

2022 Winter Drama and Arts at Pierce: DANCE CLASS

Thanks for your interest in our Winter Drama and Arts Dance Class! We've just had a terrific fall with these classes and are going to offer more to help keep the kids busy after school. Thanks for joining us. We hope the program will inspire your child to feel engaged and valued, and maybe even challenged a bit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at piercemusictracks@gmail.com. Thanks for sending us your kids!

Phil Schroeder

Below are the deep details about our program and information specific to the dance class. At registration, you will be asked to affirm that you have read and agree to this info as the "Terms of Registration."

TERMS of REGISTRATION

DANCE CLASS SCHEDULING AND LOCATIONS

Dance Class will be held at Power Rowing near the Pierce traffic circle, very close to the school. It's a safe and clean environment and we're extremely grateful to Bryan Fuller for making it available to us. Please support Power Rowing!

On the registration form, you will be asked to consent for your child to travel to Power Rowing, escorted by our instructor and a supervisor. When class is over, students may go home or return to Pierce and/or PSED, and you'll specify those preferences to us.

TIMES, ATTENDANCE, CHECK-IN, NO LEAVING CAMPUS, SNACKS

Dance class runs from 2:50 to 3:50pm. Students come to the cafeteria after school, eat a snack and at 2:45, we're off to class. PSED students should check into PSED first and return to PSED when class is over.

Attendance is important! Like any theatrical or team venture, kids rely on their castmates being there, so please don't sign up if you don't plan to come. We will be building "scenes" with groups for our final performance. Leaving early isn't preferred but we know life happens. Please have your child let the instructor know right away if they will need to leave early that day.

There will be a Cast Supervisor in attendance each day to check students in. Students should report immediately for check-in and should NOT leave campus for Starbucks, Walgreens, CVS, etc. Other than the after-class preferences discussed above, As mentioned, we do not check

students out or have any accommodations for them to stay late. It is assumed that all children at Pierce know how to get home or how to meet a parent. If your child's situation is different (perhaps you don't live in the Pierce neighborhood), please let us know in advance so we can strategize.

SNACKS

We no longer provide snacks for our programs; students should come with an after-school snack. Many students have specific food considerations which makes it best that we stay out of the snack-supply business, however, it's very important that they get some food, so please send it!

Your child should have a water bottle and fill it at Pierce prior to dance class.

THIS IS EXERCISE!

Dance is good fun and hard work. Your child should be free of any medical conditions that would be cause for concern. Please consult with your child's pediatrician before enrolling for this class. We do not discriminate against any child with physical disabilities and welcome the opportunity to make this fun and engaging for them.

COVID CONSIDERATIONS

We encourage you to get your kids vaccinated. We wear masks as mandated by the Town and will continue to follow all school district protocols. We believe we can maintain 3-6' of separation at Power Rowing, limiting our class to ten kids.

The district has different rules for after-school programs regarding its "test to stay" protocols. In short, they're not available to your child if they are found to be a close contact in an after-school program. Your close-contact child would be subject to quarantine of up to ten days.

BEHAVIOR AND MEDICAL CONCERNS

First, please know that Pierce School does not provide after-school supervision or nurse services. We hire supervisors who are CPR certified and who are present to manage emergencies and behavior issues.

Behavior and discipline: Though we have had very few incidents of poor behavior, it happens...and when it does, the first response will be to pull the student aside for reminders and redirection. The second response will be to remove the student from the room for a "time out." If the situation warrants, the supervisor will dismiss the child immediately and we'll contact the parent to discuss the situation. We have a zero- tolerance policy for verbal or physical abuse that violates anyone's safety; should those occur, your child may be asked to

leave the program and a refund will not be offered. Any extreme behavior will be reported to the Pierce Vice Principals.

Medical emergencies: You'll be asked at registration to disclose any medical or non-medical issues that may impact your child's participation as well as your instructions for treatment, if any. It is crucial that you provide us with any relevant information so that we can make appropriate decisions for your child's care. Any disclosures and instructions will be shared with cast supervisor(s) and instructors so that we can recognize a problem before it escalates and respond according to your instructions.

Our emergency response protocols are as follows:

- In the event of a real medical emergency, our first response is to call 911, then the parent.
- In the event of a minor emergency (stomachache, onset of illness), we'll contact the parent and/or send the child home.

Non-medical considerations: If your child has a special circumstance such as ADHD, which needs more attention than is typically offered in this setting, please notify us in advance and we'll work with you to create a plan for successful participation.

FEES AND REFUNDS

Winter Drama and Arts at Pierce is a PTO program taught by paid, non-parent instructors who are qualified to teach drama, visual arts, dance and work with children. Because we make a financial commitment to them, we cannot extend refunds after the start of classes, January 2, 2022.

The registration fee for our 9-week dance class is \$225 for all classes.

Students who register for our Grade 5-6 musical, *Annie*, and are placed in the Tue-Fri cast, will not be able to complete this class. They will receive a pro-rated refund of \$100.

If we are unable to continue offering these classes because of state or school district restrictions around Covid-19 or similar, we will wait two weeks before deciding to discontinue the program. If discontinued, we will process pro-rata refunds to all families.

Fees are collected via credit card at time of registration. If you prefer to pay by check, need scholarship support or structured payments, please contact Phil at piercemusictracks@gmail.com.

Pierce School Musical/PTO offers these programs to any child who requires financial support on a "no questions asked" basis. We want your kids, regardless of your ability to pay.