet classes are offered to the more serious dancer. We believe in the importance of proper technique and training for all students. Your child will learn that working hard and having fun can go hand in hand! Our location has two studios, two bathrooms, a small studio store and an office. Each studio has a viewing window where parents will be invited on specific weeks to watch class in progress during the season. Otherwise our studio is run with a closed lobby. We find this helps encourage independence in children of all ages as well as keeps the class focused during class time. It is encouraged if you are new to our studio to come before your first class to meet the studio owner and receive a tour of our facility. Our hallways and lobby area are meant to be a safe, calm space for our dancers. Check out our website for teacher bios and more! www.penholdschoolofdance.com

Year End Recital

Our year end recital will take place at the Memorial Centre in Red Deer. Dates and ticket info to be announced throughout the season. Ticket price is normally around \$25. Our dancers approximately age 6 and under will have one recital in April about 1-2 hours in length. Our dancers age 7 and over will have two recitals in May about 3 hours in length.

Fees

There is a \$35 non-refundable registration fee for all classes. This \$35 fee saves your spot in any and all dance classes you would like to register for. Registration fee is NOT per dancer, it IS per family. For example, one family with three children who each want to sign up for a class, only need to pay \$35 to register.

Please see below for the exact cost of classes. All September class fees must be paid by September 25th, 2026. January session fees must be paid by February 1st, 2027. Payment can be made in full by cash, e-transfer or cheque made out to Penhold School of Dance Ltd. Post dated cheques may be submitted by September 25th for the fall session. Cheques must be post dated for the first of the month September through to April. There is a \$40 charge for NSF cheques. If you would like to pay in cash or e-transfer, payment must be made in full by the deadline. E-transfers should be sent to office@penholdschoolofdance.com Please be aware of the studio policy for late payments. If payment is not kept up to date on class fees, the studio has the right to withhold costumes and/or photos until payment has been made.

Costume Fees

Costume cost is typically between \$85-\$110 per class depending on the age and level of the class. Costume fee will be invoiced in the fall unless we have been notified the dancer will not be participating in recitals. Every effort is made to keep costume costs as low as possible. We source from Canadian companies only to avoid high shipping and brokerage fees. There is also a \$35 video fee for any dancer participating in our year end recitals. Video fee charged is per family, not per dancer.

Attendance and Cancellations

We would like to stress how important good attendance is in order for your child to be successful. Not only is dance a group/team effort but it is also imperative that your child attend class on a regular basis in order to feel successful themselves. If your child has missed more than three dance classes in one session (one session being Sept-Dec or Jan-May) without explanation, the studio owner will be calling or emailing to stress the importance of attendance. The teacher reserves the right to remove or change choreography for year end recitals based on attendance if they feel the group is being held back due to poor attendance. Keep in mind attendance may affect placement for the following dance season. No refunds are available for student absences. If a student misses a lesson, the student understands they are forfeiting the cost of the lesson. If there is another class time that is age appropriate for the student to attend as a make-up lesson, the student/parent must call or email the studio to arrange for the student to come to the make-up lesson during an appropriate week. If you are going to be away the best form of contact would be to email office@penholdschoolofdance.com and let us know or call 403-573-2002 and leave a voicemail.

Withdrawal/Cancellation of lessons

One month's notice is required for withdrawal or cancellation of lessons. If a student withdraws on February 15th, payment will be terminated as of March 15th. Costume fees will not be refunded. Registration fee will not be refunded.

MORE HINTS AND TIPS!

At the studio we sell bodysuits, tights, ballet shoes, jazz shoes and other dance attire. Email us to arrange a time to come in and check out our merchandise. We do have a used rack as well and appreciate any donations to our studio store! This not only helps us out, but also helps out new dance families.

Local store in Red Deer for shoes and supplies - June's Fantasy Costumes - It's a good idea to have your teacher approve your shoes before you wear them. Shoes purchased off of Amazon are not acceptable.

We do have a Facebook group where parents can share used dance clothes and shoes they are selling. Search PSOD buy/sell group.

