



RISE ~ Vineyard Performing Arts offers a complete program of dance and performing education for children, teens, and adults. As a year-round business, we offer classes for all levels from beginner through advanced in a professional and nurturing atmosphere.

REGISTRATION

Registration 2011-2012 begins August 24, 2011. Students register at RISE, please call 508.693.2262 for hours. Registration includes an annual, non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee per student, \$30.00 per family. The first tuition payment is due upon registration. Pre-registration is required of all students.

CLASS PLACEMENT

RISE uses a system of levels to match student's ability within each class and subject. Students are placed based on age and years of experience as well as on skill level, coordination, flexibility, musicality, concentration, maturity in applying corrections and body awareness. Each class is paced to meet the needs of the majority with individual attention placed where needed. It is important for students and parents to understand that dance class levels are not the same as grade levels in school, and that dance students may not always change levels each year. **This does not mean that students have not made progress or that they are being 'held back.'** Students consistently dancing beyond the class level will be moved accordingly based on their teacher's evaluation.

RISE DANCE COMPANY

The RISE Dance Company was established to provide unique training, performance, and travel opportunities for students whose dedication and interest in dance goes beyond recreational. Students audition at the start of the school year and are selected to participate based on their skill level, enthusiasm, and commitment.

Eligibility for company is based on class and hourly requirements. For further information regarding company commitment and fees, please contact the RISE office. Company rehearsal schedules, competitions, field trips, and special events are announced as information becomes available.

Class Requirements for ALL Company Dancers: Ballet, Jazz, and Contemporary. All other subjects are electives and although encouraged, cannot be used toward company requirements.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all of their classes on a regular and consistent basis. Poor attendance will be addressed with students and parents as it disrupts the learning curve of the class.

Make-Up Classes

Lessons missed may be made up in an alternate class of the same or lower level in which the student is enrolled. All make-up classes must be taken within the tuition cycle of the missed class or within 3 weeks of the missed class. Excessive absences may effect a student's participation in the year-end recital. Students must sign-in with the instructor before the class they are making up. Make-up lessons are optional but encouraged.

Holiday Closings

If your child's class is cancelled because it falls on a scheduled holiday, please have your child attend another class that week that is comparable to their subject. Some suggestions: Ballet/Contemporary, Jazz/HipHop, Acro/Modern, Tap/HipHop. If you are uncertain of what class your child should take as a make-up, please feel free to contact the office for assistance.

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

STUDIO CLOSINGS	HOLIDAY
Monday, October 10, 2011	Columbus Day
Wednesday, November 23-27, 2010	Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 24-January 2, 2010	Holiday Break
Monday, February 20-March 4, 2011	Winter Recess
Sunday, April 16-22, 2011	Spring Break
Monday, May 30, 2011	Memorial Day

Class Cancellations

RISE will always make every effort to be open for class but if weather is hazardous, cancellations will be posted on our answering machine. RISE will reschedule classes missed because of snow. Please check our website for any weather announcements.

Zero Tolerance

For the safety of our students, RISE maintains a strict zero tolerance policy in regard to physical or verbal abuse, harassment, theft, vandalism and the use of any and all illegal substances. Enrollment of any student found in violation of this policy will be terminated. Refunds will not be considered for students in violation of RISE policy.

View Week

The last week in a given month is designated as a "view week." During this week, parents may view their child's class through the studio viewing window. Classes are closed at all other times to keep students focused and attentive.

Liability

RISE Vineyard Performing Arts and the instructors are not liable for personal injuries or loss of or damage to personal property. Dance is a physical activity; therefore, injuries may occur. Each student is responsible to inform the instructor of any physical limitations that may prevent full participation in class.

Photo Release

RISE Vineyard Performing Arts reserves the right to use any photography or video reproduction taken during the course of a performance or class for the school's promotional purposes.

Space Rental

RISE studio space is available to rent when time permits. Please contact the office if interested.

Save The Date

Participation in the RISE recital requires commitment dates for both you and your child. Please mark the following dates in your calendars:

Date	Activity	Where
Sunday, June 3	Studio Photo Day: ALL STUDENTS!	
Monday, June 4	Recital tickets go on sale	At RISE
Mon – Wednesday, June 10-13	Production Week Rehearsals	At RISE
Thursday, June 14	Tentative: Technical Rehearsal, ACT 2 Ballet, Finale, and Opening	MVRHS
Friday, June 15	DRESS REHEARSAL ACT 1 &3	MVRHS
Saturday, June 16	6PM SHOW	MVRHS
Sunday, June 17	2PM SHOW	MVRHS

STUDENT CONDUCT

Attitude

Students are expected to demonstrate respect for their teachers and fellow peers while on RISE premises. No excessive talking, inappropriate language or disruptive behavior will be tolerated.

Tardiness

Students are expected to be on time and ready to dance in appropriate attire with their hair secured off the neck and face. If a student must be late, we ask you to kindly call the studio to make their instructor aware of their situation. Students will not exit or enter a class without permission once class is in session.

Healthy Food Zone

In order to encourage our students to make healthy food choices which support the physicality of dance, RISE has adopted a Healthy Food Zone policy. This means we ask that all snacks entering the studio be of a nutritious nature.

Studio Etiquette

- Young dancers should be encouraged to use the bathroom before class.
- No food or drink will be permitted in the classroom. Students will be given water breaks as needed.
- No gum allowed inside the RISE studio.
- No cell phones or electronics are permitted in the classroom.
- No smoking on RISE's premises.

