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Welcome Package.

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Welcome to Ambition.

LET US INTRODUCE OURSELVES; WE ARE AIRDRIE'S LEADING PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATORS - YOUR LOCAL EXPERTS!

At Ambition Performing Arts, we know that Parents need quality programming that they can feel good about investing in. We are driven to provide safe and innovative lessons in a 'Family First' atmosphere that focuses on putting life skills, friendships, and community in the spotlight.

We know that less than 5% of our students will go on to become Professional Performers, but 100% of our students will use the life skills they gain throughout their education with Ambition Performing Arts. Through tailor-made schedules and experiences that foster our students today, we create leaders for tomorrow.
Simply put: at Ambition Performing Arts, we are RAISING TOMORROW'S LEADERS through the Arts.

Why Performing Arts?

Performing Arts provides Children with the opportunity to engage the mind, body, and emotions into collaborative expressions. This helps Children find their voice, grow in confidence, develop empathy and an ability to self-reflect, and strengthen communication skills. Whether your Child wants to dance, sing, play an instrument, or act, we can promise that by choosing Performing Arts, they will gain SO much more!

What Makes Us Remarkable?

- **We are THE HOME OF MORE!** As a proud More Than Just Great Dancing™ affiliate studio, we always have your Child's well-being front of mind and are committed to educational best practices, a higher standard of instruction and gold standard management practices. Our Team ambitiously seeks growth through various certifications and Professional Development opportunities so that we can bring you a better, more well-rounded Performing Arts Experience! At APA, your Child won't just learn about Dance, Music, and Theatre; they will develop creativity, self-confidence, determination, and teamwork skills to last them a lifetime!
- **We are FAMILY FRIENDLY!** We have always prided ourselves on making age appropriate music, movement, and dress code/costume selections, but our commitment to being Family Friendly goes further. Our Team strives to develop meaningful, mutually amazing partnerships with parents - because it really does take a village to raise healthy bodies, minds, and hearts! Whether you are with us for a season or a lifetime, once you are an APA Student - you are ALWAYS APA Family.
- **We are COMMUNITY DRIVEN!** We have been proud members of the Airdrie Community since 2005, and are committed to expanding and celebrating the Performing Arts. We LOVE giving back to the community by doing community performances, and donating to / volunteering for community projects and initiatives. Did you know that a portion of EVERY registration at APA goes to a scholarship fund to help youth in our Community gain access to the arts? As of January 2024, Ambition Performing Arts has donated over $230,000 back to our Airdrie Community ❤

Thank you for choosing us - we are so excited to welcome you to our Performing Arts community!

Love,

Team APA

Our Story
We Know Who We Are

OUR AMBITION - COMPANY MISSION
Our Ambition is to be an innovator in performing arts education, developing friendships and skills for a lifetime.

OUR AMBITION - COMPANY VISION
We are driven to provide quality lessons in a safe, innovative and enriching environment. We hold ourselves to a higher standard while putting life skills, community, friendships and family first. Parents choose APA for our convenient location, friendly service, and welcoming atmosphere. They stay with us because of our commitment to excellence, value, culture and customer care.

MISS TARA'S STORY
Ambition Performing Arts Inc is owned solely by me, Tara Pickford. I have been teaching for more than 30 years I have been dancing since I was 4 years old. Like many parents of four-year-olds, my mother saw me dancing everywhere and thought that a dance class would be fun for me. Little did she know that this would become a huge part of who I am-- a mover through space, with powerful ideas. My journey through the arts has provided me many wonderful experiences, opportunities, friendships for a lifetime and unforgettable memories. Dance can bring people together, move them to feel and change, but most of all it has the power to create something from where there was nothing before. How amazing is that?!

My journey into dance started much like other kids, first by adding a community dance program alongside my other activities like music and sports. As I grew older and started to make personal choices about my activities, I added more classes, competitions, assistant teaching, and lessons to my dance schedule. When I reached high school, it was time to specialize. I devoured all my time at the studio, training as much as I could taking classes below my level to continue to enrich my training. Assisting whatever classes I could so I could have more time in the studio. It didn't matter what it was, I was there!

Then after completing my Kinesiology degree, I earned a dance scholarship in Los Angeles only to find out when it was time to move that the school had closed. It was a huge disappointment, but continuing my career in Calgary, I managed to climb the ladder to become fitness manager at the health club where I had been working, overseeing a million-dollar facility and 30+ trainers, all while continuing to teach dance at night. I realized that managing a health club was not the life I wanted. I wanted to create dance programming, not fitness programming. I set about using my business knowledge from managing the club to open my own school. This school would have the best syllabus available and we would evolve as the world evolved. Our teaching would use the latest in Kinesiology knowledge to ensure safety and elite progress for learning. We would be body aware and create an environment that defied the standards and stereotypes that existed in the dance industry. Everyone would be treated equally - no matter talent, skill or size. If you earned it you could have it.

I researched facility - flooring and requirements. I toured space after space, looking for the perfect home for my life's work to grow and be realized. I created policies and a culture that was healthy and forward thinking. We had great success out of the gates. I hired certified teachers who were passionate about their jobs and lived the qualities were were trying to instill in our dance family. I opened and dedicated our first season to the memory of Bree, a dear friend of mine who was integral in the original planning stages for the school.

I thought, if one studio was serving so many people so well, I needed more studios. I wanted to serve more people with this same empowering message. I opened our location in Airdrie. We grew again. Then I opened a third studio. By this time, through untamed growth, the company had become something other than my original message. We had so many teachers that no longer were they hand picked. The customers we had didn't believe in our message, our service levels dropped, and there were complaints. I no longer loved my work, then my marriage failed. Just like when I faced disappointment and tragedy in my life before, it was once again time to re-evaluate. I made some hard changes. I nursed a bruised ego. Never before had I failed like this. I had to get up and keep moving. I am a mom of two girls who needed me to do better and live by example.

Fast forward to today. We have one amazing location. We have a strong faculty, we have families that believe in our culture and live our message. I love my job again.

The message is: Bigger is not better. If you cannot serve well, then you are not serving.

I am in love with the arts and the creativity and room to grow it provides. I will forever be providing children a safe space to grow into who they are meant to be. Whether they become teachers, doctors, lawyers, accountants, contractors or maybe even a professional performer, that growth all starts with love for yourself. It continues by learning respect for your teachers and community, and life skills provided by training and working hard towards goals, earning your knowledge and embracing life's challenges. Everything that the arts provides becomes a skill set used later. Arriving on time, being prepared, remembering your work, working hard, thanking people for providing opportunities, the list goes on.

Children and their development is what we do. We are creating tomorrows leaders, today. This is a huge responsibility. Make sure your kids are spending their time in a quality place that is teaching them about hard work, dedication and that not everything can be bought or instantly gratified. Sometimes it takes hard work and perseverance to get where you want to go. You need great mentors to provide a safe path to get there. I have created one of those places.

If you made it this far through this letter — thank you. Thank you for allowing our great company to train your child. Thank you for trusting us with your most precious gift. Thank you for believing in our training methods and dedicated teaching professionals.

We don't teach kids to make great performers, we teach the arts to make great kids - WE ARE MORE THAN JUST GREAT DANCING!

See you in the studio!

Much love from my family to yours,

Miss Tara

10 Tips For A Fun First Day.

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP ENSURE BOTH YOU AND YOUR CHILD EXPERIENCE A FABULOUS FIRST DAY!

1. TERRIFIC TALES
In preparation of your Child's first day, introduce age appropriate books! A few of our favourites are:

- Daisy's First Dance Class by Tara Pickford
- Emily's First Dance Class by Claire Masurel
- I'm a Ballerina by Sue Fliess
- Wild Symphony by Dan Brown

2. PACK YOUR BAG
Get everything ready for your first day! Remember to gather your dress code and shoes, props, and a water bottle.

