

**8 Count Dance Academy**  
10662 W. Pico Blvd., West LA 90064



**1st Semester Schedule** (September 11<sup>th</sup> – January 28<sup>th</sup>)  
Class Rate: 60 min = \$650.00

**RECREATIONAL (NON-TEAM) CLASSES LISTED BY AGE**

**1.5 - 3 Year Olds (Girls & Boys)**

***"It Takes Two"***

This class is designed for Moms/Dads/Nannies/Grandparents and children to explore movement in a fun environment! Students are introduced to class structure, stretches and age appropriate dance technique. The use of props and sing-along dance songs allows adults to help their child develop motor and coordination skills. Added benefits for the adults are increased flexibility, balance, and dance appreciation.

Two is better than one in "It Takes Two!"

**Saturdays:** 9:00 – 10:00am \*FULL\*

**3-6 Year Olds (Girls & Boys)**

These classes are designed to allow your tiny dancer to explore various types of dance. These energetic and expressive classes will have your dancer learning proper dance technique, class structure, musicality, and rhythm in fun, creative ways.

Dancers must be independent from their parents to take these classes.

**3 & 4 Yrs Old Classes**

**Mondays:** 3:00 – 4:00pm ~ Ballet/Jazz/Acro (Acrobatics)

3:15 – 4:15pm ~ Ballet/Jazz/Acro (Acrobatics) \*FULL\*

**Wednesdays:** 3:00 – 4:00pm ~ Ballet/Jazz/Acro (Acrobatics)

3:15 – 4:15pm ~ Ballet/Jazz/Acro (Acrobatics) \*FULL\*

**Fridays:** 3:15 – 4:15pm ~ Ballet/Jazz/Acro (Acrobatics)

**Saturdays:** 9:00 – 10:00am ~ Ballet/Jazz/Acro (Acrobatics) \*FULL\*

**Sundays:** 9:00 – 10:00am ~ Ballet/Jazz/Acro (Acrobatics)

11:00 – 12:00pm ~ Ballet/Jazz/Acro (Acrobatics)

**5 & 6 Yrs Old Classes**

**Mondays:** 3:15 – 4:15pm ~ Ballet/Jazz

**Tuesdays:** 2:30 – 3:30pm ~ Jazz/Hip Hop

**Wednesdays:** 3:15 – 4:15pm ~ Jazz/Hip Hop \*FULL\*

4:00 – 5:00pm ~ Jazz/Hip Hop \*FULL\*

**Fridays:** 3:15 – 4:15pm ~ Jazz/Hip Hop

**Saturdays:** 9:00 – 10:00am Ballet/Jazz \*FULL\*

**Sundays:** 9:00 – 10:00am Ballet/Jazz

10:00 – 11:00am Jazz/Hip Hop

**1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Girls & Boys)**

**Mondays:** 4:00 – 5:00pm ~ Jazz/Hip Hop \*FULL\*

4:15 – 5:15pm ~ Ballet/Jazz

**Tuesdays:** 2:30 – 3:30pm ~ Jazz/Hip Hop

**Wednesdays:** 3:15 – 4:15pm ~ Ballet/Jazz

**Thursdays:** 2:45 – 3:45pm ~ Jazz/Hip Hop

**Fridays:** 1:30 – 2:30pm ~ Jazz/Hip Hop \*FULL\*

1:30 – 2:30pm ~ Jazz/Hip Hop

4:15 – 5:15pm ~ Jazz/Hip Hop

**Saturdays:** 11:00 - 12:00pm ~ Ballet/Jazz

**Sundays:** 10:00 – 11:00am ~ Jazz/Hip Hop

**4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (Girls & Boys)**

**Mondays:** 4:00 – 5:00pm ~ Ballet/Jazz

**Fridays:** 4:15 – 5:15pm ~ Jazz/Hip Hop \*FULL\*

**Sundays:** 10:00 – 11:00am ~ Jazz/Hip Hop

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up (Girls & Boys)**

**Mondays:** 5:15 – 6:15pm ~ Jazz/Hip Hop

**~Create a Class~**

Don't see a class that works for your dancer? Create a class! If you have 5 or more dancers, we can create a class if the schedule allows for it. Please email [info@8CountLA.com](mailto:info@8CountLA.com) for more details.

**~Private Lessons~**

We offer private lessons in Acro & all styles of dance.  
Contact our private lesson manager at [PrivateLessons@8CountLA.com](mailto:PrivateLessons@8CountLA.com)



All registration is done online  
[www.8countLA.com](http://www.8countLA.com)



