



Dance School Policies

Age

The minimum age requirement is calculated as of September 1st.

Payment Policy

Three options:

- Option A: 1 payment in full (cash, cheque, credit card)
- Option B: 2 payments each equivalent to half of the total amount (1st payment on the date of registration, 2nd payment in January).
- Option C: 9 payments each equivalent to one eighth of the total amount (1st payment on the date of registration, all other payments dated for the first of each month, from October to May.)

Discount:

By registering 2 or more members of the same family or by registering one member in more than one class, you will receive a discount of 10% off of the total cost of your classes.

Reimbursement:

You may receive a full reimbursement for a class up to one month after the start of the dance year.

50% of the tuition fees will be reimbursed if the student quits before December. After the month of December, the payment cannot be reimbursed.

Annual fees:

- Tuition fee: Cost of classes
- Registration fee: 25\$ (or 40\$ per family)
Covers all administrative needs related to each dancer's file.
- Production fee: 40\$ per dancer
Contributes to the making of decorations, as well as theatre rentals for the school performances and paying the technicians.
For the classes that are offered for 2 sessions, the same fee is applicable and can be paid at the beginning of the year.

- Costume fee: 60\$ per costume and per class. For the dancers who are taking more than one class the fee will be multiplied by the number of classes. The costumes will then belong to the dancers.
For students of traditional classes, the fee is 40\$.

Fundraisers

The Association will participate in one or multiple fundraisers every year. The fundraiser(s) will be obligatory to all students and help with the smooth functioning of the Association and of the Dance school.

L'Association la Girandole will be selling Safeway and Sobeys gift cards this year as a fundraising. Every family will be responsible of selling 2000\$ worth of gift cards before the end of the dance year (April 2011). The Safeway gift cards will be available from September to December and the Sobeys gift cards from January to April. It is up to each family to decide the amount of each store that is sold as long as a total of 2000\$ is sold before April 30th, 2011.

The dance school receives 160\$ for every 2000\$ that is sold in gift cards. It will ask for a post dated cheque of 160\$ during registration. The cheque will be cashed on May 1st if the family does not sell 2000\$ worth of gift cards before this date.

Bursary Program

The bursary program allows children aged 6 to 20 years old to develop their full potential in all aspects of dance. To take part in the program, the child must register in a minimum of 3 classes per week for the entire year; one traditional French-Canadian dance and step dance class, one classical ballet class and a third class of their choice. If these requirements are met, the child is eligible for a 25% discount off of the total cost of their classes.

Language policy

All dance classes are offered in French; therefore, registered students must have an appropriate level of comprehension of the French language in order to follow the Association's mandate. L'Association la Girandole reserves the right to withdraw a dancer from any class if they do not meet this requirement.

Attendance / Absences

L'Association la Girandole expects students to be punctual for each and every class. A student who does not arrive on time may be asked to observe the class. It is preferable that students arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the class, to ensure that he/she is ready and warmed-up. A small studio is available to all dancers for this purpose.

If, for any reason, a student is unable to attend a class or will be late for a class, the student or parent is asked to call the Association's office as soon as possible at 468-0057 and leave a message for the instructor concerned. After two absences during one session, the instructor reserves the right to withdraw the student from the end of session performance, if necessary.

Dress Code

L'Association la Girandole strives for excellence in its dance school. The students must therefore conform to the school's mandatory dress code, as described in the dress code information sheet. In addition, each dancer must have their hair tied back at all times (in a bun for ballet classes) and should never wear jewelry during the class (watches, rings, necklaces, big earrings, etc.). A student who does not conform to the dress code or forgets articles of clothing may be asked to observe the class.

Costumes

All costumes will be, from now on, the property of the dancers. Each dancer is responsible for the maintenance of his/her performance costume(s). If a costume piece is lost or damaged, the dancer will be responsible for all replacement costs.

At the end of a session, each dancer will keep his/her costume(s).

The Association's costumes are available for rental purposes. Please consult the Association's Resource Centre policies for more information.

End of Session Performance

Every year, the dance school presents a year end performance. Should you/your child not be able to participate in these performances, we ask that you please advise the instructor as soon as possible.

Observation Week

For the benefit of the dancers, parents are not permitted inside the studio during class hours. Parents and friends are invited to observe the classes during observation week. This date will be confirmed to you within the first few weeks of classes.

Recognition and Awards

At the end of each year, l'Association la Girandole recognizes the students who have succeeded beyond expectation over the course of the season.

- Dance Achievement Award: This award will be presented to one student from each class who has shown hard work, effort, punctuality, a positive attitude and excellence in all areas of dance.
- Attendance Award: All students who have completed the season with perfect attendance will receive an attendance certificate and will be eligible to win the attendance award. One of these names will be drawn at the end of the season to determine the recipient of this award.
- Assistant Achievement Award: This award will be presented to a student who is in the teaching assistant program and who has shown strength in their leadership skills, ability as well as perfect attendance.

Studio Etiquette

For the Edmonton school, each student must bring his or her own, labeled water bottle to every class. L'Association la Girandole provides bottled water for the dancers; however, they must have their own water bottle.

Students are not allowed to chew gum during classes, eat on the dance floor, and touch the studio mirrors, the sound system or the instructors' shelves.

Because the dancers are not allowed to eat during classes, we strongly recommend that each student eats a healthy snack 20 to 30 minutes before the beginning of each class (fruits, vegetables, nuts...).

Use of Photos and Videos

L'Association la Girandole reserves the right to use any video recordings and photographs taken during the course of the dance season for promotional purposes.

Use of Choreographies

The choreographies taught during the season are the property of the instructor and of the Association. It is prohibited to use the choreographies outside of the dance school without the Association's permission.