3. STUDIO TOUR
Choose a day to bring your Child by the studio before the first class. Tour the facility so your Child can familiarize themself and if possible, meet the Teacher. It's also a chance to gear up and buy your dress code!

4. ARRIVE EARLY
On your first day, give your Child (and yourself!) time to calmly acclimate to their new environment. Rushing = stress for all. 10 minutes early is a great goal!

5. ARRIVE NOURISHED
Hungry Kiddos are grumpy Kiddos. Leave time for a healthy snack and drink before class.

6. GET SETTLED
Arrive early, select a cubby or coat hook, visit the bathroom (see tip #7), and finish with your GHF ritual (see tip #8).

7. VISIT THE BATHROOM
Going to the bathroom is just another part of getting ready for class. This way, your Child won't have to leave in the middle of class and miss all the fun!

8. CREATE A GO HAVE FUN (GHF) RITUAL
"Kiss, kiss, silly face, off you go!"... or whatever choices suit your Family! Consistency is key when creating a loving but firm separation. If your Child is experiencing separation anxiety, try practicing your new GHF ritual. Tell your Child what to expect and then go through your GHF ritual then walk away - don't stall! If needed, offer quick reassurance that they will be just fine. Setting limits will help your Child adjust to separation when faced with new experiences.

9. MANNERS FOR DANCERS (AND OTHER PERFORMERS!)
Some reminders before your Child goes into the classroom:

- Hands to yourself.
- Talk only during share time.
- Look at the Teacher when they are talking.
- When it's time to learn a step or skill, see it with your eyes, hear with your ears, do it with your feet & feel it in your heart!
- Have fun!

10. FOCUS ON FUN!
Your Child's Teacher's goal is to nourish your Child's desire to learn! All class activities are presented in a creative age appropriate format. We encourage you to practice these activities between classes, and add in your own ideas. Now you're on your way to a **FUN FIRST DAY!**

Class Descriptions.

DEVELOPMENTAL LEARNING

Big Shoes Little Feet (Age 1-2) *Sessional*
This dance class is designed for those ready to start learning... with a caregiver! Our curriculum incorporates creative movement, fun learning songs, and energetic games and activities which will kick-start your little movers' success. Sessional programs run 4 times throughout the season and are offered to performers ages 1-2 years.

Petite Boutique *APA Exclusive*
MeTu (Age 2) *Full Year*
MeTu is a delightful and enchanting dance class that utilizes an inclusive curriculum to bring your little one on a whimsical exploration of self-expression and coordination through the enchanting world of dance and music. This progressional class will incorporate ballet and music technique into basic body moves, fun dance steps, and movement-focused games, which will kick-start your little mover's success and will help them work towards learning in class independent of their caregivers!

DISCOVER THE LOVE OF DANCE!

Happy Feet
Happy Feet is a combination dance class that incorporates ballet and tap fundamentals, along with creative movement and singing. This class will introduce the joy of dance to our 3 and 4 year olds! Dancers practice their gross motor skills, such as skipping and balancing on one foot, and learn basic classroom etiquette, such as taking turns and listening for instructions.

Tumble Hop
Tumble Hop is just the right class for Dancers who love to go all around and upside down! This dance class is designed to introduce basic skills inspired by the dance styles of jazz, hip hop, acro, and creative movement. We guide these Dancers through skills that are locomotor (sliding, galloping, leaping) and non-locomotor (stopping, stretching, rolling). Students will also learn basic classroom Etiquette, such as taking turns and listening for instructions.

Petite Boutique *APA Exclusive*
Tootu Cute (Age 3) & Tiny Tutus (Age 4)
Petite Boutique classes offer a unique and top-notch dance experience for your little one! In these classes we do multi-discipline training in one convenient class time. As a member, you'll enjoy exclusive perks, inclusive recital packages, and enchanting visits from beloved princesse. Make your child's fairytale dreams come true with Petite Boutique – where every dance lesson is a magical experience!

Tiny Tunes (Music)
Through a variety of musical activities, games, and exploration, your child will embark on a delightful musical journey, nurturing their innate sense of rhythm, melody, and creativity. Our experienced instructors understand the unique needs of toddlers and will encourage their natural curiosity while fostering musical growth.

BUILD A STRONG TECHNICAL FOUNDATION!

Acro
Acro classes offer Dancers the chance to hone their strength and flexibility while incorporating dance movements. Beginning with Acro fundamentals such as somersaults and cartwheels, Dancers safely build the skills they need to achieve more complex movements, such as forearm stands, walkovers, and side aerials.

Ballet
In this structured dance class children are introduced to slow, graceful dance steps, and will be encouraged to express their emotions through movement, and find mastery over age appropriate Ballet technique. Taught with classical music and French terminology, Ballet is known as the building block for all styles of dance!

Boys Hip Hop *APA Exclusive*
This power charged class is a cool blend of your favourite star's Hip Hop moves! This class will explore several styles of hip hop to help your Dancer develop rhythm and flow, and will also teach skills like rolling, balancing, hand balancing, breakdancing moves, and MORE!!

Dance Theatre
Singing, dancing, and acting all take centre stage in our Dance Theatre classes. Watch your Performer build their confidence as a "Triple Threat" performer by honing their musical abilities and combining them with theatrical movement in this combination dance class!

Hip Hop
This high-energy class offers Dancers a way to explore age-appropriate urban movements set to popular music. Body isolations, quick footwork, and syncopated rhythms are emphasized, along with learning how to freestyle.

Jazz
With an influence of both tradition and trends, our Jazz classes incorporate the latest styles, offering our Dancers a well-rounded experience using Associated Dance Arts for Professional Teachers syllabus. Technique and self-expression grow step by step as the Dancers groove through each class to upbeat music.

Lyrical/Contemporary
Ballet and Jazz come together as one in this class, which helps Dancers enhance their technique and improve their personal style and self-expression. Using the storytelling of a song's lyrics and the dynamics of music, Dancers find that their performance quality improves greatly over time.

Tap
Tap dance, a rhythmic and dynamic dance form explored in the Al Gilbert and Associated Dance Arts for Professional Teachers Syllabus, offers a unique blend of musicality and physical coordination. These well-structured programs guide young dancers through the art of creating music with their feet, making it an exciting and educational choice for children.

MUSIC

Bass
In private Bass lessons students will explore the depths of rhythm, technique, theory, and musical expression tailored for every learning level. From foundational bass skills to advanced techniques, our classes are designed for learning, ensuring that every note you play resonates with confidence and skill. We focus on teaching students healthy techniques while preparing them for performance opportunities throughout the year!

Guitar
In these private lessons students will learn the foundations of guitar and will try many of the different styles, skills and techniques required to become a successful guitarist and musician. Students will have the chance to learn correct posture, note reading, aural skills, picking techniques, rhythmic patterns, finger-picking styles, musical forms and get improvisation and performing experiences!

Piano
In Piano lessons, students get to learn music theory, technique, posture, various repertoire, and how to create ideas through sound! These private lessons are designed for all ages and all skill levels as they are customized to the student. This allows students to work at their own pace while discovering what the instrument has to offer!

Ukulele
In private Ukulele lessons, students will get to learn technique, strumming patterns, various types of music, as well as how to build confidence through music! Ukulele classes are designed for all age groups and levels as they are personalized to the student! Whether students are experienced within the instrument, or just beginning, this is a place for everyone!

Voice
Singing lessons are all about learning the different ways to use your voice! Through a consistent syllabus, students will get to learn many different types of music and get the chance to grow into their own sound. We focus on teaching students healthy vocal technique while finding the fun in their abilities!

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AJTC aims to encourage youth to discover their inner artists through an inclusive and dynamic classroom experience. In Drama classes, students get to try improvisation, playwriting, character development, Musical Theatre, and stage technique, all while building themselves and each other up! This means students get to act, sing, find imagination, and move within this creative class!

