

# 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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **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.



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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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** 

