



SCHOOL of Richmond Ballet

New Student: Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have to audition to attend the School of Richmond Ballet?

No, we do not hold auditions for new students (Children's Division – Upper Division). We invite all interested students to attend our School. For student ages 8 and older, we may ask that you take a placement class to determine the best level for a new student entering the school.

How do I know which level to register for?

Children's Division (Ages 3- 7)

Children's Division placement is determined strictly by age. Students must be the required minimum age for the class by August 1st. Therefore, if your child is four years old by August 1st, you would register for the Invitation to the Dance II (Ages 4-5) class.

Please note: Students in the Children's Division stay in the same level for the entire school year.

Lower Division (Ages 8 & older)

Lower Division placement depends on age and experience.

-All beginners 8 yr. old and older should register for Lower I. (Beginners are students who have not yet taken a formal ballet technique class which meets more than one day a week or Primary students moving up to Lower Division)

-9 & 10 yr. old with one year of ballet training should register for Lower II.

-10 & 11 yr. old with two years of ballet training should register for Lower III.

Placement will be evaluated during the first weeks of classes in September. Students will be placed at the discretion of their SRB teacher.

Middle Division (Ages 11 & older)

Middle Division placement depends on age and ballet skill level.

A placement class is required. Call the School Registrar to set up a date and time to attend a placement class. Middle I students will begin pointe at the discretion of the faculty.

Upper Division (Ages 14 & older)

Upper Division students must have achieved an advanced ballet/pointe standard. A placement class is required. Call the School Registrar to set up a date and time to attend a placement class. The Upper Division requires a commitment to attending classes five days each week.

Adult Division

Any interested adult students may attend any class on the Adult Division schedule at their dance level. The School offers four levels of Adult Ballet, as well as open level jazz, modern and pilates mat classes. There is no pre-registration. Adult students sign in for each class and can pay per class, or purchase a 5 class dance card or 10 class dance card. Adults may wear casual dancewear for all classes. Appropriate dancewear includes leotards with tights or pants, and/or fitted shirt and pants. Students attending ballet classes should wear ballet shoes. Jazz students may wear jazz shoes or may dance in bare feet.



New Student FAQs continued...

How do I register? (Children's, Lower, Middle, & Upper Divisions)

Once you have determined the appropriate level and classes you would like to take, complete the registration form and return to the School Registrar at the School of Richmond Ballet (by mail, fax, or email). Payment instructions and policies are attached to the registration form. Your completed registration form must be received in order to process your registration and hold your spot in your desired class roster. Some classes do fill quickly, so please register as soon as possible.

How do I know my registration was received and processed?

Each registered student will receive a confirmation email within a week of receipt of your registration form and payment. A welcome packet of information will be sent at the end of August to remind you of the start of classes.

What is my financial commitment to Richmond Ballet?

Please read the full financial policy attached to the registration form.

Is there a dress code? Where do I purchase the dance attire?

Yes, the dress code for each level and class is listed on the division schedule. Ellman's in Carytown carries all of our dress code needs. 3339 West Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23221 (804) 358-0655

Is there a final showing/performance?

Children's Division- Parent showing in the classroom at the end of each semester.
Lower-Upper Division- Performance at the end of the school year in the Studio Theatre.

Where are School of Richmond Ballet classes held? Parking?

Richmond Ballet
407 East Canal St.
Richmond, VA 23219

Located in downtown Richmond near Belle Isle, beside the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Most of the classes are held on the first floor and second floor in the Richmond Ballet building. Parking is available in the Richmond Ballet parking lot (entrance on 4th Street) located beside the building or on the streets surrounding the ballet building.

What do we do on the first day of class?

Richmond Ballet personnel will direct students and parents to class and dressing room upon arrival on the first day. The confirmation packet in the mail will contain a student security pass for each student to show to our receptionist upon arrival throughout the school year. Parents will be asked to wait in the lobby after class has begun. There will be designated parent observation weeks during the school year when parents will be invited into the studio to watch their child's class.

Please contact the School of Richmond Ballet for any further questions.

Thank you for choosing the School of Richmond Ballet. We look forward to meeting you!

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