GRADED TECHNIQUE & ADVANCED TRAINING

Develop Artistry!
Accelerated Training
For the Dancer who is dedicated to learning and eager for a greater challenge, APA's Accelerated Training Program (ATP) helps put them on the fast track to achievement! Contact us to learn more!

Ages 1 – 2

Big Shoes LITTLE FEET

Petite Boutique
A FIRST CLASS DANCE EXPERIENCE

FEE SCHEDULE GST NOT INCLUDED

SESSIONAL PROGRAMMING

Program cost is based on the amount of classes provided. Connect with our office for pricing.

FULL YEAR PROGRAMMING

Dance Membership Fee (Renews Annually) *includes Dress Code	Age 2 Yrs: $138
Payment Options	Classes Starting at $64 / Month
Costumes	$99 per Costume (Due November 1)

DRESS CODE

BIG SHOES LITTLE FEET

- Comfortable Attire
- Bare Feet or Soft Leather Ballet Slipper
- Option 1: Hair Slicked Back Ponytail or Braids
- Option 2: Hair Styled Out Of Eyes/Face
- Props
  - 1 Ball
  - 1 Maraca
  - 1 Scarf
  - Small Stuffy (From Home)

PETITE BOUTIQUE

Me Tu

- Yellow Bodysuit and Tutu
- No Tights
- No Shoes
- Props:
  - 1 Ball
  - 1 Maraca
  - 1 Scarf
  - Small Stuffy (From Home)

ALL **PROPS** CAN BE PURCHASED IN APA BOUTIQUE

LEGEND

Option 1: Female Influenced

Option 2: Unisex

Ages 3 – 4

HAPPY feet

Tumble HOP

Petite Boutique
A FIRST CLASS DANCE EXPERIENCE

TINY TUNES

FEE SCHEDULE GST NOT INCLUDED

DANCE	
Dance Membership Fee (Renews Annually)	Starter: $135 Growth: $165 Premium: $215
45 Minute Weekly Class	Classes Starting at $73 / Month
Costumes	$99 per Costume (Due November 1)
MUSIC	
Membership Fee (Renews Annually)	Starter: $135 Growth: $165 Premium: $215
Payment Options	Lessons starting at $55 / Month
PETITE BOUTIQUE	
Dance Membership Fee (Renews Annually) *includes Dress Code	Age 3-4 Yrs: $329
Payment Options	Classes Starting at $88 / Month
Performer Package	$299
OTHER PROGRAMMING	
Sessional Programming	Program cost is based on the amount of classes provided. Connect with our office for pricing.
Summer Camps	Included with Membership!

DRESS CODE

HAPPY FEET

OPTION 1
- Pink Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Pink (or Skin Tone) Tights
- Pink Chiffon Skirt
- Pink Soft Leather Ballet Slippers
- Black Patent Tap Shoes
- Hair Slicked Back Ponytail or Braids
- Props *

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or Shorts
- Black Soft Leather Ballet Slippers
- Black Lace-Up Tap Shoes
- Hair Styled Out of Face/ Eyes
- Props *

* PROPS
- 1 Ball
- 3 Crayons
- Right and left Scrunchies
- 1 Scarf
- Small Stuffy (From Home)

TUMBLE HOP

OPTION 1
- Pink Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Footless Tights
- Black Dance Shorts
- Bare Feet
- Hair Slicked Back Ponytail or Braids
- Props *

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or Shorts
- Bare Feet
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Props *

* PROPS
- 1 Ball
- 3 Crayons
- Right And Left Scrunchies
- Small Stuffy (From Home)
- Ribbon Ring

PETITE BOUTIQUE

TooTu Cute
- Purple Bodysuit and Tutu
- Pink or Skin Tone Tights
- Ballet Shoes
- Black Tap Shoes
- Props *

Tiny Tutus
- Light Pink Bodysuit and Tutu
- Pink or Skin Tone Tights
- Ballet Shoes
- Black Tap Shoes
- Props *

* PROPS
- 1 Ball
- 3 Crayons (from Home)
- Right and Left Scrunchies
- 1 Scarf
- Small Stuffy (From Home)
- Wand

TINY TUNES
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or
- Leggings
- All Black Running Shoe
- Hair Styled Out Of Eyes/ Face

* PROPS
- Kazoo
- Flutophone

LEGEND

Option 1: Female Influenced

Option 2: Unisex

ALL **PROPS** CAN BE PURCHASED IN APA BOUTIQUE

Ages 5 – 6

ACRO

Ballet

Boys Only HIP HOP

Dance Theatre

HIP HOP

JAZZ

TAP

Petite Boutique

BASS

GUITAR

PIANO

UKULELE

voice

AIRDRIE JUNIOR THEATRE COMPANY

FEE SCHEDULE GST NOT INCLUDED

DANCE

Dance Membership Fee (Renews Annually)	Starter: $135 Growth: $165 Premium: $215
45 Minute Weekly Class	Classes Starting at $78 / Month
Costumes	$115 per Costume (Due November 1)

MUSIC

Membership Fee (Renews Annually)	Starter: $135 Growth: $165 Premium: $215
Payment Options	Lessons Starting at $143 / Month

PETITE BOUTIQUE

Dance Membership Fee (Renews Annually) *includes Dress Code	Age 5-7 Yrs: $359
Payment Options	Classes Starting at $97 / Month
Performer Package	$299

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Membership Fee (Renews Annually)	Starter: $135 Growth: $165 Premium: $215
Payment Options	Classes Starting at $78 / Month
Performer Package	$180 (Due November 1)

OTHER PROGRAMMING

Sessional Programming	Program cost is based on the amount of classes provided. Connect with our office for pricing.
Private Lessons	Not to be combined with other tuition $160 per hour
Summer Camps	Included with Membership!

Ages 5 – 6

DRESS CODE

ACRO
Ages 5-6, Primary and Level 1

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Ponytail, Bun, or Braids
- Lilac Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Footless Tights
- Bare Feet
- Optional: Black Dance Shorts
- Props:
  - Right and Left Scrunchies
  - 2 Rubber Bands
  - Yoga Block

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Shorts
- Bare Feet
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

BALLET
Ages 5-6, Pre-Primary and Primary

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Back Bun
- Lilac Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Pink (or Skin Tone) Tights
- Lilac Chiffon Skirt
- Pink Soft Leather Ballet Slippers
- Props:
  - 1 Ribbon Ring
  - Right and Left Scrunchies
  - 2 Scarves

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Dance Pant
- Black Soft Leather Ballet Slippers
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

HIP HOP
Ages 5-6

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Back Ponytail or Braids
- Lilac Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Tights
- All White Running Shoe
- Optional: Black Leggings, Pants, Shorts
- Props:
  - 1 Maraca
  - 1 Ribbon Ring
  - Right and Left Scrunchies

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or Shorts
- All White Running Shoe
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

JAZZ, DANCE THEATRE AND LYRICAL
Ages 5-6, Primary and Pre-Junior

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Back Ponytail or Braids
- Lilac Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Tights
- Skin Tone Split Sole Jazz Shoes
- Optional: Black Dance Shorts
- Props:
  - Right and Left Scrunchies

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Dance Pant
- Black Slip-On Jazz Shoes
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

TAP
Ages 5-6, Primary and Grade 1

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Back Ponytail, Bun or Braids
- Lilac Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Tights
- Skin Tone Mary Jane Tap Shoes
- Optional: Black Dance Shorts
- Props:
  - Right and Left Scrunchies

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Dance Pant
- Black Lace Up Oxford Style Tap Shoe
- Hair Styled Out of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

