2026-2027 PBA Student Handbook

Welcome to Peninsula Ballet Arts!

This handbook is your guide to policies and procedures regarding PBA classes. **Please read it in its entirety.** If you have questions regarding this handbook or our policies, please email us at school@peninsulaballetarts.org.

We are excited to welcome students and their families to PBA!

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2025-2026 YOUTH PROGRAM

For ballet students in Level 2 and up, PBA has a flexible schedule with flat-rate tuition. Students are welcome to take all classes offered for their level, but are not required to do so. They may choose how many classes per week they will attend, the rate stays the same.
Pre-Ballet 1, Pre-Ballet 2, and Level 1 students MUST enroll on the day(s) they will attend.

Trial Classes

All students must take a trial class to determine their correct **Ballet or Combo** level. Please email school@peninsulaballetarts.org to register for your placement class. Trial classes are $15.
Placement is determined based on age, technique, and ability.
Trials for Tap, Hip-Hop, and Musical Theater are optional.
Once placed in a level, the instructor decides when a student is ready for promotion to the next level. Please do not approach them asking to do this mid-season.

No Make-Up Classes

No make-up classes will be offered for any classes. In the case of extended absences, please email school@peninsulaballetarts.org by **the 20th of the month prior**, to arrange a pause in enrollment.

Withdrawal Policy

Youth enrollment is month to month, however PBA requires notification via email if you plan to withdraw from classes. You must email school@peninsulaballetarts.org by **the 20th of the month prior** in order to withdraw from classes. *If you do not email PBA by the 20th of the month, you will be charged for the following month of classes.*

Dress Code

PBA has a uniform policy. Uniform colors and pieces are posted on each level's page in the PBA Dancewear Store. PBA Dancewear items are the **ONLY** accepted uniform pieces. Please note that uniforms are required in class and will also be worn on stage for the June Showcase.
Girls must wear their hair in a bun for Ballet and Combo, and up away from their faces in Tap, Musical Theater, and Contemporary. Boys with long hair must style it up, away from their faces.
If you have questions regarding the uniform or dress code, please email school@peninsulaballetarts.org.

YOUTH CLASS SCHEDULES & DESCRIPTIONS

Combo 1 - 3 (Ballet & Tap) (Ages 3-8)

For our youngest aspiring dancers, this 60-minute class introduces children to movement, ballet, and tap dance.

Combo 1 (ages 3-4) - 60 mins.
Monday 4:00-5:00 pm with Verónica Quevedo

Combo 2 (ages 5-6) - 60 mins.
Monday 5:00-6:00 pm with Verónica Quevedo

Combo 3 (ages 7-8) - 60 mins.
Thursday 5:00-6:00 pm with Verónica Quevedo

Pre-Ballet 1 & 2 (Ages 3-6)

For our youngest aspiring dancers, this 45-minute class introduces children to the joy of dance and movement.

Pre-Ballet 1 (ages 3-4) - 45 mins.
Please only attend the day(s) you register for.
Wednesday 3:30-4:15 pm with Verónica Quevedo
Saturday 9:00-9:45 am with Hannah Jiang
Saturday 9:45-10:30 am with Hannah Jiang

Pre-Ballet 2 (ages 5-6) - 45 mins.
Please only attend the day(s) you register for.
Wednesday 4:15-5:00 pm with Verónica Quevedo
Thursday 4:15-5:00 pm with Verónica Quevedo
Saturday 9:00-9:45 am with Verónica Quevedo
Saturday 9:45-10:30 am with Verónica Quevedo

Ballet Levels 1 - 6 (Ages 7 - 18)

Our Youth Ballet Levels 1–6 program provides a progressive and supportive training for students as they develop from beginning through advanced levels.

Level 1 (ages 7-8) - 60 mins.
Please only attend the day(s) you register for.
Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm with Verónica Quevedo
Saturday 9:30-10:30 am with Léna Alvino

Level 2 (ages 8-10) - 75 mins.
*Recommend at least 2 classes/week
Tuesday 4:15-5:30 pm with Hannah Jiang
Wednesday 4:45-6:00 pm (Combined 2 & 3) with Minna Rogers
Saturday 10:30-11:45 pm (Combined 2 & 3) with Verónica Quevedo

Level 3 (ages 9-11) - 75 mins.
*Recommend 3 classes/week
Tuesday 5:30-6:45 pm with Hannah Jiang
Wednesday 4:45-6:00 pm (Combined 2 & 3) with Minna Rogers
Saturday 10:30-11:45 pm (Combined 2 & 3) with Verónica Quevedo

