



Commonpoint Youth Dance Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What age does my child need to be to participate?

A: We offer classes for children starting at age 3 and up to 12 years old.

Q: What type of dance classes do you offer?

A: Our youth dance program may vary slightly every season, but generally we offer ballet, contemporary, hip-hop, jazz, and Zumba.

Q: How do you teach basic dance skills and technique to the youngest beginners?

A: Teachers introduce age-appropriate basic movements, rhythm and dance etiquette.

Q: Where do the classes take place?

A: All Central Queens youth dance classes take place in our 3rd floor dance studio in our facility at 67-09 108th Street in Forest Hills.

Q: How long are the classes?

A: Youth dance classes are 45 minutes long unless indicated otherwise.

Q: Who teaches the class?

A: Our youth dance classes are led by experienced dance teachers. Our teachers have fully vetted skills and the ability to teach children at different age levels and with different skill sets.

Q: How many other kids are in the class?

A: Our classes generally have between 8-12 students.

Q: What performance opportunities are available?

A: At the end of the Winter-Spring session, dancers perform in the dance showcase held in the auditorium of nearby Forest Hills High School.

Q: Can parents stay and watch the class?

A: For security purposes, all weekday youth dance classes are "drop-off" only. Parents/caregivers are not allowed to stay during class time.

Q: Is there a parking lot?

A: Free on-street parking is available around the facility.

Q: Is there a dress code?

A: For ballet, dancers are asked to wear a leotard, tights and ballet slippers (tutus are optional). Tap shoes should be worn to tap dance class. All other dance classes do not require specific clothing. However, comfortable clothes should be worn.

Q: Do you offer make-ups for missed classes?

A: Each participant is entitled to one make-up class per semester for a class missed due to illness. Make-up class requests must be submitted in writing to hfdesk@commonpoint.org with a doctor's note related to the absence.

Please note, since some classes are held only once per week, we may try to accommodate a make-up request by offering a spot in a different sports or dance class during the current semester.

Q: How much do the classes cost?

A: Youth dance classes cost \$24 per class for Commonpoint members and \$30 per class for nonmembers. Payment for the entire semester is due upon registration. Registration fees are prorated if registration occurs after the semester begins. Please note that the Winter and Spring semesters are combined and culminate in a dance showcase performed at Forest Hills High School every June.

Q: What's your refund policy?

- Before the first class is held, 100% refund minus \$20 administrative fee.
- After the first class is held, 90% refund of the remaining unused portion minus \$20 administrative fee.
- After the 2nd class is held, a 50% refund of the remaining unused portion minus \$20 administrative fee.
- No refunds or credits after the 3rd class is held. Should a Commonpoint household credit be chosen, the administrative fee will be waived.
- All refund requests must be submitted in writing to HFRrefund@commonpoint.org.