

Welcome to our dance Family!

I am so excited for you to join us this season! At Ripon Academy of Dance, it is our goal to share the love of dance with each student who walks through our doors. As the Director, I am committed to ensuring that you have the best experience. If you ever need to reach me directly to discuss an issue, please contact director@ripondance209.com

For general information and questions, you can speak with our staff at the desk, by phone, or via email.
(209) 647-8298 info@ripondance209.com

Thank you for choosing Ripon Academy of Dance!
We look forward to watching your dancer
learn, grow and excel!

~Miss Danielle Robinette



2025-2026 Dates to Note

Please keep this in a safe place for your reference throughout the year.

August 4th	Classes Begin!
September 1	Labor Day--NO CLASSES
October 27-30	Wear your Halloween costume!
November 11	Veteran's Day-- NO CLASSES
November 26 - 27.....	Thanksgiving Break--NO CLASSES
December 2025.....	December Showcase (exact date TBD)
December 11.....	<i>**Tentative** Studio-wide participation in Ripon Lights Parade</i>
December 22-Jan 2	Christmas Break--NO CLASSES
January 19	MLK Jr. Day-- NO CLASSES
February 16	Presidents Day--NO CLASSES
April 6-9	Spring Break--NO CLASSES
May 17.....	Picture Day (starting in the afternoon)
May 25	Memorial Day--NO CLASSES
June 2025	Summer Recital (exact date TBD)

Additional specific due dates and such will be announced throughout the season.

Annual Tuition is based on receiving at least 36 lessons in the entire dance year, but for your convenience, may be paid in monthly installments. No charges will be added for months with extra class days and no refunds will be given for months with fewer class days.

Tuition and Payment Policies

A one-time enrollment fee of \$25 is charged for new families only, and is payable in full before the dancer's first class. Tuition charges are based on the entire dance year, but for your convenience, may be paid in monthly installments. No charges will be added for months with extra class days and no refunds will be given for months with less class days. Dancers who enroll mid-year will receive pro-rated monthly tuition. Dancers who give a 30-day drop notice before the end of the season are not responsible for the remaining months of tuition payments.

Tuition payments are due on the 1st of each month. If your account has a balance due on the 1st of the month, it will be withdrawn from your card on file. You will incur a \$15 late fee if tuition is not paid by the 15th. Bills will not be mailed. Accounts may be paid by check, cash, or credit card during regular office hours, or via your Parent's Portal online. Tuition thirty days past due will result in the suspension of your student's dance instruction until the account is brought current.

Returned Checks: In addition to all bank fees, a returned check fee of \$25.00 per check will be assessed for each check your bank returns to us unpaid. If we receive two such returns from your bank, all further transactions must be by cash or credit card for the remainder of the dance year.

All costume charges for the recital must be fully paid prior to ordering. All tuition, late fees, dance portrait fees, and/or any other outstanding balances must be paid in full prior to participation in our Summer recital. Tuition, registration fees, costume payments, convention fees, and performance tickets are non-refundable. If for some reason, you must drop mid-year, you must do this through your parent's portal online.

Attendance

Attendance is the key to success for not only each individual dancer, but also for the entire class. Students cannot move into a higher level of dance until they've mastered their current level. This is for the well-being of the class and the safety of the dancers. There are no refunds for missed classes.

In Class Behavior

Respect instructors, dancers, and parents at all times.

Do not distract or disrupt your class or any other class. This includes NOT using cell phones in class.

Do not curse while at the studio or at the recital location.

Be kind and treat others how you want to be treated.

Dress according to our dress code for each class.

Parent/Sibling/Friend Observation

Should you choose to stay and watch your child's class, it is important not to talk to them through the window or cause any other sort of distraction. Please be sure siblings are not causing a distraction as well. Dancers will progress when their full attention is in the studio. Curtains will be drawn if distractions become an issue. In order to minimize the potential for outside distractions, we must require that our dancers not bring their boyfriends/girlfriends to class with them.

Dress Code

Ballet: Leotard and tights. Dance shorts or skirt optional. Pink ballet shoes. Hair completely up and pulled out of the face—in a bun if hair is long enough.

Jazz/Tap Combo: Anything comfortable to move in, such as a t-shirt and shorts or leggings. NO DENIM. Jazz shoes and tap shoes. Hair completely up and pulled out of the face.

Ballet/Tap Combo: May wear a leotard and tights—all colors acceptable. Skirt is optional. May also wear a t-shirt with shorts or leggings. Ballet shoes and Tap shoes. Hair completely up and pulled out of the face.

Jazz/Hip Hop Combo: Anything comfortable to move in, such as a t-shirt and shorts or leggings. NO DENIM. Jazz shoes and Clean sole tennis shoes that are NOT worn outside. Hair completely up and pulled out of the face.

Hip Hop: Anything comfortable to move in, such as a t-shirt and shorts or leggings. NO DENIM. Clean sole tennis shoes that are NOT worn outside. Hair completely up and pulled out of the face.

Contemporary: Anything comfortable to move in, such as a t-shirt and shorts or leggings. NO DENIM. Hair completely up and pulled out of the face.

Recitals

Two recitals will be held each year. Each dancer's participation in the recitals is assumed, unless the instructor is told otherwise. The dances are choreographed to include all of the dancers, so when someone is suddenly missing it makes it MUCH more difficult for the rest of the dancers.

Parent Volunteers

For the safety of our dancers, we need parents to volunteer at the summer recital. If a class doesn't have a parent volunteer, we will hire an adult alumni dancer or dance parent to come instead. This will result in a childcare fee being added to each dancer's account in that class to cover the cost of the additional staffing. *As a token of our deep appreciation, parent volunteers get early access to purchase recital tickets!*

Costumes

Costumes for the Summer Recital will be announced in December. If you fail to pay for costume(s) on time, a costume will not be ordered for you. Average price per costume is between \$80-\$100.

Notes and Updates

Announcements will be made in as many forms of communication as possible. This includes in-class announcements, posters, handouts, e-mails, facebook, instagram, text messages and on our website. Please be sure we have your correct contact information.

It is VERY important that you check in from time to time to see if there's any important information that you've missed. It is especially important to check in around the time of recitals, especially if your dancer is too young to remember to pass on all important information. If a parent is absent, it is the student's responsibility to ensure the parents receive handouts. It is the parent's responsibility to read the handouts. ***Once the information has been announced, the studio staff is not responsible for any overlooked information.***

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Instagram: @ripondance209

Ripon Academy of Dance General Policies

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I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read the above paragraph, that I understand it, and that, if necessary, I have discussed with my physician the dance program and physical and/or emotional illnesses or injuries I or my child have. I acknowledge that dance is an active sport and that injuries are possible as with any sporting activity. I agree to be solely responsible for any and all costs, damages, and expenses incurred by me and/or my child as a result of any injury sustained from participation in any classes taken at Ripon Academy of Dance. I further agree not to hold Ripon Academy of Dance, its staff and/or instructors responsible in any way for such injury. I agree not to hold Ripon Academy of Dance or its staff responsible for looking after my child while he/she is not in class.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the 2025-2026 Ripon Academy of Dance Handbook.

Please print your dancer's name(s) for our filing purposes.

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Guardian's Name

Guardian's Signature