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Registration Process/Required Paperwork

Please enroll for all classes using our Jackrabbit parent portal. This parent portal is where registration and payment take place. Parents are unable to transfer or drop classes through the portal, so please email us for any questions or help related to adjusting classes. Upon registration, you will receive follow up emails regarding finances and programming. In addition to completing online registration, parents/guardians also need to complete the following before their students first day of class:

- Emergency Contact Form (with release)
- Studio Etiquette Form (1 per student)

Tuition Details and Policies [can be found here](#).

Cancellations

Please check the website and facebook page for snow day cancellations. We do not always follow the WWSU weather closures, especially if conditions are expected to be clear by the afternoon.

Supervision/Lobby/Waiting for Class

GMPA offers an afterschool program (Kidspark! Aftercare) for children waiting for classes. Unchaperoned students not enrolled in after school programs are not allowed to be on premises until 15 minutes before or after the student's class time. If a student is under 10 years of age, parents/caregiver should remain with their student until class time begins.

***Please note: due to COVID-19, our waiting room is closed at this time. Students should arrive as close to class time as possible for a drive-thru health screening and should get picked up immediately after class.**

Aftercare/Bus Service

BUS SERVICE: All students who plan to take the school bus to GMPA, regardless of age, must enroll in "Bus Service". This allows us to know who plans to be at the studio at a given time. All students at the studio need to either be registered in a class or in aftercare.

AFTERCARE: KidSpark! Aftercare is a structured experience for students pre/post dance class. Students are provided with a snack and then choose from an assortment of prepared activities- some squarely within their interests and some designed to expand their interest. Students can choose from solo activities or group activities- but are expected to be engaged during their time in aftercare. Read more about our [KidSpark! Aftercare program here](#).



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Attendance

If your child will not be on the bus, at class or aftercare, please call us or email us and let us know. If we are expecting your child off of the bus, and they do not get off the bus we will reach out to parent/guardians. We will not make phone calls if a child doesn't show for class otherwise, but we do appreciate the notification.

Phone: 802-244-8600

Email: gmpavt@gmail.com

Scholarships & Tuition Assistance:

GMPA's mission is to make the performing arts fully accessible to students of all ages and enhance the community cultural vitality of our region. We offer full year, partial year scholarship and tuition assistance. Assistance is not limited to qualifying for free and reduced lunch or federal programs, hardships may include excessive medical bills, job loss, recovery from disaster, and other circumstances that may result in low income and financial stress. Please see the studio manager or find our application forms on the GMPA website.

Respecting Space

We work hard to have a clean, welcoming space at GMPA! With so many people in and out of the space, we can use everyone's help! Here is some helpful information to know:

Lobby: The purpose of the lobby is to wait for students to wait for class to begin or families to wait for their student to finish class. Students are asked to use hooks and benches for storing their personal belongings and use the shoe trays for shoes. Please do not leave bags, shoes or other personal items on the floor blocking entryways, hallways or preventing others from using the waiting room chairs. If you have a snack in the lobby, please be mindful of crumbs and clean up after yourself using the compost/garbage.

Aftercare Space: The aftercare area of the lobby is set up for students who are participating in aftercare activities. Storage and cleaning closets access are for staff only.

Studios: Studios are for dancing! Here are some ways we respect space in the studio:

- No food or non-water drinks in the studio.
- Please don't run in the studio.
- Please don't hang on the ballet barres.
- Your teacher will make props available to you if they are being used for class. Otherwise, please respect the teacher's storage area by leaving it be.
- Please don't touch the mirrors.
- Cell phones should remain put away during all of class



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COVID-19 Safety Precautions- please read carefully and review with your students.

Small Class Sizes: In Person class sizes are limited to 10 students in the large studio, 6 students in the small studio and 4 students in aftercare.

Health Screening/Protocol: All persons entering the building will have temperature taken. Students will immediately wash their hands and then proceed to their waiting spot in the lobby or into their studio classroom. Students will be asked to use hand sanitizer or wash hands again before leaving.

Masks: All persons in the building should have a mask on at all times, including while dancing, unless they are unable to due to health reasons.

Travel Guidelines: We ask that all families follow the governor's recommendation regarding self-quarantine after traveling. As this will change across the time, we ask that all families stay current on self-quarantine requirements and do not send a child to camp if you have recently been traveling and should be in self-quarantine.

