

WAUSAU ACADEMY OF DANCE

SEASON 17

WELCOME LETTER

AUGUST
2025



OPEN HOUSE will be held at our Rib Mountain location on August 27th from 2-7pm and August 28th 4-7pm at 226806 Harrier Ave in Rib Mountain. . This is the perfect opportunity to come check out our facility, meet some of our amazing instructors, get your dance shoes and apparel for the season and new Wausau Academy swag!



WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing Wausau Academy of Dance! Classes start Monday, September 8th. We are incredibly proud of our program and humbled by the support we have been shown from our community. There is a lot of information in this letter, some new, some unchanged. We recommend holding on to this letter for the duration of the season. We welcome any opportunity to speak with you regarding any questions you may have. We can not wait to begin our 17th year of dance with your family!

If this is your first year of dance or your fifteenth, please know that there are no silly questions. We are happy to answer any questions you may have. Your experience at the dance studio should be an enjoyable one to share with your child. If you have comments, questions or concerns, we are always happy to hear them. We look forward to working with you for many years to come.

Thank you,

Bekki Bauer – Academy Director

REGISTRATION & CLASS PLACEMENTS

Enroll early to ensure your spot in each class as class sizes are limited. For returning families, you will be able to access your child's class recommendations in the portal by simply clicking on their name and scrolling to the bottom of the page. If you are a new student and do not know which level to register for, please reach out to our Studio Manager Lindsey, at info@wausauacademyofdance.com or our Student Coordinator Jeni, at jeni@wausauacademyofdance.com.

You can confirm your class(es) by logging into your account on our website, calling 715-841-0060 or at our Open House.

If you have not registered, you are able to register for classes three easy ways:

1. On our website www.wausauacademyofdance.com
2. Call 715-841-0060
3. Register in person at Open House

BALLET REGISTRATION:

Students enrolled in Ballet 3-8, please note that the class meets twice per week. This means your child will attend more than one class per week. Pointe 2-4 will also meet twice a week. If you have a scheduling conflict please speak to one of the Ballet Instructors for recommendations. Come recital time, your teacher will confirm with you which show your child will perform in. MODERN dancers must take ballet.

ADDITIONAL CLASS INFORMATION

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Please check our website or Facebook page for updates on canceled classes due to inclement weather.

OBSERVING CLASSES

All classes may be viewed from the lobby. We love having parents observe classes! We have Parents Week in the spring when parents are welcome in the classroom to observe or participate.

CLASS ATTENDANCE, TIMELINESS & MAKING UP MISSED CLASSES

We love seeing your children's smiling faces in class each week! Please be sure they attend classes regularly. This will instill confidence in your child and ensure consistency in training. Please have your child arrive on time. If there will be a weekly issue with this, please notify the instructor or our Student Coordinator, Ms Jeni. If your child misses a class due to illness or other conflict, they may participate in another similar class at another time. If you would like to make up a class, please speak with Bekki or your teacher to discuss which class would be best for you to attend. Refunds are not given for missed classes.



CLASSES OFFERED

TINY TOTS WIGGLES & GIGGLES for 2-3 year olds and their parent or guardian. The group explores classroom basics and movement fundamentals with guided music and fun partner activities. The adults will not perform but there will be opportunities for the dancers to participate in casual performances at the studio twice a year.

PRIMARY CLASSES for ages 3-7: Intro to Dance (ballet & tap), Intro to Acro, Intro to Dance 2, Tap/Jazz, Pre-Ballet & Tiny Hip Hop. These classes perform in Centerstage (except intro to Acro).

LEVELED CLASSES for ages 7 & up: Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Pointe, Acro, Modern, Lyrical, Strength, Hip Hop and more! Most of these classes perform in Centerstage unless listed otherwise on the schedule.

COMPETITION CLASSES: These classes require an audition and placement by teacher. Our competition team is a great opportunity for those dancers that love to perform!