PETITE BOUTIQUE
Tutu-Tastic
- Coral Bodysuit and Tutu
- Pink or Skin Tone Tights
- Pink Soft Leather Ballet Slippers, Skin Tone Tap and Jazz Shoes
- Props *

Tutu Team
- Fuschia Bodysuit and Tutu
- Pink or Skin Tone Tights
- Pink Soft Leather Ballet Slippers, Skin Tone Tap and Jazz Shoes
- Props *

* Props
- 1 Ribbon Ring
- Right and Left Scrunchies
- 1 Scarf

BOYS HIP HOP
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or Shorts
- All White Running Shoe
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Props:
  - 1 Maraca
  - 1 Ribbon Ring
  - Right and Left Scrunchies

AIRDRIE JUNIOR THEATRE COMPANY
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or Leggings
- All Black Running Shoe
- Hair Styled Out Of Eyes/ Face

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or
- Leggings
- All Black Running Shoe
- Hair Styled Out Of Eyes/ Face

LEGEND

Option 1: Female Influenced

Option 2: Unisex

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Ages 7 – 9

ACRO

Ballet

Boys Only HIP HOP

Dance Theatre

HIP HOP

JAZZ

LYRICAL / CONTEMPORARY

TAP

BASS

GUITAR

PIANO

UKULELE

voice

AIRDRIE JUNIOR THEATRE COMPANY

FEE SCHEDULE GST NOT INCLUDED

DANCE

Dance Membership Fee (Renews Annually)	Starter: $135 Growth: $165 Premium: $215
45 Minute Weekly Class	Classes Starting at $78 / Month
Costumes	$115 per Costume (Due November 1)

MUSIC

Membership Fee (Renews Annually)	Starter: $135 Growth: $165 Premium: $215
Payment Options	Lessons Starting at $143 / Month

AIRDRIE JUNIOR THEATRE COMPANY

Membership Fee (Renews Annually)	Starter: $135 Growth: $165 Premium: $215
Payment Options	Classes Starting at $78 / Month
Performer Package	$180 (Due November 1)

OTHER PROGRAMMING

Sessional Programming	Program cost is based on the amount of classes provided. Connect with our office for pricing.
Private Lessons	Not to be combined with other tuition $160 per hour
Summer Camps	Included with Membership!

Ages 7 – 9

DRESS CODE

ACRO
Ages 7-9, Level 2 and Level 3

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Ponytail, Bun, or Braids
- Mulberry Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Footless Tights
- Bare Feet
- Optional: Black Dance Shorts
- Props:
  - Right and Left Scrunchies
  - 2 Rubber Bands
  - Yoga Block

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Shorts
- Bare Feet
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

BALLET
Ages 7-9, Grade 1 and Grade 2

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Back Bun
- Mulberry Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Pink (or Skin Tone) Tights
- Pink Soft Leather Ballet Slippers
- 3/4" Cuban Heel Black Character Shoes
- Black Character Skirt With Ribbons **Special Order**
- Props:
  - 1 Ribbon Ring
  - 2 Scarves

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Dance Pant
- Black Soft Leather Ballet Slippers
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

HIP HOP
Ages 7-9 and Junior Accel

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Back Ponytail or Braids
- Mulberry Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Tights
- All White Running Shoe
- Optional: Black Leggings, Pants, Shorts
- Props:
  - 1 Bean Bag
  - Notebook and Pencil

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or Shorts
- All White Running Shoe
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

JAZZ, DANCE THEATRE AND LYRICAL
Ages 7-9, Junior 1 and Junior 2, Junior Accel

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Back Ponytail or Braids
- Mulberry Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Tights
- Skin Tone Split Sole Jazz Shoes
- Optional: Black Dance Shorts
- Props:
  - Notebook and Pencil
  - Right and Left Scrunchies
  - Scarf (Lyrical)
  - Yoga Block (Lyrical)

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Dance Pant
- Black Slip-On Jazz Shoes
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

TAP
Ages 7-9, Grade 2 and 3-1

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Back Ponytail, Bun or Braids
- Mulberry Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Tights
- Skin Tone Mary Jane Tap Shoes
- Optional: Black Dance Shorts
- Props:
  - Right and Left Scrunchies
  - Notebook and Pencil

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Dance Pant
- Black Lace Up Oxford Style Tap Shoe
- Hair Styled Out of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

BOYS HIP HOP
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or Shorts
- All White Running Shoe
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed Under Hip Hop

AIRDRIE JUNIOR THEATRE COMPANY
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or Leggings
- All Black Running Shoe
- Hair Styled Out Of Eyes/ Face

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or
- Leggings
- All Black Running Shoe
- Hair Styled Out Of Eyes/ Face

LEGEND

Option 1: Female Influenced

Option 2: Unisex

ALL **PROPS** CAN BE PURCHASED IN APA BOUTIQUE

Age 10+

ACRO

Ballet

Dance Theatre

HIP HOP

JAZZ

LYRICAL / CONTEMPORARY

TAP

BASS

GUITAR

PIANO

UKULELE

voice

AIRDRIE JUNIOR THEATRE COMPANY

FEE SCHEDULE GST NOT INCLUDED

DANCE

Dance Membership Fee (Renews Annually)	Starter: $135 Growth: $165 Premium: $215
45 Minute Weekly Class	Classes Starting at $78 / Month
Costumes	$115 per Costume (Due November 1)

MUSIC

Membership Fee (Renews Annually)	Starter: $135 Growth: $165 Premium: $215
Payment Options	Lessons Starting at $143 / Month

AIRDRIE JUNIOR THEATRE COMPANY

Membership Fee (Renews Annually)	Starter: $135 Growth: $165 Premium: $215
Payment Options	Classes Starting at $78 / Month
Performer Package	$180 (Due November 1)

OTHER PROGRAMMING

Sessional Programming	Program cost is based on the amount of classes provided. Connect with our office for pricing.
Private Lessons	Not to be combined with other tuition $160 per hour
Summer Camps	Included with Membership!

Age 10+

DRESS CODE

ACRO
Ages 10+

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Ponytail, Bun, or Braids
- Black Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Footless Tights
- Bare Feet
- Optional: Black Dance Shorts
- Props:
  - Right and Left Scrunchies
  - 2 Rubber Bands
  - 1 Theraband
  - Yoga Block

Accelerated Acro - Level 4 and Up
- Any Colour Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Footless Tights
- Bare Feet
- Optional: Black Dance Shorts
- Props:
  - Hand Towel
  - Notebook and Pencil
  - 2 Rubber Bands
  - Tennis Ball
  - 1 Theraband
  - Yoga Block / Mat / Strap

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Shorts
- Bare Feet
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

BALLET
Ages 10+

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Back Ponytail or Braids
- Black Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Pink (or Skin Tone) Tights
- Pink Soft Leather Ballet Slippers
- 1.5" Cuban Heel Black Character Shoes
- Black Character Skirt With Ribbons **Special Order**
- Props:
  - Notebook and Pencil
  - 1 Theraband

Accelerated Ballet - Grade 3 and Up
- Hair In Slicked Back Ponytail or Braids
- Any Colour Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Pink (or Skin Tone) Tights
- Pink Soft Leather Ballet Slippers
- 1.5" Cuban Heel Black Character Shoes
- Black Character Skirt With Ribbons Special Order
- Pointe Shoes - At Teacher's Request Only
- Props:
  - Hand Towel
  - Notebook and Pencil
  - Tennis Ball
  - 1 Theraband
  - Yoga Block / Mat / Strap

*Dancers may require an alternate bodysuit colour for examinations

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Dance Pant
- Black Soft Leather Ballet Slippers
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

HIP HOP
Ages 10+

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Back Ponytail or Braids
- Black Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Tights
- All White Running Shoe
- Optional: Black Leggings, Pants, or Shorts
- Props:
  - Notebook and Pencil

