

Grand Island Just For Kix - Informational Packet

2023/2024 Dance Season

WELCOME BACK TO DANCE!

We want to begin by saying Thank You for registering for another great season of dance with us! This is our 22nd. year serving the Grand Island area and we are thrilled to continue our tradition of excellence in dance!

Who can take Just For Kix Classes:

We Offer Classes for ages 18 months through 12th Grade Seniors in a variety of genres including

- Ballet
- Acro
- Jazz
- Hip-Hop
- Lyrical/Contemporary
- Kick
- Pom
- Technique
- Tutu Tots Curriculum for Toddler and Preschool age dancers.

Classes Begin:

Monday, August 21st 2023

Location:

Our Studio is located at the Grand Island YWCA at 211 E. Fonner Park Rd.

How Long is the Dance Season:

Our Regular Season or Full Season Classes typically run from August 21st, 2023 – May 22nd, 2024. We may hold optional "Special Session" Classes that are short term classes and fees for these are paid in one lump sum.

Number Of Classes in a Season:

36 classes are offered. If classes are canceled we will reschedule those classes as needed. Class fees are based on 4 classes per month. While some months will meet 3 times (due to holidays or scheduled time off), others will meet 5 times. Oftentimes classes will run over into the last month but you will not pay a monthly fee for that month, basically those classes are absorbed into prior months fees.

Payment Policy:

Payments are due the 1st of each month, September through May (a total of 9 months of billing). Taking advantage of our convenient Auto Pay option within your account is highly encouraged. This assists in easily processing your monthly payment on the 1st of each month.

Payments received after the 10th of the month are assessed a \$10.00 late fee per month per dancer. You will also receive email reminders if/when your account shows a balance due. Dancers are not allowed to participate in class if their account is 3 weeks or more behind. Account holders will receive notification of amounts due and will be asked not to participate until accounts are current.

There are 4 easy ways to submit payments:

1. Use our convenient online payment system at www.justforkix.com/danceclasses & login to your account (you can even set payments to autopay and still receive the discount)
2. Make your monthly payments using the Auto Pay option: Individually select Auto Pay for ALL CLASSES you want included each month
3. Call in and make your payment over the phone via credit card: 218-829-7107
4. Mail your payment to the Home Office - PO Box 724, Brainerd, MN 56401

Membership or Registration Fee 2022-23:

\$20 for 1st dancer, \$12.00 for each additional dancer

Tuition Rates 2022-23:

30 minute class: \$43.00 per month

45-60 minute class: \$46.00 per month

Special Sessions pricing vary

Please Note: Acro rates are increased for certifications, equipment and insurance purposes.

How to Sign Up Online:

Create an account if haven't created one before - or login if you already have an account Once your account is set you can begin selecting classes, and add them to your cart Go to your cart to process your 1st month's payment, your membership fee, and any costume items that you have selected Click here to create an account or login: [Just For Kix Classes](#) If you have any troubles please email me and I will help or contact the home office to help you!

Costumes/Uniforms:

Items are listed as Required and Optional for the costumes. Required items are needed for performances, but if you already have the same item from a prior season that is in good condition please do not feel obligated to purchase again. Please Note: Earrings are listed as "Optional" because we have both clip-on and pierced options available. If your costume has earrings listed, please purchase one of the earring options for your dancer. Costumes should be purchased by October 1st to ensure that we have them in time for our first performances using them. When you receive your costume items or shoes make sure the fit right away* - do not wait so that if needed, exchanges can be handled in a timely manner. *Tights and undergarments CAN NOT be returned or exchanged if packaging has been opened.

Sizing and Ordering Uniforms:

We will be sizing for uniforms for the first 2 weeks of dance as well as at the Meet and Greet. We will send home the sizes for families to order uniforms online. Uniform orders are due on September 30th. This is to ensure we have everything in by our first Show.

Some Costume Notes:

- If ordering jazz shoes without getting fitted, please order 2 sizes up from street shoe sizes.
- When ordering Hip-Hop shoes, please order 1 size up from street shoe sizes.
- Follow the sizing chart for turners. They do tend to run small, so if you are close to another size, always order up!
- Worn Shoes (even lightly) cannot be exchanged or refunded.
- Shoes and Poms are already arriving! Yay! We will hand out uniforms at each class by the Lobby Assistant and Head Instructors.
- Uniforms Typically start arriving in October.
- We will have a dress rehearsal week in December to make sure everything fits and is ready for the season. Not all uniforms will have arrived by this week. That is normal! We use this week to also be on top of tracking to make sure that all pieces have been ordered and are processed. We have over 400 classes and 1000's of uniform pieces to get to our dancers!
- Earrings for our 2nd-12th grade dancers are marked as "optional" as there are both clip-on and pierced options. Please make sure to order one or the other. Earrings are required.
- Please, label all uniform pieces! We have many performances throughout the year and we always have many items to go to Lost and Found. Have your dancer get a garment bag/duffle bag to keep uniforms tidy and put away!
- We HIGHLY recommend dancers order extra tights! That way if they rip, you have extra.
- We also recommend dancers order extra earrings/accessories. They get lost frequently and this will help avoid any last-minute anxieties.

