## Ruth Page Center School of Dance

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## **POLICIES**

- Pre-Dance & Young Dancer Training Program classes are closed to observation.
- Parents/Guardians may observe classes during observation weeks only (listed below).
- Pre-Dance & Beginner Classes based on age are required as of Sept 1, 2025. No exceptions.
- Class instructors are subject to change.
- RPSD is not responsible for lost or stolen property. Unclaimed items will be donated.
- Weather-related or other closures will be announced via website & social media.
- Classes must be made up within current level placement or below. Please notify administrative staff and your teacher in advance when possible.
- Ruth Page School of Dance offers rolling admissions, where tuition may be pro-rated with late enrollment.
- Tuition is non-transferable. Tuition will not be pro-rated based on class absences or class termination.
- To add, change, or withdraw from class(es), complete a class add/drop form and return it to <a href="registration@ruthpage.org">registration@ruthpage.org</a>. Drop fee: \$50.00. No exceptions.
- Payment plans and tuition assistance are available—email questions to registration@ruthpage.org.

## **CLASS GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS**

- Dancers are expected to be fully prepared to begin class on time. Fully prepared means:
  - o Appropriate Dress Code
  - o No extraneous clothing
  - Jewelry removed (including smartwatches)
  - o Hair neatly pulled back off the face and secured up (hair ties, bobby pins, and hairnet, hairspray, as needed)
- Dancers should use the restroom prior to the start of class.
- Should a dancer arrive late to class, class participation is at the discretion of the RPSD faculty.
- Dancers should arrive and depart wearing street shoes and clothing over their leotards. Dance shoes should not be worn outside.
- Class and rehearsal absences should be communicated in advance to administrative staff and instructors.
- Excessive absences and tardiness may prevent level advancement and result in loss of performance opportunities.
- Food & drink are not allowed in studios, except water. Dancers may bring water bottles into class.
- Cell phones & smartwatches are not to be used during class time. Sound should be turned off and stored in dance bag during class.
- Street shoes are not allowed in studios.
- As dancers progress in RPSD's program, expectations in participation and attendance increase. RPSD strongly
  encourages dancers to add modern/contemporary, conditioning, Pilates & character to their schedule. This helps
  strengthen, cross train and develop more well-rounded dancers.
- Dancers must use Ruth Page Center for the Arts with care, particularly in studio spaces, dressing rooms and restrooms. They are expected to clean up after themselves. Property destruction will not be tolerated.
- Be quiet in the halls out of respect for the classes and performances in session.
- Dancers are expected to bring a positive attitude to class. Bullying, gossip & profanity will not be tolerated.
- Students shall not possess, actively seek, solicit, sell, or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, controlled substances, look-alike drugs, steroids, or other illegal performance-enhancing drugs/supplements, or possess drug-related paraphernalia.
- Dancers should be mindful of social media postings. Dancers are RPSD ambassadors and should respect the school, dancers, and faculty portrayed for public view.