

2022 Fall Arts at Pierce • Registration Information

Thanks for your interest in Fall Arts at Pierce! This program is run by Pierce School Musical, sponsored by the Pierce PTO, and is offered as an opportunity for fun for your child – and we might even teach them something.

These fall classes are offered to 4th – 6th graders.

CLASSES AND SCHEDULES

Dance Class is for beginning and intermediate students who want to explore modern dance in a friendly and fun setting. The class is offered on Mondays, from 2:30 to 4:00pm, beginning September 12 and ending November 14. (Class meets every Monday except Sep 26 and Oct 10 because of holidays.) There will be a showcase performance the night of November 14 in the Pierce auditorium. The class is taught by Tara Choat.

Registration Fee: \$240

Acting classes cover acting from beginning to intermediate skills in a format where every child is challenged and receives lots of personal attention. Material includes short plays, scenes from larger plays or musicals, monologues and more. Students will learn to prepare for an audition and play improvisatory and other drama games.

Each class will participate in a showcase performance one evening the week of November 7, to be scheduled this fall. There is memorization involved, particularly in advance of the showcase. The teaching roster for drama classes has not been set.

The Tuesday class begins Sep 20 and runs through Nov 8 with no interruptions. Please note that Nov 8 is a school holiday, but there will be class.

The Wednesday class begins Sep 14 and ends Nov 8, with a holiday on Oct 5.

The Thursday class begins Sep 22 and runs through Nov 10 with no interruptions.

The Friday class begins Sep 16 and runs through Nov 4, with no interruptions. (Its showcase will be the week of Nov 7 with the other classes.)

At registration, you'll select up to three possible class days for your child and we'll build the classes based on registration demand. Make sure to select days your child can attend.

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TIMES, SNACKS, ATTENDANCE, SUPERVISION

All classes are 90 minutes and include a short break. Kids meet after school in the cafeteria for a snack and class begins 15 minutes later.

We do not serve snacks, but strongly urge you to send one with your child as kids are hungry by the end of the school day. Each family has different nutritional considerations, and we believe snacks are best left to you. We urge you to send a water bottle with your child!

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. Leaving early isn't preferred but we know life happens; please have your child let the instructor know right away if s/he will need to leave early that day.

There will be a Cast Supervisor in attendance each day to manage check-in, emergencies, medical attention, and behavioral issues. You will have each the supervisor's contact number. If your child does not appear for check-in, you will receive a text, but we will not chase kids down.

CHECK-IN AND DISMISSAL

Children are checked in by our cast supervisor after school each day. They are dismissed at the end of class and there is no specific check-out procedure. Most walk home, others meet their parent or caregiver. Power Rowing is located very near the Pierce traffic circle, making finding your child very easy. Kids enrolled in PSED will be escorted back to Pierce. We are not able to escort non-PSED kids back to Pierce as there is no supervision offered there and they may not wait alone at the school at that hour. If you need special arrangements, please contact us and let's discuss.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Friend requests: Many kids wish to be with their friends, but we also see this as a chance to make new ones. We can't field friend requests from everyone, so it's best that we don't accept them at all.

Allies: If your child has a medical, non-medical or emotional concern and being in a class with a known ally is crucial, we will absolutely honor that.

Conflicts: If your child has a situation where being with another particular child is not beneficial, you may contact us privately and confidentially to discuss strategies for success.

BEHAVIOR AND MEDICAL CONCERNS

When registering, you will be asked to confirm that you understand and agree to the following policies regarding behavior, discipline and medical and emergencies.

Pierce School does not provide after-school supervision or nurse services. We hire supervisors to be available each day who are CPR certified and are present to manage emergencies and behavior issues so that instruction may continue. Our procedures are outlined below.

Behavior and discipline: A cast supervisor is present each day to assist with any students who have difficulty controlling themselves. 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 or that violate 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 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 know how you want us to respond.

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 (stomach ache, 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

Spring Drama at Pierce is a PTO-affiliated production taught by paid, non-parent instructors who are qualified to teach drama and dance, and work with children. Because we make a financial commitment to them, we cannot extend refunds after September 9, 2021.

If we are unable to continue offering these classes because of state or school district restrictions around Covid-19 or similar, we will process pro-rata refunds to all families after our staff obligations have been met.

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.

We also accept donations in support of scholarships and appreciate the generous response this brings. Thank you for helping sustain our community.