Pre Inter & Inter Accel
- Hair In Slicked Back Ponytail or Braids
- Any Color Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Tights
- All White Running Shoe
- Optional: Black Leggings, Pants, or Shorts
- Props:
  - Notebook and Pencil

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or Shorts
- All White Running Shoe
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

JAZZ, DANCE THEATRE AND LYRICAL
Ages 10+

OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Back Ponytail or Braids
- Black Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Tights
- Skin Tone Split Sole Jazz Shoes
- Optional: Black Dance Shorts
- Props:
  - Notebook and Pencil
  - 1 Theraband (Lyrical)

Accelerated Jazz / Lyrical - Junior 3 and Up & Pre-Inter/ Inter/Adv Accel
- Hair In Slicked Back Ponytail or Braids
- Any Colour Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone or Black Tights
- Black Jazz Shoes
- Optional: Black Dance Shorts
- Props:
  - Hand Towel
  - Notebook and Pencil
  - Tennis Ball
  - 1 Theraband
  - Yoga Block / Mat / Strap

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Dance Pant
- Black Slip-On Jazz Shoes
- Hair Styled Out Of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

Age 10+

DRESS CODE

TAP
Ages 9+
OPTION 1
- Hair In Slicked Back Ponytail, Bun or Braids
- Black Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone Tights
- Black Lace Up Oxford Style Tap Shoe
- Optional: Black Dance Shorts
- Props:
  - Right and Left Scrunchies
  - Notebook and Pencil

Accelerated Tap: Grade 3-2 and Up
- Any Colour Sleeveless Bodysuit
- Skin Tone or Black Tights
- Black Lace Up Oxford Style Tap Shoe
- Optional: Black Dance Shorts
- Props:
  - Notebook and Pencil

OPTION 2
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Dance Pant
- Black Lace Up Oxford Style Tap Shoe
- Hair Styled Out of Face/ Eyes
- Look For Age Appropriate Props Listed

AIRDRIE JUNIOR THEATRE COMPANY
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or Leggings
- All Black Running Shoe

Hair Styled Out Of Eyes/Face

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS
- APA T-Shirt
- Black Sweatpants or
- Leggings
- All Black Running Shoe
- Hair Styled Out Of Eyes/ Face

LEGEND

Option 1: Female Influenced

Option 2: Unisex

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Leaders in Training.

The Leaders in Training (LIT) Program is a highly distinguished educational program designed to provide Students with all of the tools they need to be a successful Leader both in the Arts, and in the Community.

The LIT Program is designed to provide **MORE**. We:

- Instill a **FAMILY FIRST** attitude by centering our program around the pillars of Trust, Serving, Love, Excellence, and Growth.
- Teach Students how to become **POSITIVE ROLE MODELS** through practical classroom experience, instructor mentoring, and focused learning sessions on concepts like gratitude, humility, empathy, initiative, and growth mind-set.
- Build **SELF CONFIDENCE** by providing a safe learning environment where Students take responsibility and learn accountability.
- Provide Students with the opportunity to **GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY** by sharing their love of the Arts with younger generations.

The Program
We know we are raising tomorrow's Leaders, and we take that seriously.

We do this by providing a comprehensive program with meaningful discussions and trainings, hands-on experience both inside and outside of the classroom, and growth opportunities.

Please connect with our Director of Operations (Miss Adrianne; missadrianne@ambitionarts.com) for more details on the Leaders in Training Program.

LIT
LEADERS IN TRAINING
APA STUDIOS

Store Suggestions & More!

STORE SUGGESTIONS

APA In-House Boutique
Get your dress code, props, and merchandise at APA! We are a one-stop shop for busy families

Attitude Dancewear and Costumes
6120 403 Mackenzie Way SW
403-980-4014

Bodythings (Kingsland)
236-7337 Macleod Trail SW
403-278-5440

Eastside Sports (Airdrie)
#6 805 East Lake Blvd NE
403-912-3012

City Dancewear
North: #106 5403 Crowchild Trail NW 403-288-3060
South: #16 6624 Centre St. SE
403-263-4828

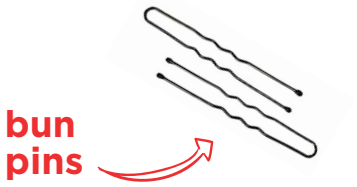
Muge
#202 3132 26 St. NE
403-263-9500

SUGGESTED PERSONAL ITEMS

- Bandaids
- Bobby Pins
- Bun Pins
- Filled Water Bottle
- Hair Elastics
- Hair Nets
- Hair Spray
- Hand Sanitizer
- Kleenex

BUN-MAKING TIPS

- Use a thick hair elastic to make a ponytail.
- Use bun pins, these are different from bobby pins and are key!
- Twist the hair around the ponytail holder securing it with pins that go through the hair elastic as you go.
- Use a hair net to catch fly away hairs, then finish securing the bun with pins.
- Ask a teacher for assistance if you need help understanding how to secure a proper bun - we would love to help you!



Year At A Glance

2024 – 2025

JULY

Jul 1 — Canada Day - CLOSED

AUGUST

Aug 5 — Civic Holiday - CLOSED
Aug 12 — First Day of Classes (Aug Start)

SEPTEMBER

Sept 2 — Labour Day - OPEN
Sept 6 — APA Open House and Once Loved Sale
Sept 9 — First Day of Classes (Sept Start)
Sept 30 — Truth and Reconciliation Day - OPEN

OCTOBER

Oct 11-16 — Thanksgiving Break - CLOSED
Oct 24-30 — Halloween Costume Week
Oct 31 — Halloween – CLOSED

NOVEMBER

Nov 1-7 — Costume Measuring Week
Nov 11 — Remembrance Day - OPEN

DECEMBER

Dec 12-15 — APA's Annual Christmas Spectacular
TBA — Airdrie Festival of Lights Performances
Dec 16-Jan 5 — Christmas Holidays - CLOSED

JANUARY

Jan 6 — Classes Resume
Jan 20-25 — Parent Participation Week

FEBRUARY

Feb 14-20 — Winter Break - CLOSED

MARCH

Mar 17-22 — Parent Teacher Interviews

APRIL

Apr 18-24 — Easter / Spring Break - CLOSED
TBA — Photo Week

MAY

May 16-22 — May Closure – CLOSED
TBA — Dress Rehearsal Week

JUNE

TBA — Year End Dance Recital
June 19-22 — Year End Music/Theatre Recital
June 21 — Last Day of Classes

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LEGEND

Studio Closed
Special Events
Dance Start / Finish

**Dates may be subject to change depending on School Calendars*

Studio Policies.

Student Waiver & Release of Liability

Membership Fees - Dance, Music and Theatre

- August to June Programming - A non-refundable Membership Fee is required for all students.
- Sessional Programming - No Membership Fees required
- Summer Programming - No Membership Fees required
- Private Lessons - No Membership Fees required

*Membership Fees are paid once per person per season, and are auto-renewed in May of each year.

Fees - Dance, Music and Theatre

- August to June Programming - Fees are based on 38 classes divided in to 12 months of equal payments, taking into account holidays, long weekends, closures for enrichment opportunities and inclement weather. Registration will not be confirmed or lessons provided until lesson fees have been submitted and Membership Fees have been paid. Please note that these fees do not include fees for extra classes, competitions and rehearsals, examinations, costumes or class attire. Non-payment or default on payments will result in a charge of 18% per annum. Families may opt for 11 or 10 month payment plans. Speak to the office for details.
- August to June Monthly Payment Option - Membership fee and first month will be charged on May 1st and June 15th respectively or at time of registration. All subsequent payments are due the 15th business day of the month prior.
- Sessional Programming - Fees are based on the number of classes indicated per session.
- Sessional Payment - All fees associated with the selected session will be charged to the provided credit card at the time of registration.
- Summer Programming - Fees are based on the number of classes indicated per session.
- Summer Programming Payment - All fees associated with the selected summer program will be charged to the provided credit card at the time of registration.
- Private Lessons - Lesson fees must be paid a minimum of 48 hours prior to the booked lesson or lesson time is cancelled. Private lesson fees are non-refundable.
- Returned Cheques, Late Payments, and Declined Credit Cards - Are subject to a service charge of $50.00 per transaction.