Calendar of Dates

Monday, September 7	No classes - Labour Day
Tuesday, September 8	Lessons Begin
Wednesday, September 30	No classes Truth and Reconciliation
October 5-9	Viewing week for all
Monday, October 12	No classes - Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, November 11	No classes - Remembrance Day
November 30-December 4	Last classes before Christmas Break - viewing week for all
January 4	Classes resume
February 15-19	No classes - Family Day and Winter Break
March 1-5	Viewing week for all
Friday, March 26	No classes - Good Friday
Monday, March 29	No classes - Easter Monday
Friday and Saturday - April 2-3	Photo dates
Saturday, April 17	RECITAL DATE Petite Premiere for younger students (regular classes will run for them last week of April and first week of May)
April 19-23	No classes - Spring Break
May 3-7	Rehearsal week for May show dancers - regular classes and final week for Petite Premiere dancers
May 11, 12 (Tuesday and Wednesday)	Dress rehearsals at the theatre
May 17, 18 (Monday and Tuesday)	RECITAL DATES for older dancers

***** PLEASE NOTE SOME DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. SPECIFIC REHEARSAL WEEK NOTES WILL BE GIVEN OUT CLOSER TO THE DATE.**

***** Decision on which classes will participate in which show will be made by late October. Typically Petite Premiere is for dancers ages 6 and under, however this age is approximate.**

WHAT TO WEAR

Creative Dance/Combo Dance

Any solid coloured bodysuit. Any solid coloured pair of tights. (Ballerina pink tights preferred for girls or tights to match skin tone) Leather or canvas ballet slippers, pink or matching skin tone. A skirt is allowed but not required. Hair tied back away from face. Boys can wear shorts and T-shirt or sweats and black leather ballet shoes.

Musical Theatre Age 5 and over

Any comfortable clothing that is comfortable to move and stretch in. Black jazz shoes or ballet shoes. Shoes for the recital will be determined by the teacher by November. Hair tied back away from face in a ponytail.

Ballet

Any solid coloured bodysuit. Ballerina pink tights or tights to match skin tone. (Convertible for any twice a week classes) Canvas or leather ballet slippers, pink or matching skin tone. No shorts. Hair tied back away from face and placed in a classical ballet bun. Boys can wear black shorts or black tights with a dance belt and white T-shirt, black leather ballet shoes. Specific bodysuit colours will be required for ballet exams.

Lyrical

Any solid coloured bodysuit, ballerina pink or tan convertible tights. They need to be convertibles so they can go barefoot. Shorts and skirts are okay. Tan jazz shoes may be required for recital. Bare feet are fine for class until a decision is made. We will let you know by January if jazz shoes need to be purchased for recital.

Jazz

Bodysuit and tights with dance shorts or leggings. No pants with baggy ankles. Black jazz shoes, slip on or tie up. Hair tied back away from face. Boys can wear a T-shirt and pants or shorts that have some stretch to them so that they can move freely. No jeans.

Tap

Any solid coloured bodysuit. Any solid coloured pair of tights. Tight fitting shorts or leggings are allowed. Boys can wear a T-shirt and shorts or sweats. Black tap shoes. Capezio patent shoes are okay for ages 8 and younger. For older tap groups, (over age 8) Capezio patent shoes are NOT preferred. Tie up tap shoes preferred with a full sole, not split sole or slip on. Hair tied back away from face.

Acro

Any solid coloured bodysuit and convertible tights. Hair tied back away from face and placed in a classical ballet bun or braided. Boys can wear tight shorts and a T-shirt or tank top.

Hip Hop

Loose fitting pants or shorts. No jeans. Comfortable tank tops or T-shirts. Clean indoor runners. White runners for recital. Please remember there are NO outside shoes allowed in the studio.

FEE INFORMATION

You may post date cheques from September-April if you wish.. Please email or call to arrange.
Administration fees will be added for monthly payments.

Fees

<i>Sept-Dec</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Minute	\$170.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	
45 Minute	\$185.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200
1 Hour	\$200.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215
1 Hour 30 Minute			\$245.00	\$245.00	
<i>Jan-June</i>					
30 Minute	\$230.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
45 Minute	\$260.00	\$280.00	\$280.00	\$280.00	\$280
1 Hour	\$280.00	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$310
1 Hour 30 Minute			\$340.00	\$340.00	
<i>Costume fees</i>	Between \$85 and \$110 depending on the class				