

Dunsmuir Dance Academy 2018/19



"Eat. Sleep. Breathe. Dance!"

What is the Dunsmuir Dance Academy?

The Dunsmuir Dance Academy is a dance skill development program offered at Dunsmuir Middle School for students in grades 6,7 and 8. It is currently in its 10th year of operation and is instructed by Mrs. Danica Anderson.

About the Instructor

Danica is a teacher with dance training in ballet, pointe, jazz, contemporary, tap, lyrical, musical theatre and modern dance. She is also a competitive Figure Skater and Gold level Ice Dancer currently training/competing through the Saanich Figure Skating Club. She was a long-time performer/choreographer with P.A.C.E. Musical Theatre and is also a triple-threat graduate from the prestigious *Canadian College of Performing Arts*, where she studied with dance teachers including David Roland, Janice Tooby-MacDonald, Sherri Black and Jacques Lemay. She has directed/choreographed full length musicals including, "Annie", "Little Shop of Horrors", and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". Locally, Danica has studied and performed with Karen Clark Dance Studio, Wendy Steen Mitchell Dance, Dansko and Broadstreet Dance.

Who can apply for the Dance Academy?

The Dunsmuir Dance Academy is open to any interested students in grades 6-8 who possess a passion and enthusiasm for dance along with a high level of commitment and coachability required to improve & expand upon their existing dance training. Although the program is not reserved for students with prior studio dance training, any recent experience in dance or other dance-related sports is beneficial. We welcome dancers at all skill levels as the program is designed to offer experience and training in multiple dance styles with an emphasis on development of skills, technique and performance. Eligible students must: be physically capable of the demands of regular dance/fitness training, demonstrate excellent attendance, behavior and effort, be motivated to practice on their own time, balance the demands of Academy with personal life and other outside activities as well as academic success, and cope well under pressure and in a performance setting.

How does this program "fit" into the student's daily schedule?

This program is offered within the regular school day. Students attend dance class in the Dunsmuir Dance Studio. *Students will have dance classes 3 times/week and will not need to take P.E.* Class size for Dance Academy will be capped at 28 students (per grade).

What kind of instruction will the dancers receive?

Dancers are offered instruction in many different styles of dance throughout the year. Regular classes consist of extensive warm-up routines, conditioning, cross-floor skill development, choreography, as well as student created choreography and teaching experience. Some of the dance genres covered in Academy will include Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary, and Tap (and Hip Hop in grade 8). Along with regular weekly dance instruction, dancers will participate in a number of in-class workshops taught by guest teachers, they will train with resident choreographers, and may attend presentations by local dance companies. Dancers will also perform both in the school and out in the community, including the SD62 Dance Academies *Winter Show*, the *Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival*, Royal Bay's *Year End Recitals*, as well as Dunsmuir's "*Evening of Dance*" recitals. All dancers are also encouraged to join one of our 2 "*DMS Islanderz*" Hip Hop crews (after school).

What supplies will dancers need?

All dancers will need school-appropriate, fitted dance attire, black tap shoes (which can be rented through our studio), black jazz shoes, nude foot undeez (supplied to all grade 8 dancers), water bottle (supplied to all new dancers), dance performance undergarments, and Academy Uniforms (provided in the 'dancer kit').

Dance shoes and clothing can be purchased at:

Ellswear Dance: 3180 Harriet Rd.

Toes n' Taps Dance Shoppe: 1733 Cook St.

What are the Program Fees?

Fees for the 2018/19 school year will be approximately \$950.00 with an \$85.00 deposit due at the time of registration. Fees will cover:

- All dance instruction
- Resident Choreographers
- Workshops and Demonstrations
- Year End Recital
- * Dancer Kit (includes Academy uniform, dance bag)
- * Festival Fees, admission, and transportation costs
- * All costuming

Academy Bursary Applications

Sooke School District believes that all students should have the opportunity to participate in our District Academy Programs. We work with families in need of financial assistance to pay for Academy fees in the following ways:

1. *KidSport or Jumpstart Bursary*
2. *District Bursaries*
3. *Parent contribution*

All bursary applications are handled through the Academies office. Please call 250-391-9006 ext. 250 to begin the bursary application process. For more information, contact the Vice Principal of Academy Programs, Wayne Kelly: wkelly@sd62.bc.ca

How do I Apply for Dunsmuir's Dance Academy?

All new applicants and their parents are encouraged to attend our DMS Academies Information session at the school on Tuesday, January 30th, starting at 6:00pm. All students wishing to be considered for placement in our Dance Academy will need to:

1. register online at <https://registration2016.sd62.bc.ca/apps/academy>

2. submit an **application package** to the DMS office, no later than MARCH 9th. Application packages will be available to pick up starting on January 30th at: Dunsmuir School Main Office, the school website, the DMS Dance Academy website and the District Academies office. Application packages will also be available for pick up at the DMS Academies Information session on January 30th.

Please note: online registration and the submission of the required application does not guarantee placement in the Dance Academy. All applications will be reviewed and then official confirmation letters will be emailed out after March 12th. Placement into the Dance Academy program will be based on the strength of the application package, which will be measured based on the following criteria:

*application package completion including all required documents: Dancer Statement Form, Teacher Reference Form, and the Community Reference Form.

* Report Card Review of history of attendance, work habits & behavior.

* Interview (if necessary)

How can I find out more about the Dunsmuir Dance Academy?

* Please visit our website at: www.dunsmuirdanceacademy.weebly.com

* Contact the Dance Academy Director, *Danica Anderson*: danderson@sd62.bc.ca

For more information about registration, fees/payment options, and bursaries:

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