CLASS ATTIRE & SHOES

- Please refer to discountdancesupply.com for specific dress code instructions for each class.
PLEASE USE THE RISE DANCE CODE: 44200, WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER TO RECEIVE SPECIAL DISCOUNTS.
- Students are required to have their names written (in pen) inside or on the sole of ALL their dance shoes. Please make sure both the right and left shoes are labeled. At the start of the dance year, RISE will request specific shoes be purchased per class for recital uniformity.

RISE reserves the right to make faculty and programming substitutions. Schedule may be subject to change.

TUITION:

Tuition is based on total class hours per week, per student, and is calculated based on the number of weeks in the dance year and not on how many weeks are in a given session. Hours are not cumulative per family. Tuition is due in 5 installments throughout the year, due on September 15, November 15, January 15, March 15, and May 15. RISE will give a 5% discount off the total tuition for accounts paid in full at registration.

No refunds will be made for enrolled classes after the second week of the given tuition session, except in cases of medical emergency for which a written note from the attending physician is required. Students dropping before the third week of classes will be charged for the classes they attended at \$15.00 each with the remainder of their tuition refunded. No refunds or credits will be granted for missed lessons or for lessons dropped during a current installment period. Payment may be budgeted providing special arrangements with the RISE office at the time of registration.

There will be a \$30.00 return check fee for any checks returned by the bank or for deposit difficulties caused by canceled or extended credit cards.

The RISE office requires a Master Card or Visa account on file per student. These records will be kept confidential and will only be used if set up in advance for tuition payments or in the case that a student's tuition is not paid by the 15th of the installment month, the credit card will automatically be charged in order to avoid a \$30 late fee if 3 days past the 15th of the month. Late fees will be assessed each month for outstanding balances.

COSTUMES & RECITAL

Cost:

The total cost of each costume is \$65 for Creative Movement I & II, \$75 for all other classes. Any special orders, including extra-large sizes, may require an additional charge (determined by the costume company). Additional charges are the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian. Accessories, such as headpieces or gloves, are included in the cost of the costume. Tights and shoes are not included. Tights are purchased and distributed by RISE at costume distribution. Accounts are charged \$10 for tights in May. **Students are only allowed to wear their recital tights at the Class Photo Day, Dress Rehearsal, and Recitals.** Please do not wash or wear tights prior to these events. RISE has a limited supply of additional tights that can be purchased should your child's pair(s) be damaged.

We spend many hours determining the correct costumes for each class. They are always age-appropriate and of the highest quality possible. Costumes include all accessories, hats, bows, etc.

Costumes will not be ordered until they are paid for in full. Parents or guardians accept full responsibility for all expenses, including surcharges and postage for costumes that are ordered late. RISE is not responsible if costumes are not received in time for the recital due to late payments.

DEPOSITS:

In an effort to ensure that costumes are delivered in time for school photographs, costume orders are placed during the December break. Costume manufacturers do not accept cancellations or offer refunds; therefore, RISE cannot refund costume deposits.

Size	October 15	December 1
Child	\$35	\$35
Youth/Adult	\$45	\$35

A non-refundable costume deposit of (\$35.00- First Steps) (\$45.00- Roots and Flight) will be billed to each account on October 15, 2010, with payment due by October 30, 2010. Final payments for costumes will be billed to each account on December 1, 2010 with payment due by December 15, 2010. Students discontinuing their classes after paying a costume deposit will still receive their costume as long as their balance is paid in full.

WITHDRAWAL:

No refunds will be made if a parent or guardian withdraws a child from RISE after costumes have been ordered and prior to the recital. Parent or guardians may pick up purchased costumes at RISE during costume distribution.

SIZING:

Costume measuring begins during the first week in November, during scheduled class times. Each child will be measured in order to determine his or her proper costume size(s). After measuring, parents will be required to sign a confirmation form stating that they agree with the size(s) to be ordered for their child. Parents may make adjustments on the form; however, their signature indicates that they take full responsibility for any necessary costume alterations.

ALTERATIONS:

Although rare, alterations are sometimes needed after the costumes have been distributed and are the sole responsibility of the student's parent or guardian. Please contact the RISE office for recommended seamstresses.

Distribution:

Costumes will be distributed when all outstanding balances for the season (including tuition) are paid in full. The deadline for all balances due is May 15. Students must have their costumes to participate in photo day.

Please have your child try-on their costume to see if pant lengths need hemming or straps need tightening, etc. To preserve costumes, accessories, and tights, students may not wear costumes unless it is the RISE photo session, dress rehearsal, or performance.

RECITAL PACKAGE FEE:

During the last tuition cycle, each account will be charged a recital package fee of \$50.00. This package includes a professionally shot recital DVD and recital t-shirt for your student to wear in the recital finale. Additional t-shirts for siblings are \$10.

HOLIDAY SHOW

The RISE holiday show provides students with an additional opportunity to perform and showcase what they have learned. The holiday show is optional and not mandatory for students if they do not wish to participate.

-Choreography will take place as part of regularly scheduled classes unless otherwise specified.

-Costumes are rented from RISE for \$25, \$35, or \$50. Price depends on the number of classes in which a student participates.

-Holiday show details are announced in the early Fall.