



2023-2024 PSA Student Handbook

Welcome to Peninsula School of the Arts!

This handbook is your guide to policies and procedures regarding PSA classes. **Please read it in its entirety.** If you have questions regarding this handbook or our policies, please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

We are looking forward to seeing many familiar faces, and we are excited to welcome any new families to PSA!

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2023-2024 YOUTH PROGRAM

For ballet students in Level 1 and up, PSA has created a flexible schedule with flat-rate tuition. Students are welcome to take all classes offered for their level, but are not required to do so. They may choose how many classes per week they will attend, the rate stays the same. Pre-Ballet 1 and 2 students MUST enroll on the day(s) they will attend.

Trial/Placement Classes

All NEW students must take a placement/trial class to determine their correct ballet level. Please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org to register for your placement class. Placement is determined based on age, technique, and ability. Current or former students will receive their level placement via email. *There are no trials for Musical Theater, as it is taught as a workshop, not an ongoing class.

Once placed in a level, the instructors decide when a student is ready for promotion to the next level. Please do not approach them asking to do this mid-season.

Trial classes are \$12 and can be arranged by emailing conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

No Make-Up Classes

No make-up classes will be offered for any classes. In the case of extended absences, please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

Withdrawal Policy

PSA requires notification via email if you plan to withdraw from classes. You must email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org by **the 25th of the month prior** in order to withdraw from classes. *If you do not email PSA by the 25th of the month, you will be charged for the following month of classes.*

Dress Code

PSA is instituting a uniform policy this season. You will have until November to purchase the necessary items. Uniform colors and pieces are posted on each level's page in the [Peninsula School of the Arts Dancewear online store](#). PSA Dancewear items are the only accepted uniform pieces. If you have questions regarding the uniform or dress code, please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

CLASS SCHEDULES & DESCRIPTIONS

Combo (Ballet & Tap) (Ages 3-5)

For young aspiring dancers, this 60-minute class introduces children to movement, ballet, and tap dance.

Combo (Ages 3-5)

Monday 3:30-4:30pm with Verónica Quevedo

Pre-Ballet 1 and 2 (Ages 3-6)

For our youngest aspiring dancers, this 45-minute class introduces children to the joy of dance and movement.

Pre-Ballet 1 (ages 3 - 4)

*Recommend enrolling in 1-2 classes/week

Tuesday 3:30-4:15pm with Melia Kramer

Wednesday 3:30-4:15pm with Masha Baratoshvilli Amato

Saturday 9:15-10:00am with Masha Baratoshvilli Amato

Saturday 10:00-10:45am with Masha Baratoshvilli Amato

Pre-Ballet 2 (ages 4.5 - 6)

*Recommend enrolling in 1-2 classes/week

Wednesday 4:15-5:00pm with Masha Baratoshvilli Amato

Thursday 4:15-5:00pm with Verónica Quevedo

Saturday 9:00-9:45am with Melia Kramer

Saturday 9:45-10:30am with Melia Kramer

Level 1 (Ages 6-8)

Beginner level, 60-minute technique class where students begin to learn the foundations of classical ballet technique.

Level 1

*Recommend 1-2 classes/week

Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm with Masha Baratoshvilli Amato **and**

Saturday 9:00-10:00am with Alyssa-Marie Muña

OR

Thursday 5:00-6:00pm with Verónica Quevedo **and**

Saturday 10:00-11:00am with Alyssa-Marie Muña

Level 2 (Ages 8-10)

75-minute technique classes where students expand on the foundations of classical ballet technique, introducing more complex barre and center work.

Level 2

*Recommend 2 classes/week

Tuesday 4:15-5:30 with Melia Kramer

Wednesday 4:45-6:00pm (Combined 2 & 3) with Minna Rogers

Saturday 10:45-12:00PM (Combined 2 & 3) with Masha Baratoshvilli Amato

Level 3 (Ages 9-11)

75-minute technique classes where students expand on the foundations learned in Level 2.