TUITION AND FEES

TUITION POLICY: Our dance season starts September 8th and will go through our spring recital at the end of April or beginning of May. During the dance season, all primary and leveled classes will learn a set of skills, learn a dance and have the opportunity to perform! Tuition will be billed on a monthly basis with 8 equal installments, September through April. September tuition will be due upon registering for classes. Monthly payments are then due the 1st of each month through the end of the season. We also offer a 5% discount on yearly tuition payments made before September 1st. Please email brad@wausauacademyofdance.com if you'd like to take advantage of this discount. Accounts more than 30 days past due are subject to a finance charge of 1.5% per month (18% annually). Please pay your account in a timely manner. You can set up an automatic payment through the Parent Portal. You can do this by saving your card info, then selecting the monthly e-payment schedule option. This option will pay your account balance on the first of each month.

Tuition is based on the total number of class hours per week per student. Additional siblings' tuition is discounted 40%. To the left is our tuition fee schedule. Cancellation Policy: If, for any reason, your child stops attending their lessons before the end of the month, you will not receive a refund but you are not obligated to pay for any future months.

Families not paid by September 1st will forfeit their spot in the class.

PRIVATE LESSONS: \$65/hour- soloist, \$40/hour- duet(per dancer), \$25/hour- trio(per dancer)

COSTUME FEES: Costumes are ordered for each student performing in the Centerstage recital. Fees are due November 1st. A costume will not be ordered for your child without payment. Costs are \$60 for Primary Level classes, \$65 for Level 1 and \$75 for levels 2 and up. Competition team costumes will be \$85. There are no refunds for costumes once they have been ordered. There may be some higher leveled classes that will rent costumes rather than purchase.

***NEW* ALL PARENTS MUST MEASURE FOR COSTUMES AT THE STUDIO. ANY SIZE EXCHANGES WILL BE CHARGED A \$10.00 FEE IF YOU DO NOT MEASURE YOUR CHILD.**

Total Class Hours/ Week	Monthly Tuition Fee
.5	\$40
.75	\$50
1	\$60
1.25	\$70
1.5	\$80
1.75	\$90
2	\$100
2.25	\$110
2.5	\$120
2.75	\$130
3	\$140
3.25	\$150
3.5	\$160
3.75	\$170
4	\$180
5	\$220
6	\$260
7	\$280
8+	\$300

APPAREL, DRESS CODE & MORE

Wausau's home for dance shoes, apparel, and dance supplies is located right here inside the studio! Items available include: dance shoes, tights, leotards, knee pads, ballet skirts, dance bags, Academy gear and more! We offer high quality items at great prices. Please shop local!



DRESS CODE: All apparel and shoes are available for purchase at Open House and throughout the school year.

INCLUSIVITY: We welcome questions regarding tights and shoe color, specifically when dancers are asked to match their skin tone. We don't stock all available shades of tights and shoes but we are happy to help with getting your dancer what they need. We want dancers of all shapes, sizes, skintones and genders to feel welcome and shine in the classroom and on stage.

GIRLS DRESS CODE:

Acro: Leotard, unitard or sports bra and shorts (no baggy clothes). Barefoot. Hair must be in a bun

Ballet 1-6: Please use a hair net to make a secure bun. , Danshuz or Weissman ballet shoes with matching tights, ballet skirt and class leotard. Ballet 1: black leotard Ballet 2: purple leotard Ballet 3: blue leotard Ballet 4: green leotard Ballet 5: maroon leotard Ballet 6: red leotard Ballet 7 & 8: any color leotard Teen Ballet: any color leotard.

Hip Hop 1-5, Tiny Hip Hop: Something comfortable to move in. No jeans please.

Intro to Dance 1 & 2: Leotard (any color) or unitard, tights, hair pulled away from the face. Weissman brand skin tone ballet shoes (no ties) and Weissman brand caramel colored Mary Jane tap shoes.

Jazz (all levels): Any color leotard or fitted tank top and dance shorts, hair pulled away from face in a ponytail or bun. Skin tone colored Weissman brand jazz shoes with matching tights.

Lyrical (all levels): Any color leotard or fitted tank top and dance shorts, hair pulled away from face in a ponytail or bun. Weissman half sole shoes.

Modern (All levels): Any color leotard or fitted tank top and dance shorts, hair pulled away from face in a ponytail or bun.

Barefoot

Pre-Ballet: Light pink leotard, ballet skirt, . Hair pulled back into a tight bun. Weissman brand skin tone ballet shoes (no ties) with matching tights.

