

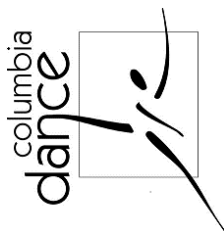


Dear Columbia Dance Families,</



## Training Dancers | Shaping People

At Columbia Dance, we believe that ballet training not only helps you become a good dancer, it helps you be a good person. We feel passionately that art revives us and inspires us, giving children a leg up on loving who they are, and giving that gift back to the world.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

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| Classes Begin                 | September 8    |
| Observation Week              | November 2-7   |
| Veterans' Day Holiday         | November 11    |
| Thanksgiving Holiday          | November 25-28 |
| Nutcracker (Level 1 and up at |                |

## **General School Information**

### **Inclement Weather Policy:**

In the event of inclement weather, Columbia Dance will announce any closures by 1pm for weekday classes and by 8pm the evening prior for weekend classes. Announcements will be sent via email. As our hours are very different from public schools hours, our decision to remain open or closed may differ from those of the academic schools. On occasions when Columbia Dance is able to be open during inclement weather, we will respect any family's decision to keep their child home and will happily excuse them from classes.

**Parent Observation Weeks:** We have found from experience that students make better progress without parents in the studio. Parents and friends are invited to observe classes twice a

# My INCLUDE Dance Story

I am going to an INCLUDE dance class with Columbia Dance.



My classroom is on the left side of the lobby past the drinking fountain.  
There is a window so that people can watch from outside the room.



Halfway down the hall are the bathrooms. There is a drinking fountain and water bottle filler.



In our class

- I will HEAR the sounds of our dance music, other students moving and my teacher explaining our dance steps.
- I will SEE ballet barres and other equipment being moved. I will see the movement of classmates across the dance floor.
- I can ask for help how to position my body and move across the dance floor, but I can also say that I would like no touch help.
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The Dance Partners dance with me and help me learn new things.  
The Dance Partners are dancers in Columbia Dance's Company.



We start class with a warm-up. We will learn new steps. We will dance across the floor. I will stand in line and wait for my turn. We will learn a dance together. Sometimes I might dance by myself. Sometimes I might dance with a partner. I will dance with my classmates and Dance Partners. The music we dance to is sometimes fast and sometimes slow. The music is never very loud.

