

WELCOME TO RYDE DANCE



REMEMBER...
THE BEST PERSON YOU CAN BE IS YOU!

BE YOU
BE UNIQUE
BE KIND
BE HAPPY
BE CREATIVE

MOST IMPORTANTLY Bee-lieve in yourself! You can do it!



**ROYAL YOUTH
DANCE ENSEMBLE**

Hello and welcome to the RYDE:



My name is Sherra Robinson-Branner, the Founder and Director of the Royal Youth Dance Ensemble or (RYDE), a community-based dance program for children and youth ages 3-20. Our **mission** is to provide a creative outlet for youth that *builds character, raises self-esteem, boosts confidence, creates healthy self-images, and promotes positive interaction* through artistic expression. Our **vision** is to inspire youth to use the arts and its disciplines to aid them through life and its experiences. Our **hope** is that the arts will act as a vehicle for guiding them through cultural exposure, enrichment, and enjoyment, which leads to healthier outcomes.

RYDE's core focus allows youth to creatively develop **"Character through the Arts"**.

RYDE-Reach, our outreach dance program, provides high-quality dance lessons to school-age students, during after-school and/or out-of-school hours such as selected school breaks, weekends, and during the summer. We offer ballet, tap, modern, jazz, hip-hop, and contemporary dance styles that focus on skill, technique, physical activity, and balance and coordination to allow youth to creatively express themselves through the art form of dance.

RYDE is excited to start our Afterschool Dance Clubs at your schools this academic year. This is a 10-week commitment, with a dance showcase during the last week of the session. The cost to participate in the after-school dance club is \$80 for an entire 10-week session or \$10 per week if paying weekly.

Communication about classes will go out via email, in our Facebook group, and/or Dance Studio Pro account, during the weeks leading up to the first week of our After School Dance Clubs. Each school will receive the weekly schedule of dates, school holidays, and dates for the showcases, in the body of that welcome email.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns, I can be reached on my personal cell 865-951-6651. You may text or call me during these times: **Monday-Friday between 8am-8pm and/or Saturdays 10am-4pm.**

Thank you for this opportunity. We look forward to seeing all our new and returning dance students this year.

Sincerely,



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Dance Attire

- **Ballet/Modern/Lyrical**: leggings/stretch pants or leotard with tights, t-shirt, ballet shoes
- **Jazz/Tap/Musical Theatre**: leggings or stretch pants, t-shirt, and jazz/tap shoes
 - Shorts are also acceptable
- **Hip-hop**: comfortable bottoms, sweatpants or jeans, t-shirt and tennis shoes *no crocs or sandals

DANCING Bees (Classroom Expectations) for the Program:

RYDE has what we call Royal Bee Expectations. These are not only classroom expectations, but they also help build character, raise self-esteem, boost confidence, and promote positive peer interaction, which is our mission.



We hope this modeled behavior is contagious and will motivate other dance students to display positive behavior while in class, as well as on stage. These are life skills they will use throughout their lives. What better way to use the arts and its disciplines to help shape their character!

Bee in control of your body

Bee in control of your voice

Bee aware of your personal space

Bee respectful and kind to your teachers & dance mates

Bee.YOU.nique





RYDE-After-school Dance Club

Class Rules and Expectations

- 1) Please dress appropriately for class (see class attire for specific style).
- 2) Please raise your hand when you need to ask questions instead of speaking out.
- 3) Please do not talk while the teacher is talking or giving instructions.
- 3) Mistakes will happen so please avoid laughing about them and making unnecessary comments about yourself and/or your dance mates. ***Our space should be safe and trusted.***
- 4) Students should come to class ready and open to learning and trying new things
- 5) No chewing gum/candy or any other food is allowed in the dance club
- 6) No foul language
- 7) Report all injuries, major or minor, immediately...DO NOT WAIT!
- 8) No street shoes allowed on the studio floor. *At selected schools
- 9) Please do not use lotion or spray anything on while in the dance club.
- 10) No running or horse playing in class

Parents: Per school policies, parents and/or siblings are not allowed in the hallways of the school or inside of the designated areas during the RYDE Afterschool dance club. *Except for RYDE parent observations and dance showcases.

Disruptive Behaviors:

If there is disruptive behavior during dance class, student(s) will be warned up to 3 times before being asked to come sit out for a 5-minute break to rest, relax, and then re-enter the dance club. At that time, a RYDE staff person will talk with student(s) by seeing if there is anything that may be going on that needs to be addressed outside of the dance club. After the break is over, the student(s) will then be allowed time re-enter back into the dance club. If a student(s) continues with these behaviors, they will be asked to sit out of the class for the remainder of the dance club. At that time, their parents will be notified of the incident, the nature of the incident, and a discussion about next steps with parents in hopes of finding a resolution on how to prevent any further and/or future incidents from happening again, will take place with our Site Coordinator and/or Director.



