Classroom Assistant Volunteer Description

Dancing Classrooms is a semester long artist residency for 5th and 8th grade students that uses Ballroom and Latin dance to teach social and emotional skills. During the residency, Classroom Assistant volunteers help the Teaching artist model the values of Dancing Classrooms including elegance, teamwork, and respect towards students and staff through their actions and appearance. Classroom Assistants dance and learn alongside the students. They support the Teaching Artist by helping demonstrate movements, assist with classroom management, play music, dance with struggling students, etc. Dance experience is not necessary, but a patient and compassionate attitude is required.

Classroom Assistants commit to a full residency with a specific classroom for the semester. Residencies take place during Fall and Spring semesters at schools throughout the Twin Cities metro area and Rochester. Residencies consist of a total of twenty lessons (two lessons per week) for ten weeks. Orientation for Classroom Assistants is held twice a year—in August for Fall semester and in January for Spring semester. All volunteers must successfully complete a background check before being approved for assignment. Please contact us if you are interested in more information or future Classroom Assistant volunteer orientations.