Level 3

*Recommend 3 classes/week

Tuesday 5:30-6:45pm with Melia Kramer

Wednesday 4:45-6:00pm (Combined 2 & 3) with Minna Rogers

Saturday 10:45-12:00PM (Combined 2 & 3) with Masha Baratoshvilli Amato

Level 4 (Ages 10-14)

90- to 120-minute intermediate technique class for students with experience. Students in Level 4 will begin preparing for pointe work with weekly pre-pointe class.

Level 4

*Recommend 3 classes/week

Tuesday 4:15-6:15pm Technique & Pre-Pointe with Léna Alvino

Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm Technique with Minna Rogers

Saturday 11:00-12:30pm Technique (Combined Level 4 & 5) with Alyssa-Marie Muña

Level 5 (Ages 12-16)

90- to 135-minute intermediate/advanced technique classes for students with experience. Students in Level 5 will have weekly pointe and contemporary classes.

Level 5

*Recommend 4 classes/week

Tuesday 4:00-6:15pm Technique & Contemporary with Alyssa-Marie Muña

Wednesday 4:00-6:15pm Technique & Pointe with Katerina Beckman

Thursday 4:00-6:15pm Technique (Combined Level 5 & 6) with Chloé Watson

Saturday 11:00-12:30pm Technique (Combined Level 4 & 5) with Alyssa-Marie Muña

Level 6 (ages 14 and up - by placement only)

90- to 135-minute advanced technique classes for our most advanced students. Students in Level 6 will have weekly pointe, variations, and contemporary classes, in addition to a special professional-level class with company dancers. *This class is by placement only.*

Level 6

*Recommend 4-5 classes/week

Monday 4:00-6:15pm Technique & Pointe with Chloé Watson [interim]

Tuesday 4:00-6:15pm Technique & Contemporary with Alyssa-Marie Muña

Wednesday 4:00-6:15pm Technique & Variations with Léna Alvino

Thursday 4:00-6:15pm Technique (Combined Level 5 & 6) with Chloé Watson

Saturday 10:30am-12:00pm Technique (Combined with professional company) with Greg Amato

Mentorship Program (Ages 12+)

The mentorship program is open to all Level 5 and 6 students. *Dancers must attend a minimum of four Level 5 or Level 6 classes per week*, and will have two private lessons/mentoring sessions each month with a faculty or company member. Enrollment in the program is limited and requested mentors are not guaranteed

Mentorship Sessions - 60 mins.

*Minimum 4 technique classes/week required for enrollment

Two private 60-minute sessions/month to be scheduled.

Private Lessons

One on one ballet lessons with one of our available instructors, for Level 2 through Adult students. To arrange, please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

60 minutes: \$88

30 minutes: \$44

Tap 1, 2 & 3 (Ages 4-17)

Students learn the fundamentals of tap technique in a fun and creative way. Dancers will learn basic terminology, steps, and combinations to improve their knowledge and skill of tap dance.

Tap 1 (Ages 4-7), 45 mins.

Monday 5:00-5:45pm with Verónica Quevedo

Tap 2 (Ages 8-12), 60 mins.

Tuesday 5:30-6:30pm with Katelin Foley

Tap 3 (Ages 13-17), 60 mins. **New Class!**

Tuesday 6:45-7:45 with Katelin Foley

Hip-Hop 1, 2 & 3 (Ages 5-17)

Students learn the fundamentals of hip-hop in an exciting and fun way. Dancers will learn basic terminology, steps, and combinations to improve their knowledge of hip-hop.

Hip-Hop 1 (Ages 5-8) 45 mins.

Thursday 4:15-5:00pm with Matthew "Ninja" Sutton

Hip-Hop 2 (Ages 9-12) 60 mins.

