



Welcome to the Leap N Learn Program!

This packet serves to answer any questions you may have about our program, as well as give you a timeline for the necessary steps throughout the semester. Please do not hesitate to ask questions:

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Quick Facts:

- **Leap N Learn** is a 12 week dance program housed in the school at low cost to the school and families participating. Classes focus on creative movement and beginning ballet. The students study a variety of dance concepts while working on spatial awareness, problem solving and strengthening the body and brain. This program is also available in varying options including West African Dance and Choreography after discussion with school administration.
- **Colorado Ballet** provides an instructor, music, dancewear and enrichment activities such as reduced price ticket vouchers to a Colorado Ballet production depending on availability. The program culminates with an “informance” for the parents, school and community, showcasing the technique and concepts learned over the semester.
- **2016-2017** marks the seventeenth year of this program! It has grown significantly – In the 2015-2016 school year our afterschool enrichment program served twenty-two sites with over 50 sessions that reached 850 students!
Thank you for being a part of this program’s growth!
- **In the 2015-2016 school year**, approximately 825 students completed the program. From those 825, select Leap N Learn students were invited to participate in a Summer Dance Camp at Colorado Ballet studios, and one student is chosen annually for a full-year scholarship to Colorado Ballet Academy.

Policies:

- Colorado Ballet's Education department has an active DPS Partnership Agreement. We are involved in CPS and our staff have all been cleared appropriately through DPS.
- Colorado Ballet's staff members are not DPS staff therefore **we cannot hold responsibility for students** who are not picked up at the end of class. We **require a site staff member** to be present at the end of class to stay with any students.
- Our curriculum is designed to be **12 weeks**. If you are running on trimesters or semesters, we encourage a term-long program. If your enrichment sessions tend to run shorter than 12 weeks, please consider combining two to make for a longer session.
- Due to high demand of the program, we have enacted a **10 student minimum**. Leap N Learn classes cap at a **25 student maximum**. In the case of a higher enrollment, a second teacher is required and two separate classes would run at the site.
- A **roster with required CPS student information** (student name as registered with DPS, birth date, and student ID #) will be requested a week prior to start date.
- Students will be given Leap N Learn permission slips that are required for program participation. We rely on the site contact to increase our return rate on these as they see students more often.
- A confirmation of program details will be sent to the site contact prior to the start date.
- If a substitute teacher is required for any program dates, the site contact will be notified before the start of class.
- The Education Programs Manager and/or Director of Education may observe classes at any time during the run of the program.
- Please direct any questions or concerns to the Education Programs Manager
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Timeline for fall 2016:

July 2016 – August 2016 → **Leap N Learn Registration** (Specific dates vary per site)

- Send a roster to Jo Marie *at least week prior to your start date.*

Sep 12th → **Deadline**

- Permission Slips must be submitted to Jo Marie for all participants.

November 2016 – December 2016 → **Leap N Learn Classes End**

- Informances (Specific dates vary per site)

January 13th → **Deadline**

- Payment must be submitted to Samantha Hyde, Director of Education - you will receive an invoice prior to deadline. Early payments are always welcome, feel free to request an invoice if you would like to pay earlier.