Tuition can be adjusted at any time with 30 days notice.

Costume Payments

All classes excluding music classes, sessional classes, and summer programming participate in our year end recital and will be subject to a costume fee. The fees and costumes are non-refundable.

Peace of Mind Assurance - 30 Day Guarantee!

At Ambition Performing Arts, I understand the trust you place in us when you choose our classes for your child. I've been where you are - wanting the best for my children, ensuring they're in a safe, nurturing environment where they can grow, learn, and have fun. That's why I'm making a promise to you. If, after 30 days of actively attending our classes, you are not completely satisfied with the experience for any reason, I personally assure you that we will work hard to make it right. And if we can't meet your expectations, you'll receive your money back. This is more than a guarantee; it's our commitment to excellence and your child's happiness. Trust us to be the white knight in your child's educational journey, a trusted advisor in your parenting adventure. Register for classes now and experience the Ambition difference, where every child's potential is our passion.

Miss Tara

Cancellation Policy

- August to June Programming Cancellation - Our studio must be advised of withdrawals or cancellations in writing 30 days in advance of the date of withdrawal. Payments that fall during that period must be remitted. Part months and missed classes will not be refunded. We do not accept cancellations from March 1st through to June 30th due to show preparations. After November 1st of the current season, your costume charge is non-refundable. We will email you when your costume is ready to be picked up. Any costumes not picked up by June of the current season will be donated.
- Sessional Programming Cancellations - There are no refunds for sessional programming. Part classes or missed classes cannot be made up.
- Summer Programming Cancellations - Ambition Performing Arts Inc must be advised of withdrawals or cancellations in writing 14 days in advance of the date of the summer programming. All withdrawals with 14 days notice in advance will be processed with a $50 cancellation fee. Cancellations inside of the 14 days notice are non-refundable. Part classes or missed classes cannot be made up.
- Private Lesson Cancellations - All private lessons require 48 hours notice for cancellation and fees paid will be held for reschedule. If 48 hours is not provided, fees are forfeited. There are no refunds for private lessons.

Inclimate Weather and Health and Safety Policy

For health and safety reasons, the studio reserves the right to close the studio at any time with minimal notice.

Right to Substitution

For health and safety reasons APA reserves the right to substitute services. Should the government require from time to time that we adjust the delivery of services you will be provided with progressive instructor led programming through alternative means. This will be considered delivery of services.

Studio Policies.

Photographs
I understand that Ambition Performing Arts Inc. may use photographs of my child on the website, social media and in advertising (no names posted) and within its premises. I also understand that videotaping of my child may occur as part of lessons, rehearsals, and shows. I grant Ambition Performing Arts Inc. permission to use these photos and videotaping as advertising and learning tools (without compensation).

Waivers - Please read it carefully before signing.
Please note that all students (or, if under age of 18, their Parent or Guardian) are required to sign this waiver.

- I am aware that the use of the studios and the participation in Performing Arts lessons involves inherent risks and hazards. I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers, hazards, and the possibility of personal injury, sickness, death, property damage, or loss resulting from such risks and hazards.
- I voluntarily agree to release APA from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury, or expense that I, or my next of kin, successors, or dependents may suffer or incur as a result of my use of the APA facilities due to any cause whatsoever including negligence on the part of APA.
- As the Parent or Guardian of the registered participant, if I cannot be contacted, I authorize Ambition Performing Arts Inc. to seek medical services in case of serious injury or illness. I further agree to accept financial responsibility in excess of the benefits allowed by my health plan.
- I understand that APA and its Directors will not assume responsibility for any lost or stolen property, or for any bodily or personal injury consisting of or arising out of any participant practicing in any physical training, athletic activity, or contest.

Emails
I agree to be kept on the email list. I understand that APA does not give this list to any outside parties and it is used solely to keep our customers aware of studio information such as: Newsletters, Recital Details, Picture Day, Studio Closures, and Special Events.

Frequently Asked Questions.

When do classes start?
Our first day of classes is Monday August 12, 2024!

What is a Membership Fee?
APA's Annual Membership Fee provides your Child with access to weekly classes at APA, and allows them to take advantage of special member privileges and our 'Insider's Only' events! There are three different levels of Membership - one for everyone!

Check out our Annual Membership Card for more details!

Why is my Monthly Tuition the same every month, even though some months have more classes than others?
Our Tuition is based on a 38 class season, taking into account holidays, long weekends, closures for enrichment opportunities or Studio events, and inclement weather.

We average tuition costs of these 38 classes over the entire season and divide it into 12 equal monthly installments. In doing so, we avoid changing your monthly payment amount each month, making payments much easier for you!

Other than Monthly Tuition, what other costs can I expect this year?
- Dress Code - All students have required dress code for classes.
- Recital Costume Fee / Performer Package - All Dancers and Theatre students are required to purchase a recital costume or performer package. There is NO Recital Costume Fee for Music Students.
- Photos - Photos are an optional purchase for all Dancers, Music Students, and Theatre Students. Most Families enjoy having this keepsake!
- Recital Tickets - Recital tickets are an optional purchase for all Dancers, Music Students, and Theatre Students. You may choose how many tickets to the Christmas Show and Year End Recital you wish to purchase.
- Additional Programming - There are always additional programming opportunities for all of our Performing Arts Students. If you are looking for an extra challenge or bigger commitment, contact us for information on all of our exciting programs!

Why do Students need Dress Code? / Where do I buy Dress Code?
Students need Dress Code for safety; Dress Code ensures that there are no extraneous clothing items or jewelry that can become hazardous. The Dress Code also helps Teachers see that Students are using the right muscles and alignment in order to learn the correct movements in class, while also helping to create a united team atmosphere that is both practical, and modest.

All Dress Code items can be bought at our In-House APA Boutique, unless otherwise specified on our Dress Code Handout. If, for some reason, we aren't carrying your size or there is something we are unable to help you with, we can provide you with a list of dancewear retailers that we trust and recommend!

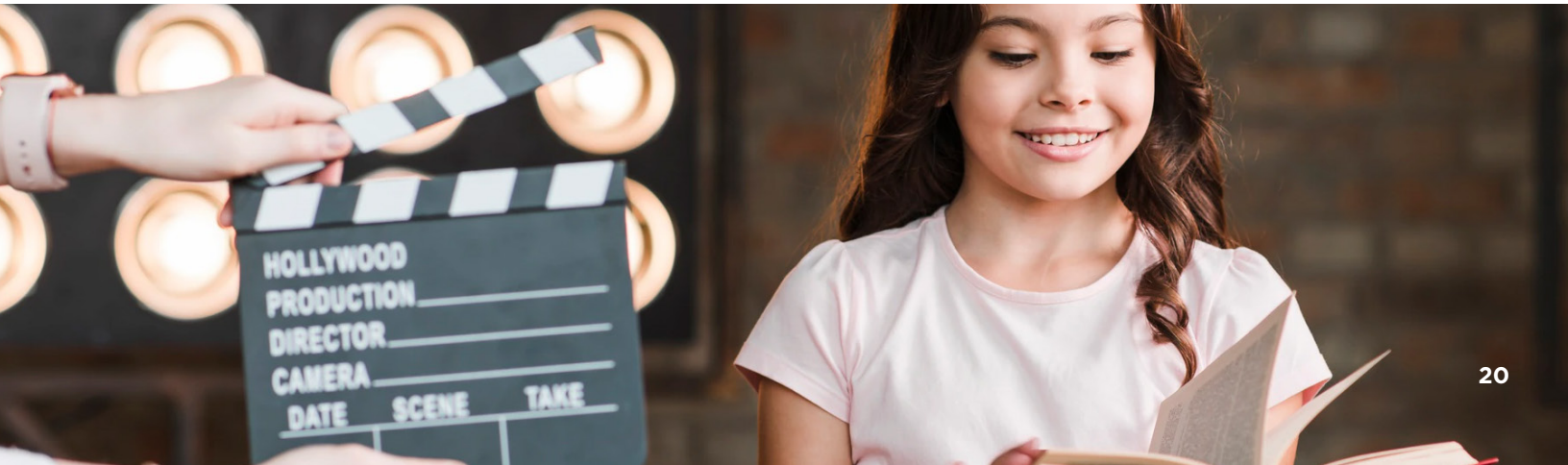
What is the Recital Costume Fee for?
All Dancers and Theatre students are required to purchase a Recital Costume. Recital Costumes are different from Dress Code, in that they are made from fancier fabrics and are often embellished, so they can capture the light of the stage and put a sparkle in your Child's performance!