Thursday 5:00-6:00pm with Matthew "Ninja" Sutton

Hip-Hop 3 (Ages 13-17) 60 mins. **New Class!**

Thursday 6:00-7:00pm with Matthew "Ninja" Sutton

Musical Theater 1, 2 & 3: (Ages 5-18)

Musical Theater Dance class is a great way to be introduced to the world of Musical Theater through dance! We learn dance styles that are performed in Broadway musicals, as well as choreography from pieces in musicals old and new. Come play and learn in a creative and fun space, designed to inspire the performer within! Musical Theater Classes are conducted in sessions.

MT1 (Ages 5-7), 45 mins.

Monday 4:15-5:00pm with Minna Rogers

Session 1: September 11- November 27 [no class 10/9, 11/20]

Session 2: January 8-March 25 [no class 1/15, 2/19]

Session 3: April 8-June 9 [no class 5/27]

MT2 (Ages 8-12), 60 mins.

Monday 5:00-6:00pm with Minna Rogers

Session 1: September 11- November 27 [no class 10/9, 11/20]

Session 2: January 8-March 25 [no class 1/15, 2/19]

Session 3: April 8-June 9 [No class 5/27]

MT3 (Ages 13-18), 60 mins. **New Class!**

Monday 6:00-7:00pm with Minna Rogers

Session 1: September 11- November 27 [no class 10/9, 11/20]

Session 2: January 8-March 25 [no class 1/15, 2/19]

Session 3: April 8-June 9 [No class 5/27]

YOUTH TUITION

Annual Registration Fee: \$50

This fee must be paid when you initially register for classes.

To register for Conservatory classes you must have an active account in [DanceStudioPro](#) with a zero balance, and be enrolled in AutoPay. To create your new student account click [here](#).

You may only register for the level you were placed in. If you do not know your level placement or you are a new student please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

Tuition cost is monthly, based on level. Tuition rates DO NOT change regardless of holiday breaks, missed classes or, for Level 1 and up, how many classes you take each week. All holiday breaks are factored into tuition at the beginning of the 23-24 season. PSA does not offer make-up classes.

Monthly tuition is due no later than the 30th. We require all families to sign up for Auto-Pay, which runs between the 26th and 30th of each month. Failure to pay by the due date will result in a \$25 late fee.

Monthly Tuition Rates

Pre-Ballet 1: \$47

Pre-Ballet 2: \$47

Level 1: \$83

Level 2: \$140

Level 3: \$140

Level 4: \$270

Level 5: \$340

Level 6: \$415

Mentorship Program: \$160

Tap 1: \$47

Tap 2: \$57

Tap 3: \$57

Hip-Hop 1: \$47

Hip-Hop 2: \$57

Hip-Hop 3: \$57

Combo: \$57

Musical Theater Dance

Session 1: \$135, Session 2: \$135, Session 3: \$108

Gift of Dance Scholarship - offered to students ages 3-18 years old with a passion and desire to dance. This scholarship is awarded based on financial need, merit, and the student's desire to dance. To apply for this scholarship [please fill out this form](#) and email it to conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

2023-24 Peninsula School of the Arts Youth Calendar

*All dates are subject to change.

August 8-26	August Drop-In Program
September 5	2023-2024 Season begins
September 16	Mandatory Parent Meeting
September 16	Student Nutcracker Audition
September 23	Student Nutcracker Rehearsals Start
September 30	* <i>San Mateo Countywide Celebration of the Arts</i>
October 7	Mandatory Nutcracker Parent/Dancer Meeting
October 8	* <i>San Carlos Art & Wine Faire</i>
October 16-21	Parent Observation Week
October 31	Happy Halloween! Wear a costume to class!
December 1	* <i>San Carlos Night of Holiday Lights</i>
Dec. 2-3 & 9-10	* <i>Nutcracker & Hip-Hop Nutcracker Sweets at PSA Studios</i>
December 9	Last day of youth classes
December 15 - 17	* <i>Nutcracker & Hip-Hop Nutcracker at Fox Theater</i>
December 31	* <i>Noon Year's Eve at Hiller Aviation Museum</i>
January 8	Youth classes resume
March 25-30	Parent Observation Week
April 20	* <i>National Water Dance</i>
June 9	June Showcase
June 15	Last day of Student Classes
July 8-26	Summer Camps

