The mission of the Naperville Park District Dance Academy is to provide quality dance training to interested students of all ages. Students learn about dance and appreciation of the art in addition to steps and technique.

Beginning with our youngest dancers in mind and progressing to all levels of Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Tap and more, our classes are carefully constructed to provide effective learning environments that are fun and professional, technical and creative and taught by qualified, experienced instructors.

The NPD Dance Academy is directed by Kristy Meza, who brings a wealth of experience in choreography and teaching to the program. It is the dedication of all of the wonderful teachers and their commitment to the training of young dancers that continues to build this program and sustain its excellence.

Thank you for choosing Naperville Dance Academy at the Naperville Park District. We are looking forward to another great season!
LATE ARRIVALS
Students are expected to be in the classroom, dressed and ready to begin class at the scheduled time. Classes are structured to warm up muscles slowly and properly. Jumping into a class that has already started may cause injury. If a student is tardy, please see the instructor and ask whether he/she can join the class or sit out to warm up on their own. Students younger than seven will be able to participate as soon as the instructor gives the approval. If a student is 10+ minutes late, two consecutive times, he/she will receive a Late Slip Notice. If the student arrives more than 10 minutes late a third time, parents will be notified by the instructor and/or the Dance Coordinator.

LATE PICKUP
It is important for the students’ safety to arrive on time to pick up your child. If a student is not picked up on time, the instructor will call the parent and have the student wait in the studio until the parent picks up their child. No child will be left unattended in the lobby/waiting area.

CLASS CANCELLATIONS
Any decision to cancel classes due to weather conditions will be posted on the website at www.napervilleparks.org/cancellations and available at 630-848-5000. Any other cancellations (due to instructor illness, family emergency etc.) will be posted on the door of the dance room. We will also notify via email or a phone call if timing allows.

BATHROOM PROCEDURES
We encourage dancers to use the restroom prior to class in order to minimize class interruptions. If your child is 5 and under and has to use the restroom during class, a parent must accompany them. We use the buddy system for dancers 6 and up; two dancers will walk to the restroom together. It is strongly encouraged for parents of children aged 3-5 to wait in the lobby during class in case their child needs to use the restroom.

COMMUNICATION
Naperville Dance Academy’s primary communication is through email. Please watch for these emails as they will contain important information related to your dancer’s class. If you wish to speak with your dancer’s instructor, please send an email to kmeza@napervilleparks.org. In the event of an emergency please call 630-848-3618.

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PARENT OBSERVATION
We encourage parents and family members to observe their dancer every session. Parent observation takes place the last 20 minutes of class during designated weeks each session. Parent observation dates may change due to cancellations or instructor availabilities. In the event of a changed Parent Observation date, you will be notified via email the new date as well as reminded by the instructor during class. Please visit our website at www.napervilleparks.org/dance for parent observation dates.

LOST ITEMS
Please label all belongings with first and last names. A lost and found box/designated area can be found in each of our studios. If your dancer is missing an item, please inform the instructor or email kmeza@napervilleparks.org.

BEHAVIOR
It is important that we maintain an environment that is safe and conducive to learning for all our students in the dance studio. Students who are unable to meet behavior expectations will be addressed on a case-by-case basis with parent notification if the instructor is unable to resolve the issue. Instructors will notify parents if any of the following behaviors are exhibited in class: continuous disruptive behavior, defiance of authority, disrespectful/abusive behavior, hitting, roughing or physical abuse, and throwing objects.

Although discipline problems in dance classes rarely warrants it, the Naperville Park District reserves the right to exclude from the program any child whose behavior seriously disrupts the program or who is a danger to him/herself or others. When a child has a pattern of unacceptable behavior, the staff will work with the parents on a plan for helping the child to develop self-control and acceptable behavior. We may use the resources of Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) for assistance in observing and suggesting methods of working with the child. Parents will be notified before someone from WDSRA is called in to observe their child. If it becomes necessary to exclude the child, we will make every effort to assist the parents in locating an appropriate program to meet their child’s needs.
Dress Code

- All long hair should be pulled back, out of the face, for all classes. Ponytails, braids and buns are encouraged.
- Dance shoes are encouraged for all classes with the exception of Modern/Contemporary.
- Pants worn for classes must not cover the feet.
- No visible undergarments should be worn under leotards and tights.

**Adult Ballet and Advanced Beginning Ballet**
Dance or workout attire with ballet shoes.

**Adult Jazz**
Dance or workout attire with jazz shoes.

**Adult Modern**
Dance or workout attire with bare feet or foot undeeez.

**Ballet Basics**
**GIRLS:** Solid colored leotard, any style, (tank, camisole, short-sleeved, or long-sleeved) pink footed tights, pink leather ballet shoes.
**BOYS:** Plain solid colored t-shirt, black tights or pants, black leather ballet shoes.

**Ballet: Junior thru Level 5**
**GIRLS:** Plain black leotard, any style, (tank, camisole, short-sleeved, or long-sleeved) footed or convertible tights, and pink leather or pink canvas ballet shoes. Hair pulled back in a bun.
**BOYS:** Plain white t-shirt, black tights or pants, black leather ballet shoes.

