

Medinah Park District School of Dance

The Medinah Park District School of Dance is a community-based program with a studio feel. Our progressive curriculum focuses on dance concepts and core techniques. We also stress the importance of respect, positive attitude and hard work. In our classes students will develop grace, rhythm, coordination, creativity, and confidence in a fun, safe and structured environment. We look forward to seeing you in class!

MPD School of Dance is a collaboration with MPD & Innovation Arts Connection, LLC. For more information about the IAC program including dress code, recital information, special events, and more please visit www.innovationartsconnection.com or find us on Instagram or Facebook @innovationartsconnection. Reach out to us directly at lora@innovationartsconnection.com.

Save the date: Fall Dance Open House

Wednesday, September 2, 5:30-7:30pm in the lobby of the Connolly Recreation Center
Dance demos, meet the teachers, raffle prizes, info about our program, prizes and much more!
Fall Dance Classes begin the week of 9/14/2020!

Seasonal Classes

The Seasonal Classes are specifically designed for early-stage dancers looking for a beginner - intermediate level class offering as a way to get a taste of various dance styles while starting out with a low level commitment. This program invites participants to engage in condensed sessions as a way to experiment, explore, continue or jump-start their involvement in park dance programs. All classes conclude with a Family Observation Day.

Discover Dance Tots 2-3yrs

Watch your child's independence and confidence soar, as our dancers explore and discover the benefits of a more structured dance class. Following directions, waiting for our turn, and collectively problem-solving will encourage emotional and social development. Live singing, musical play, and sensory props will have these little ones moving and grooving with their friends and eager to return to class each week! Please wear leotard, foot-less tights, (boys-comfortable clothing), ballet shoes or bare feet.

Discover Dance & Stories 3-4yrs

Discover the magic of imaginative play with live singing, structured explorations, and skill development. Our Discover Dance classes offer an outlet for creative expression, physical growth, and social interaction. Children will explore the essence of movement that will lead to the discovery of multiple styles of dance. Each dance class we will read a story in class too. Please wear leotard, foot-less tights, (boys-comfortable clothing), ballet shoes or bare feet.

Summer Dance Combo (Ballet/Jazz/Tap/Hip Hop) (A:3-6yrs, I:6-9yrs)

Summer Dance Combo is the perfect class for kids who love to dance! Each week we will start with ballet technique. During the second half of class dancers will rotate between learning jazz, hip hop and tap technique. Classes include stretches, barre work, class etiquette, basic technique of each style, exploring dance concepts, games and learning choreography. Please wear leotard, tights, (boys-comfortable clothing), ballet, tap & jazz shoes.

Foundations Combo (Ballet/Jazz/Tap) (II & III: 9-14y)

The Foundation Combo class incorporates technique from the 3 standard American dance styles (Ballet, Tap and Jazz) to prepare dancers with a strong dance foundation. Classes include stretches, barre work, class etiquette, basic technique of each style, games and learning choreography. Please wear leotard, tights, (boys-comfortable clothing), ballet, tap & jazz shoes.

Hip-Hop (II & III: 9-14yrs)

Jazz music and dance evolved over the years into the popular style of Hip Hop! Dancers will learn basic hip hop technique along with popping, locking, and many other cool tricks and moves to energetic hip hop music. Please wear comfortable clothing and clean gym shoes or dance sneakers.

Pop-ups Classes

Pop-Up classes include crafts, games, technique, and a mini-performance. Participants of all ages are encouraged to get involved through this Camp-style class that is designed to help participants fill their weekend with fun, educational, and movement oriented programming. Please wear comfortable clothing, dance shoes or clean gym shoes.

Hip Hop Heros 4-10yrs

Hip Hop skills, craft, games, choreography and your favorite superheroes!

80's Dance Party 8-13yrs

Grab your RAD leg warmers and throw your hair in a TOTALLY AWESOME side-pony--it's time for a BODACIOUS 80's Dance Party! We will groove to upbeat music and learn some throwback hip hop and jazz skills. We are STOKED to see you!

Island Breeze Ballet 4-10yrs

Ballet technique, craft, games, and choreography all to the beautiful music of the Polynesian islands. Feel free to come dress in your favorite beach gear.

Emoji Madness 8-13yrs

Acting, singing, dancing and loads of fun while we explore the emojiopedia! :-)

Hugs, Bows & Besties 4-10yrs

Dancing, games & BESTIES! Let's rock out to your favorite bow wearing diva's music and have some fun. Feel free to wear your favorite bow! #bestiesnotbullies

Ballet Remix 8-13yrs

Ballet skills, craft, games and choreography to popular music.

Creative Explorers 4-10yrs

In this 4 day camp we will explore different dance styles and artistic mediums.

Dance, Design, Direct 8-13yrs

In this 4 day camp dancers will learn new skills in a variety of styles of dance, design props and costume pieces and direct and choreograph a small routine.