Uniform Exchanges and Refunds:

Uniforms can be exchanged by the program. If you need to exchange an item, please follow the instructions on the form that you received with the uniform. Go online and request the exchange, fill out the back of the form, and return both the form and the uniform to the Lobby Assistant or Head Instructor. If the form is not processed and filled out, they will send the uniform and form back with the dancer so it can be completed. Exchanges can be made up until December 7th. After December 7th, a new uniform piece must be ordered by the family and the other uniform must be processed as refund.

Performances and Competitions:

We offer 3-7 performance opportunities each season per class.

Teeney Toddler and Tiny Preschool: Halloween Show, Winter Show, March Littles Show and Spring Show.

K-1st Wee-Petites, Rec Dance and Beginning Ballet: Halloween Show, Winter Show, March Littles Show and Spring Show.

2nd-12th Grade Dancers: Winter Show and Spring Show. Competitions "TWD- Together We Dance". Grand Island TWD and 2 other TWD Competitions, and Nationals in Rochester MN*

** Competitions are not required but Highly suggested!*

No Distraction Policy:

No parents, friends, or siblings in class, unless a friend is thinking of joining. We will invite you in at the end of class to observe our progress. We will have "bring a friend night" which is a fun night to bring a friend to class and have them try JFK!

Dress Code:

The following are each of the class's dress codes. Dancers who do not come in appropriate attire will have parents called and asked to bring the proper attire to participate in class. This is to ensure dancers are ready and able to learn technique and be safe!

Ballet: Please wear your hair in a bun. Leotard and tights are to be worn (any color works). Shorts and skirts are allowed over tights and Leos. No Sweatshirts or T-shirts are allowed to class. This is so the instructors can teach technique properly. Jazz shoes, ballet shoes or turners may be worn. Dancers must have the proper shoes to participate in class.

Jazz: Please wear your hair in a bun. Dancers should wear only Black form fitted clothing to class. Jazz shoes or turners may be worn. Dancers must have the proper shoes to participate in class.

Kick/Pom/Lyrical: Hair needs to be pulled up and out of dancer's faces. Dancers should wear clothes that are stretchy and easily movable. No jeans please! Dancers may wear sweatshirts but MUST have a shirt underneath for when they work on technique. Jazz shoes or turners may be worn. Dancers must have the proper shoes to participate in class.

Hip-Hop: Hair needs to be pulled up and out of dancer's faces. Dancers should wear clothes that are stretchy and easily movable. No Jeans please! Tennis shoes or hip-hop shoes may be worn. Dancers must have the proper shoes to participate in class.

Preschool Classes: Hair needs to be pulled up and out of the dancer's faces. Dancers should wear clothes that are stretchy and easily movable. Tennis shoes, jazz shoes or Ballet shoes may be worn. Dancers must have the proper shoes to participate in class.

Dancer Bags and Cell Phones/Watches

Dancers should bring a small bag with a secure closure to dance with their shoes, a water bottle and anything else they need for class. Do not bring valuables to class! Bags will be placed in designated spots in the studios. Food is not allowed inside the dance studios. Cell phones must be put away during class. If dancers are texting/making calls on their watches, we will ask that they take them off and put them away. We want dancers to be focused and respectful and get the most from their classes!

Dancers in the Facility

6th-12th grade dancers can stay at the studio in between classes. Younger dancers (5th grade and under) will still need to be picked up in between classes. Older dancers who do stay are expected to always be respectful and make good choices. We ask that dancers respect and be aware that the building is not just for dance purposes. Please do not run, do

acro or make tik toks in the hallways. bathrooms and meeting areas. In the past we have received complaints that dancers are frequently in the way of other groups and distracting. If a dancer cannot be respectful while staying at the studio, we will have to ask their parents to pick them up for the rest of the year and they will not be able to stay in between any longer.

Pick Up & Drop Offs

We ask that dancers do not get dropped off more than 10 minutes before class and that they wait in the lobby/hallways for Instructors to begin class. We also ask that dancers are picked up immediately after class to ensure the following class can start on time. Preschool-3rd Grade dancers must be escorted by parents to the lobby before class and picked up in the lobby after class. It is a hazard having dancers running through the parking lot. Please do not park in front of the lobby doors to wait for your child. It holds up the parking lot traffic flow.

Studio Communication:

Email

Emails are an important form of communication for us. Please be sure to mark email from grandisland_ne@justforkix.com so you get our emails! If you have a dancer with an email address, we suggest adding their emails as well to your dancer's account so they can also receive communications.

Band App

We require dance families to have the Band App and Join our studio group. We use the Band App for communication as well as videos for parents and dancer's access. The Link to our Grand Island Just For Kix is <https://band.us/n/a8a155taX23fn>

Social Media

We have a very active Facebook page that we post tons of fun content on! Please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/gijustforkix>

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program phone number: 308-218-8956

home office phone number: 218-829-7107