

Vimy Ridge Academy Professional Dance Program Student Registration Information

1) Application Procedure:

***Note: Applications cannot be confirmed until all the following steps have been completed:**

- Complete all audition registration forms.
- Attend an in-person audition or complete and submit audition video with corresponding paperwork. **Applies to new students only*
- Upon acceptance to the program, you will have 1 week to submit a **non-refundable** deposit of \$670
- Submit balance of fees – *select either A or B*: Total fees for the full program at \$4800.
 - A) pay in full at discounted rate of \$4,600 (\$200 discount/includes deposit)
 - OR**
 - B) pay monthly at \$590 for 7 months from September - March for a total of \$4800. *Note: If paying in installments, enrollment in autopay is a requirement through your parent account or direct deposit through a bank account.*
- Your fees include administration & teachers' salaries, costuming, tickets, theatre costs, phys ed fees, choreography, guest instructors, workshops, uniforms, exams, and competition entry fees.

2) Fundraising:

To keep our fees as reasonable as possible, fundraising is important to our program. Our casino nights provide additional revenue that is crucial to our program. Our next casino will be in 2025-26 year. There may be additional fundraising opportunities over the school year.

3) Policies Regarding Extra Activities:

The purpose of these policies is to help clarify commitment level so that conflicts can be avoided.

- i) It is our expectation that students make this program their first commitment (after academics). Parents and students are expected to work with the program to minimize or eliminate conflicts. Students who participate in extra activities that interfere with their dance program commitments may not be accepted back into the program. With sufficient absences, they may be asked to leave the program during the course of the year. Space in our program is limited for all grades and demand is growing. Students who honor their commitment to the program will be given first priority. Students participating in extra activities or performances outside our program must obtain written permission from the Director. Such requests should be submitted at the time of registration or as far in advance as possible.
- ii) All rehearsals, performances, exams and assessments are mandatory. Regular attendance and participation are required.
- iii) Summer school is an important part of a dancer's training. Students are required to attend an intensive summer school (either Edmonton School of Ballet or an approved alternate program). If students do not attend a summer program, they may not progress at the same rate and this could impact their placement. Please inform us in writing what option you will be taking, if not ESB.
- iv) Students in Level 7 and up are strongly encouraged to be a part of Edmonton Festival Ballet or Edmonton Contemporary Dancers. These performing companies are an important part of training a dancer to be the best artist they can be. Students who are serious about their commitment to dance and this program should audition for these independent companies. Students who audition for EFB or ECD will be given first priority for spaces in our program. These students are indicating their strong level of commitment to their artistic growth. These companies follow learning outcomes for Dance Performance 15/25/35 and are required to receive credit.

We look forward to working together to help your dancer be as successful as possible.

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Want to Audition or book a shadow day? Please fill out the Google form below.

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