



**ELEMENTARY BALLROOM
REGISTRATION 2016-2017**

**Forms due by: Aug 31st, 2016
\$65 per semester**

Saratoga Shores Elementary

- **All Students** **Monday 2:35 to 3:35pm & Wednesday 3:35 to 4:35pm**

Boy ___ Girl ___
Student Name: _____ Grade Fall 2016: _____
School Name: _____ School Track: AM ___ PM ___
Parent Names: _____
Home Phone: _____ Parent Cell # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
(We will communicate mainly by email to save on copy costs.)

Partner (not required, but helps girl registration): _____

Check: (Other after school commitments) ___ Chorus ___ Orchestra

Have you taken a ballroom class before? When? _____ Where? _____
Have you had any previous dance experience? What kind? _____ How long? _____

Please Initial:

- ___ I understand that the class fee is **\$130 per student per YEAR**
- ___ **I understand that payment is due at the "Back to School" night in August or before the first class in September.**
- ___ I understand that I can pay the full tuition of \$130 in September or make 2 payments of \$65 each in September and October.
- ___ I understand that if student fees are not paid by the second week of classes, my student may be invited to leave the class.
- ___ I understand refunds are not available after the program has been running for 2 weeks.
- ___ I understand the ballroom program is a girl and boy activity. Only 3 to 4 more girls than boys may be accepted to participate so as to ensure a quality ballroom dance experience for all participating students.
- ___ I understand that if the class is already full of girls, then my girl's name will be placed on a "girl waiting list" until a boy commits to join the class.
- ___ I understand that any girl who recruits a boy to join the class may add the class immediately if there is room for the couple and the boys commits to stay in the program.
- ___ I understand that **the boys and girls will NOT be permanent partners in class.** Students are expected to change partners often.
- ___ I understand that the minimum number of students per class is 20 and maximum number of students is 30 per class unless there is an assistant to help. (Almost equal ratio of boys and girls is required per class).
- ___ I understand that enrollment interest will determine which class carries.
- ___ I understand the ballroom class enrollment is based on a first come, first serve basis with 6th grade students may have the first priority.
- ___ I understand the ballroom program is a year-long (September to April) commitment for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students.
- ___ I understand that I may be asked to help in some way to assist the program (ie: phone calls, class treats, Team Match, Concert, etc)
- ___ **I have read, accepted, and discussed the Ballroom Standards with my student.**
- ___ **My student agrees to follow the Ballroom Standards.**
- ___ **I understand that if my child ends school before ballroom class begins, I must make arrangements for him/her to leave the school and return when ballroom classes begin. If this arrangement is not possible, I will discuss other options with the principal and inform the secretary of those arrangements.**

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Please keep this page for your records

ELEMENTARY BALLROOM STANDARDS

*Please read the following criteria for participation in the Elementary Ballroom program.
Sign and return the second page of this form to the office as soon as possible.*

Work Habits, Attitude, and Behavior

Ballroom students are required to work during class with a positive attitude and energy. They need to try their best to concentrate and focus on what is being taught. This includes dancing in dance position with every partner, holding hands with their partner when dancing, listening to and following the directions of the teacher, avoiding too much talking, respecting the teacher, and respecting the other students in the class. Ballroom students need to wait for their parents after practice outside or in the foyer by the office.

*****IMPORTANT: If your student gets out of school at 2:15, then they must either go home or play outside while waiting for ballroom class to begin at 3:35. Students may not wonder the school or play in the gym while waiting for afterschool ballroom to begin.**

Attendance and Tardiness

It is important that every ballroom student is present and on time to every class. The students have a lot of material to learn, and it is not fair to the other students when they are not able to learn new steps because of absences. Classes start on time and 5 min after the school bell rings. This gives the students enough time to use the restroom and get a drink so that they are prepared to practice. Continued tardiness and absences may result in a dismissal from Ballroom class. If a class is missed, the student needs to ask the teacher or another student what they missed before the next class. A parent note must excuse each absence. Students must be at the rehearsals prior to the performances. **If a student misses too many practices and does not know the routines, they will be asked not to perform in the shows.**

Probation

A student will be placed on probation if they are unable to meet the Ballroom Standards. The parents and students will be notified when they are placed on probation. If the student fails to improve within a reasonable time frame, they will be dismissed from Ballroom.

Finance

Ballroom fees are **\$120 per person for each school year** and are mandatory fees to be paid for each student participating in the program. Students may not participate in class if their fee is not paid. In extreme cases, please check with the teacher/principal to set up payments if necessary. These fees help pay for teachers, building, music, concert materials, costumes, and other related expenses.

*****IMPORTANT: Refunds are not available after the program has been running for 2 weeks.**

Acceptance in the Program

Acceptance in the ballroom program is based on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE policy. Filling out this application does not guarantee any student a place in a ballroom class. We wish that everyone could participate, but we can only accept a few more girls than boys in each class. If more girls than boys sign up, then the girl's name will be placed on a waiting list. The girl will be notified if a space becomes available in the class.

*****IMPORTANT: Any girl can join if they sign up with a boy who commits to join the class for the entire year and if there is space in the class.**

*****IMPORTANT: Students who did not exemplify ballroom standards in previous ballroom classes are subject to not being accepted into the program.**

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE A STUDENT FROM BALLROOM IF BEHAVIOR IS NOT IMPROVED AFTER IT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED AND GIVEN PROPER WARNING