



Zeeland Recreation Spring Dance Recital Agreement 2016-17

The following outlines the requirements for participating in Zeeland Recreation's annual spring dance concerts. All Zeeland Recreation Dance students are invited to perform in a show at Dewitt Auditorium at Zeeland East High School in May. The show dates and times for each class are as follows:

Thursday, May 11 at 6 PM

ALL Dance Fundamentals, ALL Tap Fundamentals, Hip Hop Fundamentals and ALL Pre-Primary

Friday, May 12 at 7 PM

ALL Primary, Secondary I and II, and Tap I-V

Saturday, May 13 7 PM

Secondary III-VIII, Tap VI-IX, and Hip Hop I-III/IV

There are three shows to keep any show from running too long in length. Unfortunately, it is impossible for us to assign shows to keep families together and make a schedule that would please everyone. Siblings in different shows can, however, watch each other perform! In fact we highly encourage dancers to watch the other concerts! Thanks for your understanding and flexibility as we aim to create dance concerts that showcase all students to their advantage and allow us to have the backstage help we need for younger dancers.

In order to participate in a spring dance concert:

- Dancers must sign up for fall **and** winter/spring semesters of dance in the class recommended by the instructor.
- **Dancers must maintain good attendance in class throughout the year.** In the case a dancer misses more than two classes in one semester, especially in the months of January-May, it is up to the discretion of the instructor to determine if absences have led to a student not being prepared for the show. In addition, dancers should arrive on time to class and are encouraged to arrive prepared with proper attire and hair secured off face and neck.
*Please report absences if your child will be missing. Absences to class can be reported to Zeeland Recreation at 748-3230 and a message will be left with your dancer's instructor. You may notify your instructor of an upcoming absence by sending a note to class.
- Parents/Guardians will pay a recital fee. Fees are \$50-60 per class with the exception of our Secondary level classes. Secondary classes are charged \$100-\$120. They learn two dances and two costumes are provided. This fee covers not only the cost of the costuming or dance attire worn, which is the dancer's to keep, but also of the extra rehearsal and concert. **Fees are due**

Monday, October 31. Recital fees will be accepted through Friday, Nov 11 with a \$25 late fee added. No recital fees will be accepted after November 11. Recital fees are non-refundable.

- **Dancers must be available for Costume Measuring/Performance Information Day on Friday, November 11 from 2-7 PM.** This is when your child will be measured and a parent/guardian will sign off on the size of costume to be ordered. This is also when you will receive your recital packet of information which gives finalized times and dates for blocking and dress rehearsals and other valuable information to guide you through recital time!
- **Dancers must be available to attend blocking and dress rehearsal.** Rehearsals are scheduled for Monday, May 8, Tuesday May 9 or Wednesday, May 10. Exact rehearsal schedule is available on Friday, November 11.
- **Dancers must have the proper shoes and tights for performance. These items are NOT included with the recital fee unless specifically stated. See brochure or instructor for specifics.**

Additional Considerations:

- Additional costs include tickets to the performance which are generally \$6-8. Seating for all shows is reserved. Ticket order forms usually become available in late March/ early April.
- Professionally recorded DVDs of the show are available as an **optional** keepsake of your dancer's performance. Recording/photography of any kind is NOT permitted in the auditorium during the show.
- In addition to becoming technically proficient dancers, the Zeeland Recreation Dance program encourages dancers to be courteous students and citizens. Dancers will be respectful of instructors, fellow students, Recreation staff, and the facility and patrons of Zeeland Recreation.
- Parents are invaluable to role modeling respectful behavior for children. Parents are asked to treat instructors, substitute teachers, Recreation staff, dancers, fellow parents/guardians, and patrons of Zeeland Recreation with consideration at all times.

Payment of recital fees signifies your agreement to the above contract terms. Recital fees will be accepted at Zeeland Recreation beginning September 14. Fees may be paid in person, by phone or online. Please call our office at 748-3230 with questions or feel free to email Kris Ferry at kferry@zps.org