

Just For Kix Jazz/Hip Hop FAQ

Answers to frequently asked questions about JFK Bismarck North Jazz classes

What's the difference between Kix and Jazz/Hip Hop?

Jazz is for those dancers who are really “into” dance and want MORE. We spend more time working on technique, flexibility, skills, and strength. I expect Jazz dancers to be dedicated, hardworking, and focused. Attendance is vital. Our Jazz classes perform several times per season, including multiple performances at Winter Shows, Spring Shows, and two competitions. Their performances fall later in the season because their dances are more difficult and take longer to get ready.

Why doesn't my dancer wear her Jazz uniform until February or March?

Our Bismarck North Jazz/Hip Hop classes usually start the season with a Hip Hop dance. The girls really love Hip Hop, but their regular Jazz uniforms wouldn't look right for it. Instead, they usually wear an inexpensive Hip Hop costume like a t-shirt and black shorts, and sometimes matching shoes. They will get 3-4 performances in their Hip Hop costumes, and 5-6 performances in their Jazz uniforms.

Why do I have to take a Kix class in order to take Jazz?

This is JFK company policy. Dancers who want to reach that next level need more than one hour of class per week. Since we added Jazz to our class offerings, we really see a difference in how much quicker these dancers progress.

Can I take Jazz/Hip Hop without Kix if I dance with my school team?

Yes, if there is class space available, and with instructor permission. Dancers enrolled in a Kix class will have first priority for Jazz class spots.

We understand that kids want to be involved with their school activities, including dance team, so we do allow those on their school teams to take Jazz class without the Kix requirement. They are dancing multiple times per week and improving skills. We have had mixed results with this over the years – sometimes it works, and sometimes it doesn't. The middle school teams have a short season (3-4 months), so it's beneficial for these dancers to take class in addition to their team. And there are some dancers who just love the inclusive JFK philosophy! However, it can be a big commitment during the Dec-Jan competitive season, and sometimes school team coaches are not supportive of their dancers taking outside class. It's different for each dancer and each family. I am happy to discuss further if you like.

How much does Jazz/Hip Hop cost?

There is no additional registration fee.

Monthly class fee is \$36 (same as Kix).

There is a separate uniform, including pieces for Jazz and Hip Hop. The uniform is required.

Grades 5-7 wear the same tan jazz shoes for Kix and Jazz, and supply your own street shoes for Hip Hop. Grades 8-12 wear tan Adage Turners shoes for Jazz, and black hi-top sneakers for Hip Hop. Their uniform is more expensive because we are trying to give them the complete dance experience, similar to what the school teams get.