



Welcome To Online Dance Classes at the Vernon Hills Park District

Attire

Your class description includes the recommended dance attire; however, as long as you wear something you can easily move in you should be ready to dance. Remember to tightly secure your hair.

Space

Clear a safe dance space with help from your parent or guardian. Remove any items that could break and/or be kicked or tripped such as toys, computer/electrical cords, or floor rugs. Tap students use a hard floor (pick a hard surface that you don't mind if it gets scratched up). Ballet students should have access to a sturdy chair, counter, or a barre.

Device Requirements & Set-up

You will need internet access and a device with a camera (facing you) to attend your online dance class. You may access Zoom on a computer, laptop, or tablet. A smart phone will also work; however, the small screen size may affect your experience.

Find a good spot for your computer or device set-up. You should be able to view your screen hands-free. Your instructor needs to be able to see you in full-view including your feet. If you do not have enough room to execute a move or step, just "mark" the move to ensure you do not injure yourself.

Joining Your Zoom Class

Now that you're ready to dance, follow these easy steps to access your class.

- 1) Check your registration email for your Zoom class code and password. Please keep this email throughout the session so you can access subsequent classes (if applicable). If you lose your code or accidentally delete the email, please email julief@vhparkdistrict.org for assistance.
- 2) Click on the Zoom link and join your Zoom class five minutes prior to the class start-time. If the link isn't working, copy and paste the link into your address bar to direct you to the Zoom website. Enter the password when prompted. Be sure to enter the dancer's full name when joining the class. You will be directed to our waiting room.
- 3) Your dance instructor will admit students to the class based on the email address and name provided shortly before class begins.
- 4) If you have difficulty logging in to your dance class, please email julief@vhparkdistrict.org while the class is in session. We will do our best to assist you.

Online Dance Class Etiquette & FAQs

Who is that in the background?

Help us limit distractions by having siblings, pets, and grownups remain off screen.

Do I need to notify the instructor that I am taking a break?

If you need to use the restroom or take a sip of water, there is no need to notify the instructor. Simply leave the screen area discreetly and come back to join the class when you are ready.

Why am I muted?

Our dance instructors will disable certain Zoom features to enhance the online dance class experience. Once classes begin, the dance instructor will mute all students to minimize distractions and to help you hear the directions and music more clearly. Please understand that while you are muted, the instructor cannot hear you. If you have a question, please type in the chat room, raise your hand, or wave in front of the camera to grab the instructor's attention. The instructor will be able to unmute you as needed.

Why can't I hear the music? Why is the screen fuzzy?

The internet connection may be delayed and can affect the sound and/or screen image. In some instances, it can be helpful to directly connect your device to your router with an Ethernet cable to ensure you can receive a strong signal.

Why does the screen keep bouncing to different people?

Your screen is likely set to "Speaker View". Switch your screen to "Gallery View". Click on the top right corner of the instructor's screen to "spotlight/pin" the screen to appear the largest for the duration of class.

I'm enjoying my class, is it too late for my sibling/friend to attend, too?

All participants must be registered to attend our online dance classes. If the class hasn't begun, participants may register online at www.vhparkdistrict.org. Please email julief@vhparkdistrict.org if you would like to register for a dance class that is currently in session.