



Welcome to Colorado Ballet's Afterschool Dance Program, Every Body Dance!

This packet serves to answer any questions you may have about our program, as well as give you a timeline for the necessary steps throughout the semester. Please do not hesitate to ask questions:

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Every Body Dance! is typically a 10 - 12 week dance program housed at your school at low cost to the school and/or participating families. Classes usually focus on creative movement and beginning ballet, unless otherwise requested and confirmed. The students study a variety of dance concepts while also improving important life skills such as problem solving, social and emotional learning, and strengthening the body and brain all through the art of dance. This program is also available in varying options including Folk Dance, Choreography, Jazz, Contemporary, Modern, Hip-hop, and Flamenco after discussion between school administration and the Colorado Ballet Education Programs Manager (pending availability).

Colorado Ballet provides an instructor, music, shirts, and enrichment activities such as reduced price ticket vouchers to a Colorado Ballet performance at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, depending on availability. The program closes with an informal performance for families, friends, teachers and community members showcasing the techniques and concepts learned over the semester. All abilities, skill levels, and dance backgrounds are welcome. Each participant in all after-school classes (grades K – 5) are invited to attend the Every Body Dance! Summer Camp at Colorado Ballet Studios, and 1 – 2 students are chosen at camp for a full-year scholarship to Colorado Ballet Academy.

This program has been in the Denver metro area for over twenty years! It has grown significantly and we look forward to its continued growth.

Thank you for bringing arts to your students!

TIMELINE

- **August/September**
 - Every Body Dance! fall registration (specific dates vary per site)
 - Fall sessions of Every Body Dance! begin
 - Send a roster with all student info to Cassie at least one week prior to your start date
- **October 31st (on or before)**
 - Permission slips must be submitted to Cassie for all participants – those who do not provide a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian may be asked to no longer participate in the program
 - Ticket vouchers for Colorado Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker* will be distributed to students
- **November/December**
 - Informances for families, friends, school and community members (specific dates vary per site)
 - Students receive shirts, invitations to summer camp, and certificates
 - Every Body Dance! fall classes end, registration for spring sessions begin
 - Sites will receive invoices on or after the last day of class unless otherwise requested
- **January/February**
 - Spring sessions of Every Body Dance! begin
 - Send a roster to Cassie at least week prior to your start date
- **January 31st (on or before)**
 - **Payments for fall sessions are due**
 - You will receive an invoice at least 2 weeks prior to due date from either department staff. Early payments are always welcome, feel free to request an invoice if you would like to pay earlier
- **February 29th (on or before)**
 - Permission slips must be submitted to Cassie for all participants – those who do not provide a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian may be asked to no longer participate in the program
 - Ticket vouchers for Colorado Ballet's production of *Ballet MasterWorks* will be distributed to students
- **April/May**
 - Informances for families, friends, school and community (specific dates vary per site)
 - Students receive shirts, invitations to summer camp, and certificates
 - Every Body Dance! spring classes end
 - Sites will receive invoices on or after the last day of class unless otherwise requested
- **June**
 - Every Body Dance! Summer Camp at Colorado Ballet Studios. All participants (grades K – 5) are invited to attend!
- **June 15th**
 - **Payments for spring sessions are due**
 - You will receive an invoice at least 2 weeks prior to deadline from either Cassie Wilson, Emily Aalbers, or Bridget Heddens. Early payments are always welcome, feel free to request an invoice if you would like to pay earlier.

POLICIES

Please read the following policies carefully and thoroughly before signing below. We rely on your cooperation to make our classes run as best as possible at your site!

- Colorado Ballet's Education department has an active Denver Public Schools (DPS) Partnership Agreement. We are involved in DAA Connect, and our staff have all been cleared appropriately through DPS.
- Colorado Ballet's teaching artists are not school/site staff therefore we cannot hold responsibility for students who are not picked up at the end of class. **We require a site staff member to be present at the end of class to stay with any students not picked up on time.**
- If the school/district closes school for any reason (weather, lockdown, strike, etc.), or if Colorado Ballet has to cancel for any reason, Colorado Ballet will attempt to reschedule, if/when possible. If a reschedule is not possible, the school will not be charged for this class.
- Our curriculum is designed to be 10-12 weeks, though we can extend our sessions if needed (pending availability). If your enrichment sessions tend to run shorter than 10 weeks, please consider combining two sessions. Colorado Ballet operates on a semester basis – fall and spring. We cannot guarantee the ability to accommodate a winter session.
- Students participating in Every Body Dance! classes **ARE DISCOURAGED FROM** changing out of their school clothes. If students choose to change clothes, they must do so before the start of class. There will not be time included in instruction time for students to change into or out of "dance" clothes. If this becomes an issue, students will not be allowed to change clothes for class.
- Due to high demand of the program, we have enacted an **8 student minimum**. Every Body Dance! classes cap at a **16 student maximum** for K – 12th grade students. For any classes that include ECE students, the **maximum is 12 students**. If your site has interest that exceeds 16 students, please contact us to discuss options.
- For all Denver Public Schools: A **roster with required DAA Connect student information** (student name as registered with DPS, birth date, and student ID #) will be requested a week prior to start date.
- Students will be given Every Body Dance!! permission slips that are required for program participation. We rely on the site contact to increase our return rate on these as they see students more often. Those who do not provide a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian by the due date may be asked to no longer participate in the program.
- Colorado Ballet retains the right to refuse service to any student whose behavior interrupts the goals, progress, and general well-being of the class.
- A confirmation of program details will be sent to the site contact prior to the start date.
- If a substitute teacher is required for any program dates, the site contact will be notified before the start of class.
- Colorado Ballet reserves the right to have Department staff and guests observe classes at any time during the run of the program.

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and agree to the above policies and timeline.

PRINTED NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____ SCHOOL: _____

Please direct any questions or concerns to:

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