

Just For Kix of White Bear Lake
Facility Information for 2017-2018 Dance Season

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If you are new to Just For Kix, you are probably wondering why we don't own and operate our own studio. Just For Kix is considered to be a "mobile" dance program - we can teach anywhere with just about anyone as long as we have access to our music and a good-sized space to utilize. We rent space in existing facilities and pass those savings on to our dancer families. By using space that already exists, we are making less of an imprint on the environment by not using more electricity, water or other services typically used by a stand-alone business. We'd rather help the facilities where we hold classes with their expenses than create our own. We typically hold classes in large rooms, like a cafeteria, or possibly a gymnasium. We can make great use of almost any space.

Last year, we are moving most of our classes to Level Up Academy, a charter school in White Bear Lake. Level Up Academy is now our primary location and most of our classes are held here. We will also utilize the White Bear Lake Armory and Gym 3 at Sunrise Middle School for a small amount of classes at each location - you can look at our class schedule to see which classes are where. It's available on our website under "Resources" at

<https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/white-bear-lake-mn/>.

These are our three most frequently asked questions about classes:

Do I need to bring my child into class and/or pick him/her up?

For safety reasons, we feel that, for all children in 3rd grade or younger, a parent or adult representative should escort the dancer into and out of the building. Any dancer older than that can be dropped off and picked up, but please use your discretion on that and feel free to escort your dancer in and out of the building for as long as you'd like. If you are dropping off and picking up, be sure your dancer knows which door/parking lot you will use for this.

Can I watch dance class?

Just For Kix has a "no distraction" environment, and this is a Just For Kix corporate policy. We feel that this keeps the dancers more focused. This rule means that we don't allow parents in the room during class time EXCEPT for the last five minutes. Parents are ALWAYS welcome to come in and watch the last five minutes of class - you do not need to wait for an invitation.

Parents are always welcome to watch class, though, through windows or open doors, if possible. We are not trying to keep anything from you, but trying to keep your dancer focused. More details on this are below.

Can I videotape class?

We encourage you or your dancer to bring a phone or other recording device to tape a runthrough of their routine, or parts of it, toward the end of class. Just come on in and tape whenever you want to - we'd prefer if you didn't record the entire class, though.

Because of changing music use laws, Just For Kix staff is NO LONGER ALLOWED to record and post any videos with any music. We can record their routines with counts (often called a "walk through") and post those, however. If your dancer wants to practice with the music we use for their routines at class, either the dancer or the dancer's parent must videotape the routine.

Here is information about each facility we use for Just For Kix dance classes:

Level Up Academy
2600 East County Road E, White Bear Lake

Parking

A small lot is available in the front of the building, and there is a larger lot in the back of the building. Please enter the parking lot from Rolling View Dr (not from Cty Rd E) and then drive to the front or back lot. Please use the door that is closest to your dancer's classroom. Dancers having a class in the Fireside Room (upstairs) should use the door TO THE LEFT of the main door on the main level. (The main door is a secure door that cannot be unlocked or propped open - there is another to the left of the main door that we can unlock and/or prop open, so we are asking you to please use that door.) Dancers having a class in the Auditorium should use the door located on the lower level (it is the main door down there - it is lit up).

Do I need to bring my child into class or come in to pick him/her up?

If your dancer is in preschool or in grades K-3, we do highly recommend that you come in to drop your child off and pick up your child. For 3rd graders, though, once they become familiar with where their class(es) and the restrooms are, as well as which door you will pick them up from, they can come and go on their own. Please remind them, though, to not exit the building at all until they clearly see you. Dancers in 4th-12th grade are welcome to come and go on their own (again, be sure your dancer knows which door you will be waiting for them at).

Waiting Area

Fireside Room: there will be round tables available for seating in the hall behind the dance room, and we will also put stools and chairs in the hallway to accommodate seating. We know there isn't a lot of seating upstairs, so please make due. :-) If you bring food in, please pick up any leftovers and debris and throw it away.

Auditorium: there are round tables on one side of the divider curtain. Parents and siblings are welcome to sit here, but please keep the noise down - with the tall ceiling, noise travels easily and far in this large room. Please pick up any debris and throw it away prior to leaving. **NOTE - there may be times when: 1) in classes with older dancers where we may raise the curtain and move the tables. At this point, feel free to find a place to wait or run an errand or two; and 2) we need to use the side where the tables are because another of our facilities is unavailable. When this happens, please find another place to wait or run an errand. Thank you for understanding.**

**** CLEAN UP after yourselves. Just For Kix staff is tasked with any cleaning, so please help us out by cleaning up any area(s) you may use to wait. Thanks! ****

Can I watch dance class?

Again, Just For Kix has a “no distraction” environment. However, parents are welcome to find a place to watch quietly outside the room if they'd like to. We just want to make sure dancers are not looking out of the room more than they are looking inside of it. When parents are in the room, the dancer sometimes doesn't know who s/he should be looking at and/or listening to, or some may want to “show off” for their parent and not follow what the class is doing. To avoid this, please watch in an area where your dancer cannot see you, or, better yet, go run an errand or take a walk and be surprised at your dancer's progress at our next show. :-)

White Bear Lake Armory **2228 4th Street, White Bear Lake**

Parking

Street parking is available and there is a small lot in the back of the building. We are responsible for unlocking and locking the building, so we will only unlock the front door (facing 4th Street) for safety reasons. If you park in the back parking lot or on the street somewhere behind the building, please walk around and use the front door.

Do I need to bring my child into class or come in to pick him/her up?

At the Armory, you do not. This is only because most of the kids taking a class there are older. However, if your dancer is in 3rd grade and in this class, please feel free to come in as they enter and exit.

Waiting Area

There is very little space for waiting at this facility. Please do not wait in the gym itself. There is a small area outside of the gym where you can wait. Please stay in the area right outside the gym and don't let siblings wander the building.

Sunrise Park Middle School **2399 Cedar Avenue, White Bear Lake**

ENTER THROUGH DOOR C and walk down the hallway - follow our signs

Parking

Sunrise Park Middle School has smaller parking areas around the building. Please do not block traffic while waiting for your dancer - please park and wait.

Waiting Area

We prefer that you do not wait in the gym with your dancer. Please wait outside in the hallway or feel free to leave and come back a few minutes before the class is over. Parents are always welcome to enter the gym for the last 5 minutes if they want to - please do not wait for an invitation, but come right in!

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We would prefer that you do not watch, but we are not going to stop you. Just For Kix has a “no distraction” environment. However, parents are welcome to find a place to watch quietly outside the room if they'd like to. We just want to make sure dancers are not looking out of the room more than they are looking inside of it. When parents are in the room, the dancer sometimes doesn't know who s/he should be looking at and/or listening to, or some may want to “show off” for their parent and not follow what the class is doing. To avoid any of this, please watch in an area where your dancer cannot see you, or, better yet, go run an errand or take a walk and be surprised at your dancer's progress at our next show. :-)

If you have any questions about our facilities, please contact our Program Director at 651-653-8539 or whitebearlake_mn@justforkix.com, or our Home Office at 218-829-7107 or dance@justforkix.com.