



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 10 - 12 week dance program housed in the school at low cost to the school and/or participating families. Classes focus on creative movement and beginning ballet. The students study a variety of dance concepts while working on spatial awareness, social and emotional skills, problem solving and strengthening the body and brain. This program is also available in varying options including Folk Dance, Choreography, Modern, Hip-hop, and Flamenco after discussion with school administration (pending availability).

Colorado Ballet provides an instructor, music, dancewear and enrichment activities such as reduced price ticket vouchers to a Colorado Ballet performance at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, depending on availability. The program culminates with an "informance" for the parents, school and community showcasing the technique and concepts learned over the semester. All Leap N Learn students are invited to participate in a Summer Dance Camp at Colorado Ballet Studios, and select students are chosen annually for a full-year scholarship to Colorado Ballet Academy.

The **2018 - 2019** school year marks the nineteenth year of this program! It has grown significantly – in the 2017-2018 school year our afterschool enrichment program served 31 sites with over 38 sessions that reached 530 students!

Thank you for being a part of this program's growth!

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 10-12 weeks. If you are running on trimesters or semesters, we encourage a term-long program. If your enrichment sessions tend to run shorter than 10 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 20 student maximum. If your enrollment reaches higher than 20 students, please contact us to discuss options.
- 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, Education Department Manager, and/or Education Accessibility Coordinator may observe classes at any time during the run of the program.

Please direct any questions or concerns to:

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Timeline for Fall 2018

- **July – August 2018**
 - Leap N Learn Registration (specific dates vary per site)
 - Send a roster to Cassie at least week prior to your start date
- **October 15th, 2018**
 - Permission Slips must be submitted to Cassie for all participants
- **September 28th, 2018**
 - Ticket vouchers distributed to students
- **November – December 2018**
 - Informances (specific dates vary per site)
 - Students receive shirts and certificates
 - Leap N Learn classes end
 - Sites will receive invoices after the last day of class
- **January 14th, 2018**
 - Payment for fall sessions must be submitted
 - You will receive an invoice prior to deadline from either Cassie Wilson, Emily Aalbers, or Bridget Heddens. Early payments are always welcome, feel free to request an invoice if you would like to pay earlier.