Level 4 (ages 10-14) - 60 to 120 mins.
*Recommend at least 4 classes/week
Monday 5:00-6:00 pm Stretching & Conditioning with JanJan Chan (Combined 4 & 5)
Tuesday 4:15-6:15 pm Technique & (Pre)-pointe with Léna Alvino
Wednesday 6:00-7:30 pm Technique with Minna Rogers
Thursday 4:00 - 5:30 pm Contemporary with Alyssa-Marie Muña
Saturday 11:00-12:30 pm Technique with Léna Alvino (Combined 4 & 5)

Level 5 (ages 12-16) - 60 to 135 mins.
*Recommend at least 4 classes/week
Monday 5:00-6:00 pm Stretching & Conditioning with JanJan Chan (Combined 4 & 5)
Tuesday 4:00-6:15 pm Contemporary (Combined 5 & 6) with Alyssa-Marie Muña
Wednesday 4:00-6:15 pm Technique & Pointe
Thursday 4:00-6:15 pm Technique (Combined 5 & 6) with Chloé Watson
Saturday 11:00-12:30 pm Technique (Combined 4 & 5)

Level 6 (ages 14-18) - 90 to 135 mins.
*Recommend 5 classes/week
Monday 4:00-6:15pm Technique & Pointe with Chloé Watson
Tuesday 4:00-6:15pm Contemporary (Combined Level 5 & 6) with Alyssa-Marie Muña
Wednesday 4:00-6:15pm Technique & Variations with Léna Alvino
Thursday 4:00-6:15pm Technique (Combined Level 5 & 6) with Chloé Watson
Saturday 10:30am-12:00pm Technique with Gregory Amato

Mentorship Program

The mentorship program is open to all Level 5 and 6 students on a first come first serve basis. Dancers will have two private lessons/mentoring sessions each month with a faculty member. Enrollment in the program is limited and requested mentors are not guaranteed.

Mentorship Sessions (ages 12-18) - 60 mins

Private Lessons

One on one lessons with one of our available instructors. To arrange, please email school@peninsulaballetarts.org.

Private Lessons (ages 3-18) - choose a 30, 45, 60, or 120 minute lesson.

Tap

Students learn the fundamentals of tap technique in a fun and creative way. Dancers will learn basic terminology, steps, and combinations to improve their knowledge and skill of tap dance.

Tap (ages 9-17) - 60 mins.
Saturday 9:30-10:30 am with Jamil Hawkins

Musical Theater

This class is a great way to be introduced to the world of Musical Theater through dancing and singing! Learn exciting dance styles and sing your heart out on songs from Broadway musicals, old and new. Come play and learn in a creative and fun space, designed to inspire the performer within!

Musical Theater (ages 5-18) - 60 mins.
Monday 5:00-6:00 pm with Minna Rogers

Hip-Hop

This class is a fun, energetic class that introduces dancers to the fundamentals of hip-hop in a positive and encouraging environment. Students will learn age-appropriate movements, grooves, footwork, and combinations while developing coordination, rhythm, musicality, and confidence.

Hip-Hop (ages 5-17) - 60 mins.
Monday 4:00-5:00 pm with JanJan Chan

YOUTH TUITION

Annual Registration Fee: $50
This fee is not based on the calendar year. This fee must be paid upon registration for each season, regardless of how late in the season you enroll.
To register for classes, you must have an account in StudioPro with a zero balance, and be enrolled in AutoPay. To create your new student account click here.
You may only register for the Ballet or Combo level you were placed in. If you do not know your level placement please email school@peninsulaballetarts.org.

Tuition cost is monthly, based on level, and prorated if registering mid-month. Tuition rates DO NOT change regardless of holiday breaks, missed classes or, for Level 2 and up, how many classes you take each week. All holiday breaks are factored into tuition at the beginning of the season. **PBA does not offer make-up classes.**

Monthly tuition is due no later than the 30th of each month. We require all families to sign up for Auto-Pay, which runs around the 25th of each month. **Failure to pay by the due date will result in a $25 late fee.**

Monthly Tuition Rates

Pre-Ballet: $61
Level 1: $74
Level 2: $168
Level 3: $168
Level 4: $350
Level 5: $400
Level 6: $457
Mentorship Program: $176
Tap: $66
Hip-Hop: $66
Combo: $66
Musical Theater: $66

Private classes: $95/h

Tuition Reduction Program

This program is available to students ages 3-18 years old with a passion and desire to dance. Tuition reductions are awarded based on financial need, merit, and the student's desire to dance. To apply for a tuition reduction, please fill out **this Google Form**.

2026-27 Peninsula Ballet Arts Youth Calendar

All dates are subject to change.