Health Guidelines: All persons entering the building need to be healthy, have no symptoms of sickness, nor have been exposed to anyone who is sick.

Drive Thru Drop Off: To ensure students being able to get to class on time, our drive through is for drop off only. All students not coming on the bus or driving themselves should be dropped off in our Drive-Thru drop off. **Students should come in for a temperature check. The driver should wait for a thumbs up before they drive off.**

Pick Up: For pick up, please park in the parking lot and we will send your child out to you.

Lobby: Our waiting rooms are currently closed. Students should arrive close to the start of class time and leave the building immediately after- so please be sure to be on time for pick up.

Hybrid classes: In the event of temporary closure, all classes will be continued via online streaming. Both studios will be equipped for live streaming. If you would prefer to take class online instead of in person, please register like usual and send us an email noting your preference so we can ensure you get the info you need to take class online.



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Dress Code

Coming to class prepared means having a water bottle, the correct shoes, hair tied back and the right clothing. This allows you to get the most out of class and to not detract from others learning as well.

Ballet	<p>Hair: Ballet Bun Shoes: Any Color Ballet Shoes Tights: Any Color Leotard: Any Color Boys: white t-shirt, black leggings or athletic pants Ballet dancers may also wear a ballet skirt or shorts in addition to above. Ballet shoe strings should be tied to fit and cut OR tucked in.</p>
Irish & Hardshoe	<p>Top: Leotard or Fitted T-shirt Bottom: Softe-style shorts Hair: Pulled off face and neck Socks: White Bubble Shoes: Gillies and/or hard shoes as appropriate for class</p>
Highland	<p>Top: Leotard or Fitted T-shirt Bottom: Black Softe-style shorts Hair: Pulled off face and neck Socks: White knee Shoes: Ghillies</p>
Cape Breton Step	<p>Top: Comfortable top Bottom: Comfortable pants or skirts Hair: Pulled off face Socks: Any Shoes: Tap shoes</p>
Hip Hop	<p>Clothes: Comfortable to move freely in Shoes: Clean Sneakers Hair: Out of face</p>
Drama/Musical Theater	<p>Clothes: Comfortable to move freely in Hair: Out of face Shoes: Clean Sneakers</p>
Modern, Tap, & Jazz	<p>Clothes: Comfortable to move freely in Hair: Out of face Shoes: Socks for Modern & Lyrical, Tap shoes for Tap and Jazz shoes for Jazz.</p>



ACQUIRING DANCE GEAR

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Locally, **The Tiny Acorn** carries some dancewear. Used items can often be found at **Once Upon a Child** in Williston. We sometimes have used shoes that can be borrowed. **Lines Vermont** in South Burlington carries very comprehensive dance options for all ages- including celtic options.

Below is some information about acquiring Celtic gear online.

Best store for less expensive options:

<https://www.antonipacelli.com>

Best stores for quality:

<http://www.fayshoes.com/welcome.html>

<https://www.rutherfordshoes.com>

Soft Shoes:

for beginners

<https://www.antonipacelli.com/irish-dance-shop/product-detail/loop-pumps>

<https://www.shop.celticchoice.com/Celtic-Choice-Celtic-Choice.htm> - has wide option

for intermediate-advanced

<https://www.antonipacelli.com/irish-dance-shop/product-detail/ava-pump>

<https://www.shop.celticchoice.com/Hullachan-Pro-HPRO.htm>

Hard shoes:

for beginners

<https://www.antonipacelli.com/irish-dance-shop/product-detail/essential-jig-shoe>

<https://www.rutherfordshoes.com/productSection.asp?station=1§ion=7&prodFilter=11>

for intermediate-advanced

<https://www.antonipacelli.com/irish-dance-shop/product-detail/ultra-flexi-jig-shoe-with-concorde-tips-and-concorde-heels>

<https://www.shop.celticchoice.com/Ultra-Flexi-Ultra-Flexi.htm>

<https://www.rutherfordshoes.com/productSection.asp?station=1§ion=7&prodFilter=1>

Socks:

<https://www.shop.celticchoice.com/Kathleens-Sassy-Ankle-Socks-Ankle-Arch-Support.htm>

<https://www.antonipacelli.com/irish-dance-shop/product-detail/ankle-length-socks1>

It's important to note that sizing is not universal and ordering based off the size of the previous shoe may not be a good idea because they stretch a lot, so looking at the sizing guides/charts is essential!