Tap/Jazz: Any color leotard or fitted tank top and dance shorts, hair pulled away from face in a ponytail or bun. Skin tone colored Weissman Jazz shoes and Weissman Mary Jane style tap shoes with matching tights..

Tap 1-2: Any color leotard or fitted tank top and dance shorts, hair pulled away from face in a ponytail or bun. Skin tone colored Weissman brand Mary Jane tap shoes.

Teen Tap & Levels 3-6: Any color leotard or fitted tank top and dance shorts, hair pulled away from face in a ponytail or bun. Black tie tap shoes.

Tiny Tots: Leotard (any color) or unitard, tights, hair pulled away from the face, any color ballet & tap shoes

Competition Team Rehearsals: Dancers must wear black to rehearsals. Dancers may wear their ballet leotard to class if they have ballet preceding their class or black dancewear. Shoes TBD.

Stretch: Bring your own yoga blocks

BOYS DRESS CODE:

Shoes (All classes): Black shoes, same style as listed above

Ballet: black fitted ballet pants or compression shorts, fitted t-shirt or tank top

Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Tap/Jazz, Intro to Dance, Intro to Dance 2: Fitted T-shirt or tank top, shorts or pants that allow the knees to be seen. Nothing too baggy.

Hip Hop: Comfortable clothing, please no jeans. Hats can be worn.

Acro: Compression shorts, tank top

STREET SHOES: There are no street shoes allowed in the studios, including parents' street shoes. Please do not stand in the doorway of a studio if you have street shoes on. Dirt will be tracked throughout the studio. Street shoes can have dirt, oil, salt and other nasty things on them that can damage the specialized dance floors. It will also make the floor unpleasant for the dancers.

CHANGING AREAS: We have several changing areas available for the students. If a child needs assistance changing we recommend using the unisex bathrooms in the north wing. We have ample room in the restrooms for changing and a female only changing room in the south wing of the studio.



RECITAL

RECITAL & DRESS REHEARSAL: Our Centerstage 2026 performance information will be released at a later date when we are able to confirm theater availability. Our tentative recital dates are April 25 & 26. Please note: if your child has multiple classes, they may be performing in more than one show. Our competition dancers are in all shows.

RECITAL MUSIC: Cut recital music for your child's dance will be made available through a Dropbox link and accessed in the Parent Portal. Signs will be posted when these items are available. They are usually available after the first of the year. We encourage the dancers to use their music to practice their choreography at home.

COMMUNICATION

We communicate important information with you through handouts and emails. Please make sure that we have your correct email address on file. We typically send out monthly or bimonthly newsletters. Please make sure our emails are not going to your spam folder. If your child has missed a class, please check in the office or with your child's teacher to see if you have missed any important information. We will post all handouts on our website under the "Event Information and Handouts" tab. Like us on Facebook! We post updates there as well. If your child is a member of the competition team you must also use the app "Band."

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS: Dancers who are in the 6th grade and up and are interested in being a student demonstrator should contact Ms. Bekki. Being a demonstrator consists of volunteering for one class per week and properly demonstrating the dance exercises and combinations for younger students. Student demonstrators should have several years of experience in the discipline in which they will be helping. Demonstrators need to love working with kids, have a positive outlook and be outgoing. This is an excellent opportunity for any dancer who is thinking about becoming a school teacher, dancer or dance teacher. Please ask in the office for a Student Demonstrator form if your child is interested in this volunteer position.

PARENT HELPERS: Each year we need an army of volunteers to help make our show run smoothly. Positions including, gemming costumes, ushering at performances, or helping back stage, there is something for everyone. We will release more information closer to the show. We love our volunteers and are so appreciative of them.



WHAT ELSE?

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Each month our teachers nominate dancers who show extra initiative, have a positive outlook or possess another positive attribute for Student of Month. Nominees will have their pictures posted in the lobby and have their name entered in a pool for prizes!



LOBBY TALK: Parents have an opportunity to observe all classes from our viewing windows. We ask that if you are providing food for your dancer in our lobby that you make sure it is cleaned up. Parents and dancers should use kind, supportive language in the lobby in order to help create a friendly learning environment. Parents are expected to lead by example.