**Ballet: Pointe and Pre-Pointe**
Plain black leotard, any style (tank, camisole, short-sleeved, or long-sleeved) pink convertible tights, and professionally fit pointe or pre-pointe shoes. Hair pulled back in a bun. Black chiffon pointe skirt may also be worn.

**Ballet/Jazz**
**GIRLS:** Plain black leotard, any style, (tank, camisole, short-sleeved, or long-sleeved) pink or black footed or convertible tights, pink leather ballet shoes and black leather jazz shoes. Hair pulled back in a bun.
**BOYS:** Plain white t-shirt, black tights or pants, black leather ballet shoes and black leather jazz shoes.

**Ballet/Tap Combo**
**GIRLS:** Solid colored leotard, any style, (tank, camisole, short-sleeved, or long-sleeved) footed tights, pink leather ballet shoes, black tap shoes.
**BOYS:** Plain, solid colored t-shirt, black tights or pants, black leather ballet shoes and black oxford tap shoes.

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Competition Dance

GIRLS: Solid colored leotard, black tights, black jazz pants, or dance shorts, black leather jazz shoes.

BOYS: Solid colored t-shirt, black tights, black jazz pants, or black shorts, black leather jazz shoes.

Élan Senior, Apprentice and Junior Company Rehearsals

Solid colored leotard, any style, tights, (convertible recommended) and multiple styles of dance shoes. Hair must be pulled back in a bun or ponytail. Dance pants or dance shorts may also be worn. No sweat pants, t-shirts, or other non-dance attire allowed.

Jazz: Level 1 thru Level 5 and Stretch and Strengthen

GIRLS: Solid colored leotard, black tights, black jazz pants, or dance shorts, black leather jazz shoes.

BOYS: Solid colored t-shirt, black tights, black jazz pants or dance shorts, black leather jazz shoes.

Hippity Hoppers, Hip Hop/Jazz Fusion, Hip Hop/Jazz: Levels 1 thru 3, Mini Jazzers, Boys’ Hip Hop and Dance & Pom

Comfortable dance/athletic* clothes and jazz shoes. No jeans or outside shoes allowed. 3-5 year old Hippity Hoppers may wear clean gym shoes.

Tap

Comfortable dance/athletic* clothes, black tap shoes. No jeans allowed. Boys wear black oxford tap shoes.

Modern/Contemporary

GIRLS: Solid colored leotard, footless tights, black jazz pants, or black shorts, foot undeez, or bare feet.

BOYS: solid colored t-shirt, footless tights, black jazz pants or dance shorts, foot undeez, or bare feet.

Pirouette with Me and Storybook Ballet

GIRLS: dance attire of your choice with pink leather ballet shoes.

BOYS: dance or athletic attire of your choice with black leather ballet shoes.

*Dance clothes are form fitting athletic wear, such as leggings, shorts, tank tops, and t-shirts. Sweatpants can be worn for Hippity Hoppers and Hip-Hop/Jazz Fusion.
We finish our dance recital session with performances held at North Central College’s Pfeiffer Hall. The 2019-2020 spring recital rehearsal will be held on Saturday, May 30 with performances taking place on Sunday, May 31. There will be at least three recital performances. If your child is in multiple classes or you have multiple children in the program they may be in separate performances. Rehearsal information as well as performance line-up will be provided in April.

**DRESS REHEARSAL**
Dress rehearsals will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at North Central College’s Pfeiffer Hall. Dress rehearsals help dancers understand the stage layout while also developing a level of comfort in front of an audience. They also allow instructors to preview lights, formations and address any costume issues. Dress rehearsals are mandatory for every dancer performing. Individual and group photos will be taken during your dancer’s scheduled dress rehearsal time slot. Specific times and information will be provided in April.

**COSTUMES**
Included in the cost of the dance program is a nonrefundable dance costume fee. Dancers will be measured for costume sizes in class in October for Fall Recital classes and on the first day of class for Winter Recital classes. Costumes are ordered at the end of November for all Fall Recital classes and in January for Winter Recital classes. Dance costume fee is nonrefundable after the order has been placed. Parents are responsible for alterations if needed. Exchanges will be made only if approved by the instructor and Dance Coordinator and communicated within three days of receiving the costume. Costumes will be distributed in class as they arrive.

**RECITAL TICKETS**
Each student will receive a specific number of tickets per performance at no cost. Specific information on the amount of tickets each student will receive will be communicated in April.
95th Street Center • Room 208/209
2244 West 95th St. • Naperville, IL 60564
PHONE: 630-864-3955

Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center • Room 123
305 W. Jackson Ave. • Naperville, IL 60540
PHONE: 630-848-3615

Fort Hill Activity Center • Studio B
20 Fort Hill Drive • Naperville, IL 60540
PHONE: 630-995-8900

Naperville Central High School • Door #28
440 W. Aurora Ave. • Naperville, IL 60540

Xilin Association • Studio A
1163 E. Ogden Ave., Suite 610 • Naperville, IL 60563