July 6-24	Summer Programs
July 27-Sept 5	Youth Summer Drop-In Program
September 8	2026-2027 Season begins
September 19	**Mandatory Parent Meeting**
September 19	**Student Nutcracker Auditions**
September 26	**Mandatory Nutcracker Parent Meeting**
September 26	**Student Nutcracker Rehearsals Start**
September 26	**San Mateo Countywide Celebration of the Arts TBC*
October 12-18	Parent Observation Week
December 4	**San Carlos Night of Holiday Lights*
December 5 & 6	**The Little Nutcracker*
December 13	Last day of youth classes
December 19 & 20	**Nutcracker full length*
December 31	**Noon Year's Eve at Hiller Aviation Museum TBC*
January 4	Youth classes resume
March 22-28	Parent Observation Week
June 4	June Showcase Tech rehearsal at Capuchino Performing Arts TBC
June 5	June Showcase full cast rehearsal at PBA studio 1 TBC
June 6	June Showcase at Capuchino Performing Arts Center TBC
June 13	Last day of Student Classes
June 14 - July 4	Youth Drop-In Program

**Performance opportunity for selected students.*

Youth No Class Dates

All dates are subject to change.

November 23 - 29	Thanksgiving Break
December 14 - January 3	Winter Break
January 18	Martin Luther King Day
February 15	Presidents' Day
March 29 - April 4	Spring Break
May 31	Memorial Day

FAQs

Q. Are there opportunities for one-on-one training?
A. Yes, PBA offers private lessons and we encourage students in Level 2 or above to register for private lessons with their preferred teacher. Please email school@peninsulaballetarts.org if you are interested in private lessons.

Q. Is there anything I need to bring other than my uniform and hair supplies?
A. We recommend bringing a water bottle.

Q. Where should I reach out with questions?
A. Please email school@peninsulaballetarts.org with any questions or concerns you may have.

Class Code of Conduct

1. I will use the restroom before class starts.
2. I will not eat or chew gum while in class.
3. I will respect my teachers, PBA staff and volunteers, PBA studios, and my classmates. I will not disrupt class.
4. I will support all of my classmates.
5. I will accept corrections as constructive critiques to help me grow as a dancer. I understand that my teacher is not criticizing me.
6. I will take pride in my school, my teacher, my classmates, and myself.
7. I will not use my phone, watch, or other devices during class.
8. I will have fun!

2026-2027 PBA ADULT PROGRAM

Ballet - Absolute Beginner

Monday	6:15-7:45 pm	Shellie Jew

Ballet - Beginner

Tuesday	6:15-7:45 pm	Léna Alvino

Ballet - Beginning/Intermediate

Saturday	9:00-10:30 am	Gregory Amato

Ballet - Intermediate

Wednesday	6:15-7:45 pm	Léna Alvino
Thursday	6:15-7:45 pm	Gregory Amato

Ballet - Intermediate/Advanced

Tuesday	10:00-11:30 am	Gregory Amato
Thursday	10:00-11:30 am	Gregory Amato
Sunday	10:30-12:00 pm	Gregory Amato

Ballet - Pointe

Wednesday	6:15-8:30 pm	Léna Alvino

**Attendance at the Wednesday night Intermediate Ballet class is required to attend the pointe portion from 7:45 – 8:30.*

Tap

Saturday	10:30-11:30 am	Jamil Hawkins

Hip-Hop

Monday	6:00-7:00 pm	JanJan Chan

Contemporary

Monday	7:00-8:00 pm	JanJan Chan

Rep Workshops

Thursday	7:45-8:45 pm	PBA Instructors

**Attendance at the Thursday night Intermediate Ballet class is required to attend the workshop portion from 7:45 – 8:45.*

ADULT CLASS RATES

All Adult Students Are Required to Enroll in AutoPay

Adult Rates

Tap: $17 (drop-in)
Hip-Hop: $17 (drop-in)
Contemporary: $17 (drop-in)
Ballet: $22 (drop-in)
Pointe: $34 (drop-in - this fee includes the ballet class before the pointe portion)
Rep Workshop: $210/6-week workshop (this includes the Intermediate Ballet class before the workshop portion)
Private class: $95/h

Adult Dance Card

$195/10 classes, expires after 60 days from date of purchase. We will **NOT** extend expiration dates.
*Cards are **not** valid for Pointe and non-ballet classes.*

Private Lessons with one of our available instructors

To arrange, email school@peninsulaballetarts.org
**Scheduling based on instructor and studio availability*

2025-26 PBA Adult Program Calendar: No-Class Dates

All dates are subject to change.

September 7	Labor Day
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Break
December 5 & 6	*The Little Nutcracker* performances
December 19 & 20	*Nutcracker* at San Mateo Performing Arts Center
December 25	Christmas
January 1	Happy New Year!
January 18	Martin Luther King Day
February 15	Presidents' Day
May 29	Memorial Day