**Performance opportunity for selected students.*

NO CLASS DATES:

November 19 - 26	Thanksgiving Break
December 10 - January 7	Winter Break
January 15	Martin Luther King Day
February 19	Presidents' Day
April 1 - 6	Spring Break
May 27	Memorial Day

FAQs

Q. Are there opportunities for one-on-one training?

A. Yes, PSA offers private lessons and we encourage students in Level 2 or above to register for private lessons with their preferred teacher. Please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org if you are interested in private lessons.

Q. Is there anything else I need?

A. We recommend bringing a water bottle and keeping hand sanitizer in your dance bag.

Q. Who should I contact with questions?

A. Please email Shannon at conservatory@peninsulaballet.org with any questions or concerns you may have.

Class Code of Conduct

1. I will use the restroom and get a drink of water before class starts.
2. I will not eat or chew gum while in class.
3. I will respect my teachers, PSA staff and volunteers, PSA studios, and my classmates. I will not disrupt class.
4. I will support all of my classmates.
5. I will accept corrections as constructive critiques to help me grow as a dancer. I understand that my teacher is not criticizing me.
6. I will take pride in my school, my teacher, my classmates, and myself.
7. I will not use my phone or other devices during class.
8. I will have fun!

PSA ADULT PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Ballet - Beginning Drop-ins

Tuesday, 6:15 - 7:45pm Léna Alvino

Ballet - Beginning/Intermediate Drop-ins

Wednesday 6:15 - 7:45pm Léna Alvino

Ballet - Beginning/Intermediate/Open Drop-ins (ages 16+ welcome)

Saturday 9:00 - 10:30am Gregory Amato

Sunday 10:30 - 12:00pm Gregory Amato

Ballet - Intermediate Drop-ins **New Class!**

Thursday 6:15 - 7:45pm Gregory Amato

Ballet - Intermediate/Advanced/Open Drop-ins

Tuesday 10:00 - 11:30am Gregory Amato

Thursday 10:00 - 11:30am Gregory Amato

Ballet - Beginning Pointe Drop-ins **New* (Session class no longer offered)*

Wednesday 6:15 - 8:30pm Léna Alvino

Beginning Tap Workshop **New - Drop-ins now available!**

Tuesdays, 7:45 - 8:45pm Katelin Foley

Session 1: September 5 - November 14

Session 2: January 23 - April 9th **no class 4/2**

Hip-Hop Drop-ins

Mondays, 6:15 - 7:45pm Robbie Rosenmiller

ADULT CLASS RATES

All Adults Are Required to Enroll in AutoPay

Adult Drop-ins

Tap: \$14

Ballet: \$18

Hip-Hop: \$18

Pointe: \$28

Adult Dance Card

\$160/10 classes expires after 60 days from date of purchase

For Ballet and Hip-Hop drop-ins ONLY

Adult Beginning Tap Workshop

No dance cards accepted

60 minute class

Session 1, 11 weeks: \$138

Session 2, 11 weeks: \$138

Private Lessons

To arrange, email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

60 minute ballet lesson with one of our available instructors: \$88

2023-24 PSA Adult Program Calendar

*All dates are subject to change.

No class dates:

September 4	Labor Day
October 25 & 26	(Ghost Dances)
November 23 & 24	Thanksgiving Break
November 29 & 30	(Classical Sweets)
December 13-17	(Nutcracker at Fox)
December 24 & 25	Christmas Break
January 1	Happy New Year!
January 15	Martin Luther King Day
Jan 31 & Feb 1	(Broadway show)
February 19	Presidents' Day
April 3 & 4	(Mozart Requiem)
May 27	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day