RYDE-After-school Dance Club

Welcome to RYDE's Afterschool Dance Club: *Experience Dance!*

Dancing with RYDE involves more than *Just Dance, it's an Experience!* During each semester, students will learn beginner level dance styles, genres, education, and choreography. They will experience and explore the wonder and world of dance through music, movement, community, connection, expression, and creativity.

Our after-school dance clubs are fun, educational, and enriching; not only will our dance clubs have your child moving and dancing to the sounds of music, but they will also learn how to channel that energy in a nurturing, positive, and safe environment, through the art form of dance!

Experiencing Dance with RYDE enables students to learn and develop creativity, coordination, musicality and listening skills, all while having fun. Activities include basic dance moves, dance games, and free-style dance in a non-competitive environment. Students will also learn techniques, combinations, and routines, which provide a structured focus on one or more styles that will help build muscle memory, fundamentals and formations of dance.

What does it mean to DANCE?

To move rhythmically to music, typically following a set sequence of steps.

Circle of dance friends at Inskip!



BMA dancers ready for their showcase!



Inskip dancers, showcase ready!





RYDE:GLOW

RYDE STUDENT EMERGENCY FORM

Child's Full Name, Age, and DOB: _____

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Address: _____ City _____ County _____

Child's School _____ Child's Grade (this academic school year) _____

Other afterschool activities/interests/hobbies: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Contact: Cell _____ Home/Work: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Contact: Cell _____ Home/Work: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's E-mail Address: _____

In Case of Emergency, Please Contact:

1—Name: _____ (Relation) _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

2—Name: _____ (Relation) _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

Please List any Medical, Special Diet or Allergies for your child. Write none if they have none known:

Any other conditions you would like for us to know about your child, please explain or express:

How will your child(ren) be dismissed?

Parent/Guardian picking up

On-site Afterschool Program

Walker (home or with sibling or student)

List names of individuals/students/programs who are approved to pick up your child (ren) after dance class is over.

I acknowledge that I have received the Royal Youth Dance Ensemble (RYDE) Welcome Packet and understand all the rules and policies stated within. I also understand that RYDE is not responsible for transportation from its Dance Clubs and that parents must pick up their child/ren on time and that if my child/ren is picked up 5 minutes after class dismissed, I will be charged a late fee of \$1 per minute, that must be paid before my child/ren's next dance class.

Parent / Guardian: (print) _____

Signature: _____ (Date) _____



PARENT SURVEY

Please complete and return it on or by the first day of dance class.

Your Child's Name: _____

Parents or Guardians: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email (please print): _____

Siblings (grade or age also): _____

*Please describe your child's strengths in various areas, including academic, physical, and social abilities.

*What does your child enjoy doing?

*What goals do you have for your child at RYDE this dance season?

*Describe any concerns you would like addressed this dance year?

*Please list any additional information you feel would be helpful for our team to know.

Thank you for completing this survey.

If you have any other concerns, feel free to contact us.

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RYDE's WAIVER & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FORM

I, _____ (print your name) have chosen to have my child,
_____ (print child's name), participate in dance instruction given by The Royal Youth
Dance Ensemble or RYDE. I acknowledge that I understand the nature of the activities my child will be
participating in and the possibility that despite precautions, accidents and/or physical injury may occur.

I/we agree to release and hold harmless The Royal Youth Dance Ensemble or RYDE including its dance
instructors/teachers, and staff members from any cause of action, claims, or demands now and in the
future. I/we will not hold The Royal Youth Dance Ensemble or RYDE liable for any personal injury or
any personal property damage or loss, which may occur on the premises before, during or after classes or which
may occur at any Royal Youth Dance Ensemble or RYDE sponsored event outside the studio.

Furthermore, I/we agree to read and follow the class and facility policies and take full responsibility for my/our
behavior in addition to any damage I/we may cause to the facilities utilized by The Royal Youth Dance
Ensemble or RYDE a hard copy can also be obtained at the location.

I authorize and agree that The Royal Youth Dance Ensemble or RYDE may take and use photographs, videos or
likenesses of myself, or my child as needed for its record keeping, advertising, social media and/or public
relations projects and that I have no rights to the same and will not be compensated for the same. Photos will
not be sold, exploited, or used for personal gain.

My signature is proof of my intention to execute a complete and unconditional waiver and release of all liability
pursuant to the terms herein, and agreement as to all terms and conditions contained above. I am of lawful age
and competent to sign this affirmation.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS RELEASE FORM PRIOR TO
SIGNING THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR PARTICIPATION IN The Royal Youth Dance Ensemble, Inc.
or RYDE.

_____ Parent/Legal Guardian (Print)

_____ Parent/Legal Guardian (Sign)

_____ Dancer's Name

_____ Date

