

## Examinations

### **The importance of attending examinations and presentational exams.**

#### Why Do We Do Exams?

Strive Dance Academy believes in dance exams as a great teaching tool not only in developing dance technique but also in developing confident individuals.

Exams encourage all students to work hard and achieve a goal. They also provide the dancer with an opportunity to demonstrate the work they have been learning each week in class to be evaluated by professional examiners.

Dancers that are introduced to examinations from a young age are much better at handling pressure, and this ability to prepare for a challenging situation serves them extremely well in life.

Passing dance examinations gives the student an individual sense of accomplishment and is a gratifying reward for the hard work that they put in all season long. It also gives them a certificate to show for all their hard work and accreditation for their dance training.

Examinations create a worldwide standard and exam results can also be included on resumes. This will have a great effect of showing your commitment and seriousness to an extra curricular subject, which is an asset when applying for schools and jobs in any area.

#### What does A.D.A.P.T say about exams?

##### A.D.A.P.T. - Why are Dance Examinations Important?

**ADAPT** examinations and the dance examination process encourages each student to work harder so he or she may achieve a personal best. And through ADAPT Syllabus training, dance exams help to maintain dance potential throughout all the dance training years.

**ADAPT** examinations allow students the opportunities to enjoy quality, technical dance training, supporting good competitive values along with enhancing stronger jazz, tap and ballet performance abilities.

**ADAPT** examinations are a "goal setter". They are a memorable experience and present an opportunity for dance students to be critiqued and evaluated by professional ADAPT Syllabus dance master examiners yearly.

**ADAPT** examinations offer dance certification and successful candidates receive graded ADAPT Syllabus dance certificates. High dance exam achievers also receive a special "Medal Of Merit Award" for excellence in dance.

**ADAPT** examinations and training help students build stronger character, integrity and lasting moral values for their futures.

## How Do We Schedule Exams?

**Ballet Examinations:** We submit entries in November and then we are given an exam date and schedule in either February or March by the R.A.D. We have no control over these dates & times. We can however specify dates when the studio is closed so that they do not occur during our holidays, dates when our pianist is not available and up to 3 impossible dates. We utilize these three impossible dates for students that notify us in advance of their absence. We will send a request for your 'impossible dates' in October/November each season. Please respond to this letter so that we can try to avoid exam absences.

**Jazz and Tap Examinations:** We apply for dates for the examinations at the beginning of the season. Once our exam dates are confirmed we are able to create our own schedule over the set exam days. We have our ADAPT exam dates set in our calendar. If you have times/days during this week that you cannot attend please inform the office prior to November 18th so that we may schedule accordingly. We will do our very best to be accommodating however sometimes this is not possible.

### Attendance at Exams

We promote Strive Dance Academy as a studio for dance excellence, which is something that we feel the Teachers, Staff, Board, Students and Members strive for on a daily basis. When we enter students into an **examination or presentational class** and they then drop out this affects our reputation, not in our local community of Red Deer but in the wider dance community within the leaders of the R.A.D and A.D.A.P.T syllabi. Examinations and Presentational Exams are not mandatory but they are **strongly encouraged** by Strive Dance Academy and its Teachers for the above reasons.

Parents must notify the office by November 18th if their child will not be participating in exams or presentational classes. Pulling out for any reason (other than injury) after these dates will incur the full cost. Pulling out after this point makes it impossible for the teachers and office administration to plan around based on the impact that this has on the price, time allotment and remaining dancers for these examinations.

We understand that life happens - sickness, injury, weddings etc. however we encourage parents to please take your dancers examinations and presentational exams as seriously as we do, and try to provide the studio ASAP (at the beginning of the season/as soon as you get them) with dates when your dancer will be absent. This includes family holidays, medical appointments and school commitments.

We ask for the parents support in providing information to us to allow us to make this a positive experience for all students wishing to achieve these fantastic accreditations.

**Please help us to encourage your dancers to see the value of exams and presentational exams as well as the value of making a commitment.**

Yours truly,

**Strive Teaching Team.**