SAFETY: Young dancers should not be in the studio classrooms without a teacher present. This is for the safety of the dancers. We cannot be responsible for watching your child if you are not here and your child is not in class. Parents, please do not let your children run through the lobby, stand on furniture, sit in window sills, or go into empty dance studios. Children under ten years old should not be left alone at the studio, unless they are in class. We are not responsible for children who are left unattended. Students should wait inside the building until their ride arrives. Unsupervised children will be given an espresso and a puppy. :-) We kindly ask that you leave the handicap parking spots available for those with handicap stickers, even if our lot is full. We also want to give a reminder to obey the speed limits in the neighborhood and the stop signs outside of the parking lot.

DANCER'S WORLD: There are things that dancers do that might not make sense at first, but there are good reasons for the strange things we do.

Q. Why don't dancers wear underwear with their costume or leotard?

A. If you are wearing underwear with your costume or leotard, it will show. Our leotards and costumes are modestly cut, however, all of the moving your dancer will do causes them to shift. Underwear poking out, draws much more unwanted attention than not wearing underwear at all. This is why there is a gusset in the dancers' tights.

Q. Why do we have to do our hair & make-up for dress rehearsal?

A. This is your teacher's chance to get one last look at everyone and make sure that the class looks polished and that there are no surprises on the performance day.

Q. Why do dancers wear leotards and tight clothing?

A. A dancer's wardrobe is so because it allows the teacher (and dancer) to view the placement and alignment of the body. If the dancer's body is covered in T-shirts and anything covering the knees, it makes it much more challenging to make corrections. The body is a dancer's instrument and teachers are looking at the alignment of the body from head to toe and everything in between.

Q. Why do dancers wear buns?

A. With the hair pulled away from the face and off of the neck, the teacher and student have a better view of the alignment of the neck. Keeping the hair in a bun also keeps long hair out of the eyes when turning.

MORE THAN DANCE.

Dancing at the studio is not only about learning steps and staying active, it can be so much more! We strive to build **S.T.A.R** qualities in your child.

SELF-ESTEEM- creating confidence to conquer goals, manage time and solve problems

TECHNIQUE- moving efficiently in order to avoid injury, increase balance, control, athleticism and strength

ARTISTRY- build musicality, communication, entertainment value and a joy for movement and music

RELATIONSHIPS- making friends, having fun, learning to be coachable, building strong ties with the community through engagement activities

WAUSAU ACADEMY OF DANCE ALL SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-26

Open House	August 27th 2-7pm & 28th 4-7pm
1st Day of Class	September 8th
Fall Break	October 20th-26th
Halloween(No Classes)	October 31st will be made up at another time
Costume Deposits Due	November 1st
Thanksgiving Break	November 24th-30th
Christmas Break	December 22nd-January 4th
Winter Break	February 16th-22nd
Spring Break	March 30th-April 5th
Centerstage (Spring Recital)	April 25th & 26th (Tentative)

WAUSAU ACADEMY OF DANCE PERFORMANCE SEASON



Dancers on our competition team take part in *Most Wonderful Time of the Year*. This is our fundraising show with proceeds dedicated to Children's Wisconsin. Over the last 15 years we are proud to have raised over \$75,000 for Central Wisconsin charities that focus on the health and well being of children. Held at the James F Veninga Theater at UW Stevens Point in Wausau on December 6th & 7th.

In the Spotlight is our annual reveal of our competition team dances as well as a showcase for our many talented soloists, duet and trio performers. There are three unique performances highlighting our talented dancers. Help us kick off our competition season with a bang!

IN THE
SPOTLIGHT

The Academy Team will showcase their talents and compete against kids from across the Midwest this spring. The teams will attend 2-4 competitions in Madison, Wisconsin Dells, Appleton and more. Livestreams are often available for our hometown fans to enjoy. Stay tuned for viewing info.



Centerstage is the capstone of the entire season. All dancers enrolled in performing classes for the eight month season will perform in this celebratory show. Audience members will enjoy seeing dancers ages 3-18 take the stage and showcase the skills and smiles they have acquired through the season.