Each Recital Costume will be handed to you recital-ready; steamed, on a hanger, and in a garment bag!

Can I add another class to my Child's schedule?
Absolutely!!! Students may add additional classes to their schedule until our Registration cut-off date at the end of January. Students must meet the age or skill requirement for the class they want to add, and there must still be space available for them in the class.

Thinking about adding a class, but not quite sure if your Child will love it? We ALWAYS have FREE TRIALS! Contact the office by emailing office@ambitionarts.com to book yours!

Do your Classes have prerequisites?
- Academy Dance Classes - Dancers must meet the age requirement for each level. Our age cut off for all classes is October 31st.
- Accelerated Dance Classes - Dancers must meet the skill prerequisites for each level. Please speak with a Director for placement.
- Music Lessons - No Prerequisites.
- Theatre Program - No Prerequisites.



Frequently Asked Questions.

What happens if my Child is sick and misses a class? What happens if the Studio cancels class?
All classes and lessons are available in your personalized online DisDance portal, so you are able to review missed classes from your home. No make up classes are needed with this system!

Where can I find information on...
- Studio Events, Closures, etc. - All Studio communications for events and closures will be emailed, posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages, and will be available in Weekly Wednesday email. For the quickest up-to-date information, make sure you have subscribed to our email services and are following us on social media!
- Recital - Recital information is released during Parent Viewing Week in January. Stay tuned for our fun theme release!
- Registration for Next Season - All families will be auto-renewed for classes for our next season. Details are released in March. Our Registration opens up to the public in April.

What if my Child doesn't like their class(es)?
If the class you selected isn't quite the right fit, don't worry - our team will work with you to find a better fit!

Still not the right timing? Our studio must be advised of withdrawals or cancellations in writing 30 days in advance of the date of withdrawal.

Payments that fall during the 30 day period must be remitted. Part months and missed classes will not be refunded. There will be no cancellations accepted from March 1st through to June 30th due to Year End show preparations.

Costumes - After November 1st of the current season, your costume charge is non-refundable. We will email you when your costume is ready to be picked up. Any costumes not picked up by June of the current season will be donated.

How can I contact my Child's Teacher?
We encourage you to chat with your Child's Teacher throughout the year, to keep yourself informed on their progress and get information about upcoming events and special opportunities for your Child.

You can reach out to the office via phone (403-648-5287) or email (office@ambitionarts.com) and we will connect you with your Child's Teacher.

Did you know that a portion of EVERY registration at APA goes to a scholarship fund to help youth in our Community gain access to the arts? As of January 2024, Ambition Performing Arts has donated over $230,000 back to our Airdrie Community

Company Teams.

For a more intensive learning experience, APA's invite-only Company Teams provide Students with a pre-professional level of training and personal growth. In addition to performing on stage at specially-chosen events, Students also have the opportunity to take classes with industry experts, giving them a peek into the professional world. The company experience goes well beyond skill development, requiring Students to become more disciplined, self-motivated, and resilient. It's not just an arts education; it's a total education!

DANCE COMPANY

Enrollment	Eligibility	Any Accelerated Dance Class (1 or More)
	Levels	5: Mini, Junior, Pre Inter, Inter, Adv
	Join By	Invitation
Placement	Guaranteed Placement	Yes
	Groups/Solos/Duos/Trios	Yes
Schedule / Fees	Schedule	Sept-May
	Fees	Pay Per #
	Team Jacket Required	Yes
	Makeup Kit Required	Yes
Requirements	Regular Class Attendance Requirement	90%
	Rehearsal Attendance Requirement	100%
	Dress Rehearsal / Showcase	Yes
	# of Competitions	4
	# of Community Performances	Up to 2
	Code of Conduct Agreement Forms	Yes
Other Opportunities	Travel Opportunities	Yes

THEATRE COMPANY

Enrollment	Eligibility	Any AJTC Class (1 or More)
	Join By	Invitation
Placement	Guaranteed Placement	Yes
	Groups/Solos/Duos/Trios	Yes
Schedule / Fees	Schedule	Sept-May
	Fees	Pay Per #
	Team Jacket Required	Yes
Requirements	Regular Class Attendance Requirement	90%
	Rehearsal Attendance Requirement	100%
	Dress Rehearsal / Showcase	Yes
	# of Festivals	2
	# of Community Performances	Up to 2
	Code of Conduct Agreement Forms	Yes
Other Opportunities	Travel Opportunities	Yes

MUSIC COMPANY

Enrollment	Eligibility	Any Private Music Lesson (1 or More)
	Join By	Invitation
Placement	Guaranteed Placement	Yes
	Groups/Solos/Duos/Trios	Yes *Pending Instrument*
Schedule / Fees	Schedule	Sept-May
	Fees	Pay Per #
	Team Jacket Required	Yes
Requirements	Regular Class Attendance Requirement	90%
	Rehearsal Attendance Requirement	100%
	Dress Rehearsal / Showcase	Yes
	# of Festivals	2
	# of Community Performances	Up to 2
	Code of Conduct Agreement Forms	Yes
Other Opportunities	Travel Opportunities	Yes

Birthday Parties.

PLAN YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY TODAY WITH APA!

Are you planning a birthday party? Come sing, play, move, dance, and much more! One hour of dancing fun with age appropriate specialized dance birthday party activities. Our trained and qualified teachers would love to throw you a birthday party!

Start your birthday fun today!

1. Book your date with APA.
2. Start sending out your invites.
3. CELEBRATE!

1.5 HOUR PARTY **$350 + GST**

- 1 hour of instructed dance for up to 10 children (Choose two dance styles: Ballet, Jazz, Acro, Mermaid Tumbling or Hip Hop)
- 30 minutes for cake and gifts
- The use of our studio space, washrooms, and lobby/ kitchen for cake and gifts
- APA Invitations, 'Thank You' cards and Goody Bags

We also have the following items at the studio for your use if you choose: lighter, table cloth, table, paper plates, cups, plastic cutlery, multi coloured balloons, happy birthday sign.

CELEBRATE WITH US!

... OPEN YOUR GIFTS AND EAT YOUR CAKE TOO!

PACKAGE ADD-ONS

- Add Additional Children - $25 + GST per child
- Choose from Elsa, Belle, Aurora, Rapunzel, Cinderella, Mirabel, Ariel, Olaf or APA's Daisy the Flower - $50 + GST

... we have Princes too!

EMAIL OFFICE@AMBITIONARTS.COM FOR MORE DETAILS!

Performing Arts Pathways.

