

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. Please see the bottom of our registration package for things to do in our area while your child is dancing!

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 between \$18-\$22.

Fees

There is a \$30 non-refundable registration fee for all full year classes. (6 and 8 week dance classes do not need to pay this registration fee) This \$30 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 full year dance class only need to pay \$30 to register.

Please see below for the exact cost of classes. All September class fees must be paid by September 30th, 2022. January session fees must be paid by January 16th. 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 30th for the fall session. Cheques must be post dated for the first of the month September, October, November and December. There is a \$30 charge for NSF cheques. **We do not accept monthly cash or e-transfer payments.** If you would like to pay in cash or e-transfer, payment must be made in full by the deadline. The only monthly payments that will be accepted will be post dated cheques. 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 \$75.00 or \$85.00 per class depending on the age and level of the class. Costume fee will be invoiced throughout the season.

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. 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 and we have some used shoes and dance attire. Email us to arrange a time to come in and check out our merchandise.

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.

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 12	Lessons Begin
Monday October 10	No classes - Thanksgiving Day
October 3-6	Viewing week for all
December 5-8	Last classes before Christmas Break - parent viewing week for all
January 9	Classes resume
February 20	No classes - Family Day
February 27-March 2	Viewing week for all
April 1	Photo day
April 10-14	No classes - Spring Break
April 17	Classes resume
April 29	Recital for younger students
May 15-18	Rehearsal week at the studio
May 22	No classes - Victoria Day
May 23, 24, 25	Recital for older students

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

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 8 and over

Any comfortable clothing that is comfortable to move and stretch in. Shoes will be determined by the teacher in the fall. Hair tied back away from face in a ponytail.

Ballet

Preferred solid bodysuit colours:

Primary - Pink or Lilac

Level 1 - Lilac or Light Blue

Level 2 - Light Blue or Teal

Level 3 - Teal or Burgundy

Level 4 - Navy or Black

The above is not a requirement, simply a preference. Otherwise see below:

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.

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 or foot undies 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. 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 are allowed. Boys can wear a T-shirt and shorts or sweats. Black tap shoes. Capezio patent shoes are okay for ages 6 and younger. For older tap groups, (over age 6) Capezio patent shoes are NOT preferred. Capezio style #CG55 is a good shoe. Bloch and So Danca tap shoe would be fine as well. 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 and No dance shorts. Comfortable tank tops or T-shirts. Hip hop sneakers are ideal but clean indoor runners are okay. White runners for recital. Please remember there are NO outside shoes allowed in the studio.

FEE INFORMATION

- 1) You may post date cheques from September-December if you wish for the fall session. Please email or call to arrange. Administration fees will be added for post dated cheques.
- 2) A 15% discount applies to the total invoice amount per session when 3 + classes are selected **per dancer.**

There is no registration fee for 6 or 8 week classes, these classes must be paid in FULL upon registration.

Fee Schedule

6 Week Mom and Me	\$72.00			
6 Week Stretching and Conditioning	\$92.00			
8 Week Creative/Combo				
4 Week Adult Tap or Fitness	\$60.00			
Performance Group	\$250.00			
Sept-Dec	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
30 Minute	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
45 Minute	\$160.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
1 Hour	\$175.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00
2 Hour	\$235.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Jan-June				
30 Minute	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
45 Minute	\$235.00	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$255.00
1 Hour	\$255.00	\$285.00	\$285.00	\$285.00
2 Hour	\$335.00	\$365.00	\$365.00	\$365.00
Costume fees	\$75 or \$85 depending on the class - info to be sent out in Dec or Jan			

Ballet exams

If your dancer is to take ballet exams the following colours will be required. Exam bodysuits will be sold at the studio. Only dancers deemed ready will be invited to participate in ballet exams. Exam information and details will be sent out throughout the season.

Level 1 - pink - tank or short sleeve

Level 2 - lilac - tank or short sleeve

Level 3 - light blue - tank or short sleeve

***level 1,2 3 can choose either tank or short sleeve

Level 4 - teal - sweetheart style

Level 5 - burgundy - sweetheart style

Level 6 - navy - sweetheart style

Level 7 - black - sweetheart, strappy back or mesh crossed back

Things to do in Penhold!

Local shops and services - IGA grocery store, Ma & Pa's Bakery, Organic Oasis Spa and Salon, Penhold Family Restaurant, Studio D Salon, Subway, Pizza Stop, Tim Hortons, Burger King, Dairy Queen, IDA Pharmacy.

The Penhold Regional Multiplex has a library, fitness center, running track and ice arena.

Penhold has many parks and playgrounds. There is a lovely walk down to the bird sanctuary if you head south on Fleming Avenue from the studio. Turn right at the end of Fleming Ave to cross the railroad tracks then turn left and continue down the gravel road. This is also a great spot to take photos in the fall!

Of course we are only 10 minutes away from Gasoline Alley where you can find bigger stores such as Costco and Staples.