



Alexandria, VA

Student Handbook

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Policies & Procedures

At **Above the Barre** it is our mission to provide a well-rounded curriculum in a pleasant and encouraging environment, regardless of whether you dance for exercise, simply for the love of dance, or for those dancing at the professional level.

Payment and Enrollment Policy

1. School Registration: A \$25 Registration Fee per student/\$35 Registration Fee per family, per year must accompany all enrollments. The registration fee is applied to school liability costs and administrative fees.
2. Recital Fees: There is a \$25 Recital fee per student. This fee is applied to hall rental fees and production costs. The fee includes one complimentary ticket.
3. Costume Fees: Parents are responsible for costume costs for the Spring recital. Costume fees will be determined by class and will range from \$25-\$75.
4. Late Fees: A \$25 late fee is applied to all late tuitions due. Read the payment schedule carefully. Yearly plan is due prior to the first class of the year. For those on semester pay, the due date is the first class of each semester. Parents are responsible for timely tuition payments. You will only be billed if payment has not been received on time and you will be charged a \$25 late fee at that time.
5. Tuition and enrollment fees are non-refundable.
6. A \$25 fee will be issued for returned checks.
7. Payments may be made by cash, check, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover).

Insurance

It is the policy of our school that parents provide and use their own medical insurance. Evidence of coverage and policy numbers is required on the enrollment form. **Above the Barre, Inc.** is not liable for any injuries to persons, which may be sustained by students, their families, guests, or others, in our facility or in sponsored activities which may occur outside. All persons assume risks incident to activities of this studio.

Attire

Students must wear appropriate attire to all classes. Clothing should be fitted and should not restrict movement. Jewelry should not be worn. Proper footwear is required for each class: ballet or pointe shoes, jazz shoes, tap shoes, or bare feet for gymnastics classes. Long hair must be neatly tied back.

Parent Day

In general it is our policy that parents are not permitted in the studio during class time. However, because of their age, parents of students in Level I classes may attend class at any time. For all other age levels, we invite parents to attend on Parent Day during which the studio is open and parents are allowed to watch as class takes place. These days will be announced well in advance on the calendar and on Facebook.

Cancellations

We reserve the right to cancel class in the event of inclement weather. Check local listings for information regarding cancellations. If Fairfax County Public Schools are closed, classes will not be held. If you are in doubt, please call the office (703) 980-1219, or check the Facebook page for up-to-date class information.

Class Descriptions

Ballet

students are required to wear tights, leotard, and ballet or pointe shoes

Ballet 1	Preschool-Kindergarten. No prior training required.
Ballet 2	Grades 2-3. Beginner with 1-2 years prior training.
Ballet 3	Grades 4-6. Intermediate with 3 years prior training.
Pre-Point	Junior High. Intermediate with 4-5 years prior training. Emphasis on pointe preparation. Required to be taken with Pointe or Lyrical Class.
Pointe	Junior High/High School. Intermediate/Advanced with emphasis on pointe technique. Required to be taken with Pre-pointe or Lyrical Class.
Adult Movement (Beg. and Int.)	Beginner/Intermediate. Reintroduce yourself to dance technique.

Jazz

students are required to wear fitted clothes that are easy to move in and jazz shoes

Jazz I	Beginner class. Basic technique with little or no prior training.
Jazz II	Intermediate level.
Jazz III	Advanced class with emphasis on performance.
Lyrical	Intermediate/Advanced. Required to be taken with Pre-Pointe and/or Pointe.

Gymnastics

students are required to wear fitted clothes that are easy to move in and class will be conducted in bare-feet

Gymnastics I	Beginner class. Basic technique with little or no prior training.
Gymnastics II	Advanced Beginner. Continue to expand your tumbling skills.
Gymnastics III	Intermediate level.

Class Schedule

Ballet	
Ballet 1	Wednesday, 6:00-6:45
Ballet 2	Wednesday, 6:45-7:30
Ballet 3	Wednesday, 7:30-8:15
Pre-Pointe	Wednesday, 8:15-9:00
Pointe	Monday, 8:15-9:00

Jazz	
Jazz I	Monday, 5:15-6:00pm
Jazz II	Monday, 6:00-6:45pm
Jazz III	Monday, 6:45-7:30pm
Lyrical	Monday, 7:30-8:15pm

Gymnastics	
Gymnastics I	Monday, 4:30-5:15pm
Gymnastics II*	F: Tuesday, 7:30-8:15pm/ S: Tuesday, 6:30-7:15pm
Gymnastics III*	F: Tuesday, 8:15-9:00pm/ S: Tuesday, 7:15-8:00pm

Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Gymnastics I 4:30-5:15	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Spring</i>			
Jazz I 5:15-6:00					
Jazz II 6:00-6:45			Ballet I 6:00-6:45		
Jazz III 6:45-7:30		Gymnastics II* 6:30-7:15	Ballet II 6:45-7:30		
Lyrical 7:30-8:15	Gymnastics II* 7:30-8:15	Gymnastics III* 7:15-8:00	Ballet III 7:30-8:15		
Pointe 8:15-9:00	Gymnastics III* 8:15-9:00		Pre-Pointe 8:15-9:00		

*Tuesday Gymnastics Classes will move to earlier times in the Spring Semester

Class Location

West Potomac High School
Springbank Arts Center
6500 Quander Road
Alexandria, VA 22308

Tuition and Fees

All Classes Rates are Per Student		
	Full-Year	Semester Plan
One class per week	\$364 (\$13/class)	\$210 (\$15/class)
Two classes per week	\$672 (\$12/class)	\$392 (\$14/class)
Three classes per week	\$942 (\$11/class)	\$546 (\$13/class)
Four classes per week	\$1,120 (\$10/class)	\$672 (\$12/class)

Fees

All students must pay a Registration Fee in the fall semester. **The Individual student fee is \$25. For families registering more than one student the rate is \$35 per family.**

All students must pay a \$25 per student Recital Fee due in the spring semester. This fee offsets costs of auditorium rental and includes one complimentary recital ticket. Parents are also responsible for Costume Fees which are determined by class. Nutcracker Fees are charged and collected through Alexandria Community Nutcracker.

Payment Due Dates

	Full-Year Plan	Semester Plan
Fall	September 6	September 6
Spring		January 6

- **Prices are per student.** If you are registering more than one student, you are eligible for a 10% discount off the total tuition.
- Prices are based on a 9-month, 28-week season, September-May.
- Drop-In rate for Adult Class, when offered, is \$15 per class, payable at the class or online by cash, check, or credit.
- Workshop prices are \$20 per class for **Above the Barre** students, \$25 for non-students, payable ahead of time by cash, check, or credit.
- We accept Cash, Check, or Credit Card (MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover)
- Please inquire about additional payment plans and scholarship options.