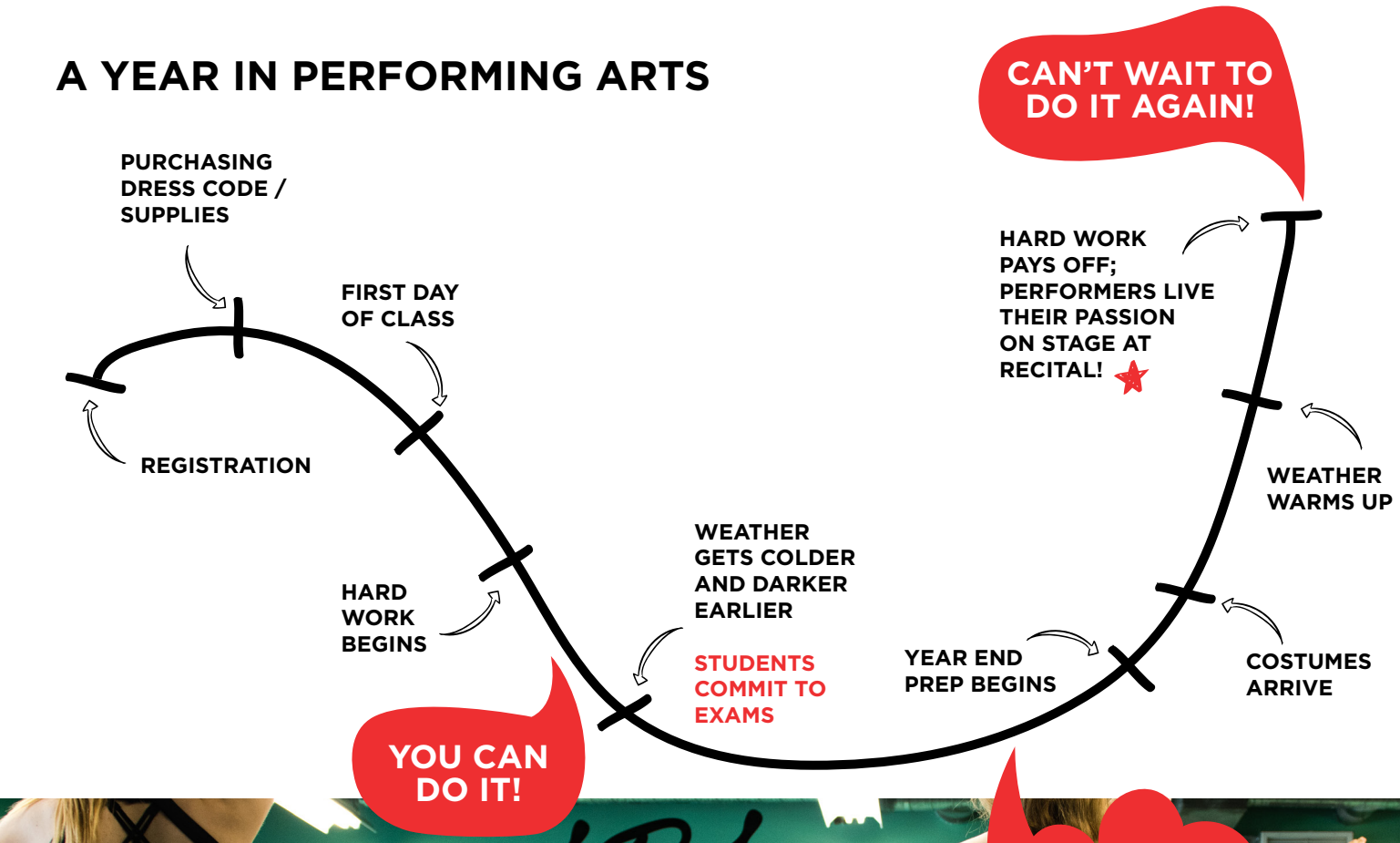
WELCOME TO OUR APA PERFORMING ARTS COMMUNITY!

Our goal is to teach every student new skills not just in dance, theatre, or music, but in life – helping them reach their potential! We know that every family who joins our school will be with us for many years, as learning the arts takes commitment. We want our relationship with you to be filled with lasting memories!

The upcoming year (... or years!) will be filled with healthy challenges. This is needed for personal and artistic growth; however, if the challenge ever reaches a point of frustration for you or your Child, please let us know. We have many years of experience teaching children successfully in the arts, and we always have suggestions and solutions available!

Below is a proven pathway to the ups and downs of your Child's year in the performing arts.

A YEAR IN PERFORMING ARTS



Better With A Friend.

Every season I pop my head into a bunch of classes and it amazes me how many strong, lifelong friendships are built within the walls of the studio. I remember, back in the day, being a part of a studio which quickly became my second home because of the relationships that were formed from a mutual love of the arts. The other thing I notice is just how many students were sharing their experiences at our studio with their friends. While our classes are a great place to make new friends, they're also the place to form deeper friendships with those we already know.

One of the best things I remember about my arts experiences growing up are the friendships I made. I spent so many hours at the studio honing my skills and diving into my passion. It was the only place where there were others who felt the same way I did about movement and creativity. It was a place where I could be accepted for who I was, no matter what. I could start my day over at the studio. If I had a rough day at school, the studio was a fresh start with a different group of people.

I still am very close with many of those friends today. Several of them have been there for me during the biggest events in my life. I still seek out mentorship from my own dance teacher (not many people know me better than she does) and we share memories and life regularly. Having people who have been with you from when you were young through adolescence, your first relationships, into adulthood and parenthood has created a sense of strength and acceptance in my journey through the arts.

Friendship is so important. We all seek it and value it. If you know someone who you would love to share the gift of the arts with, don't be shy - Tell them about APA! Be sure to let us know if you do refer a friend; we would love to thank you both with a gift from us to you!

Again, no pressure! But, we'd be lacking if we didn't ask you to share our information and your experience with others if you think they have a child that might like to join yours at the studio! It's been great having you as part of our studio community!

See you in the classroom.

Much love,

Miss Tara

PS: I have asked some of our previous students to share their experiences of friendships through dance as well.

"The friends we meet through dance are more than just our teammates. Like many other sport-like activities, dance is an excellent way for children to meet people who have similar interests to theirs. These common interests can pave the path to friendship for many children. Unlike all sports, dance seems to have a special way of blooming lifelong friendships. Dance is not only a sport, but also an art, and like any form of art it requires a great deal of passion. Young dancers are constantly learning from one another, and with the right studio environment they are able to not only learn dance technique, but also countless life lessons that can help them to not only become a better dancer, but also a better person.

Before starting my training at APA I had very poor self esteem, and little confidence. After a few months of dancing there, I not only improved my technical skills, but had actually done something that I didn't know was possible in such a small amount of time. I met some people very similar to me, and formed some wonderful friendships with the people in my classes. Dance creates such an open and comforting atmosphere, where everyone has their own unique strengths. With dance there is no mutual end goal, but instead everyone is able to get in touch with their own bodies, and realize what their personal goals are, and really who they are as individuals. With this, many dancers find it easier to accept and embrace who they are, and therefore create healthy friendships with their peers. The friendships we make through dance are definitely one of a kind, and are strong enough to last a lifetime."

Tiffany

Former Student

"When I was in grade three one of my friends from school switched into my dance class. Naturally, we became best friends. She would come over before and after school, we could not be separated through elementary school. Middle school hit and I took two years off dance. We started to drift apart. We weren't in the same classes and had nothing holding us together.

Late middle school I joined APA. Made lots of new friends, but it just wasn't the same. When we were put back in the same school class, we realized how much we missed each other and how valuable our friendship actually was. She ended up joining me at APA and through that we have shared the most amazing experiences together. She is my ultimate support system and I couldn't have wished for a better best friend. We are now about to graduate in the same class. She is my rock and I am forever grateful that dance pulled us back together."

Jillian

Former Student