### Fees & Policies

**-Please read our observation policies on the final page of the document.**

- All registration must be done online via our website [www.8CountLA.com](http://www.8CountLA.com) or on our app.
- Class enrollment is limited. Enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis.
- Dancers who are registered for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester classes will automatically be registered for the same classes 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester unless you email us by Dec. 1, 2023.
- Our annual recital will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at the Saban Theater. All 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester dancers will be in the recital. Recital times TBA. Block out all day on Saturday, June 1, 2024. There is a charge for tickets. There will be an in-studio dress rehearsal the week of May 20th-26th during your regularly scheduled classes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester tuition is \$65 more per class than 1<sup>st</sup> Semester because it includes the recital costume fee. All dancers will receive a costume whether they perform in the recital or not. It's not fair to leave one or two children out of the fun of getting a costume. If your dancer is not able to perform in our recital, we must receive an email by March 1, 2024. Your account will be charged an additional \$25 per costume for sizing exchanges.
- If enrollment in any class is lower than 6 dancers, that class will be canceled prior to the semester beginning. You will be asked to select another class.
- There is a non-refundable annual registration fee of \$35 per family. Registration fees are due each year in the Fall or at the time of your first registration. The registration fee is valid through the end of the Summer.
- Tuition is collected on a semester basis. Tuition is due upon registration.
- Payments may only be made via ACH/e-Check payments by entering your bank account information or by Credit Card (no AMEX) on our secure website. If your bank account or credit card is invalid, you will receive an email letting you know you have 5 days to update your account. A \$15.00 late fee will be assessed if you do not update your account within 5 days. After 10 days, another \$15.00 late fee will be assessed to your account. After 15 days, another \$15.00 late fee will be assessed to your account, and so on until payment is received.
- We do not pro-rate or offer refunds for vacations, illness, missed classes, etc. There are no makeup classes.
- There are no make-ups, refunds, or credits anytime the studio closes for an act of nature/God. If we are forced to close, we will do zoom classes. There will not be a discount for zoom classes.
- We do not refund or credit for any reason.
- We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone.
- Class schedules and teachers are subject to change.
- We are not responsible for students arriving early or leaving the studio without proper accompaniment. Once your child's class is over, we are no longer responsible for your child. You are responsible for your child before and after their class time. Please pick up your child on time.
- All photographs and videos taken of children from 8 Count can be used for the purposes of publicity. These photos may be used for program brochures, media productions, advertisements, posters, websites, social media, news, articles, etc. If we have to hold live online zoom classes, you agreed to be recorded, and not share these sessions.
- All dogs – big or small (unless service animals) are not allowed inside the building. Please respect and follow this rule.
- There is no food allowed inside the building. Please respect and follow this rule.

### Studio Closures – NO CLASS – Mark Your Calendars!

October 31, 2023: Halloween  
November 10, 2023: Veterans Day  
November 20-26, 2023: Thanksgiving Break  
December 18, 2023-January 7, 2024: Winter Break  
January 15, 2024: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
February 19, 2024: Presidents' Day  
March 25-31, 2024: Spring Break  
May 27, 2024: Memorial Day

### Parking

**PLEASE DO NOT STOP, WAIT, OR PARK IN THE ALLEY FOR ANY REASON.** We highly suggest you use the Citibank Parking Lot located directly across the alley from 8 Count. Entrance to the Citi Bank parking lot is off Ayres Ave. Ayres Ave. is one street South of Pico Blvd. If you do not get a parking spot behind our building, please continue to drive through the alleyway and find a legal parking spot. Do not park in the handicap spot unless you have a handicap placard on display. Please do not park or pull into the reserved owners' parking spots.

### Shoes & Attire

#### SHOES:

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME INSIDE ALL DANCE SHOES!**

~ "IT TAKES TWO" CLASSES (1½-3 years):

Ballet shoes only (any pink Ballet shoes)  
(Adults can wear tennis shoes, socks, or go barefoot)

~ 3 & 4 Year Old Ballet/Jazz/Acro:

Ballet shoes only (any pink Ballet shoes)

~ Shoes for classes 5 & 6 Years, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & Up Classes:

-**BALLET:** Ballet Shoes (any pink, split-sole Ballet shoes – leather or cloth)

-**JAZZ:** Jazz Shoes (we prefer "Bloch" slip on Jazz shoes with the elastic V on the top of the foot in tan)

-**HIP HOP:** Tennis Shoes

-**LYRICAL OR CONTEMPORARY:** Barefoot, Half-Soles or Jazz shoes. (For Jazz Shoes, we prefer "Bloch" slip on Jazz shoes with the elastic V on the top of the foot in tan. For Half Soles, we prefer the Capezio "Turning Pointe 55" Pirouettes Shoes in tan.)

-**ACRO:** Barefoot

-**TAP:** Black or tan slip on or lace up "leather" tap shoes are preferred for all dancers 7 years & up. 3–6-year-olds can wear the patent leather kind with the ribbon tie or strap.

**If you already have shoes that aren't exactly like the descriptions above that's fine. When you go to purchase new shoes, please try to get the suggested styles above.**

#### DANCE ATTIRE:

We do not believe in enforcing a leotard and tights dress code. We feel young, adolescent children should be comfortable in what they're wearing. If dancers wish to wear leotard and tights, they are more than welcome to do so. Most of our dancers wear booty shorts or leggings with tank tops or dance half tops. Our littlest dancers tend to wear a leotard with an attached skirt/tutu. **No dresses or skirts (without shorts or leotards), no jeans, and nothing too baggy.**

**HAIR:** Dancers must have their hair up for all classes. (If dancers are taking a Hip-Hop class, they may ask their teacher if they can have their hair down.)

#### STORES WE RECOMMEND:

~ "The Dance Store": 2509 S. Robertson Blvd. 90034. Mention "8 Count" to get a 10% discount.

~ Shelly's Dance & Costume: 2089 Westwood Blvd. 90025. They **DO NOT** sell the Bloch brand of Jazz shoes we prefer. Mention "8 Count" to get a 10% discount.

~ONLINE STORES: [www.DiscountDance.com](http://www.DiscountDance.com) or [www.DancewearSolutions.com](http://www.DancewearSolutions.com)

# UPDATED OBSERVATION POLICIES

The LA County Department of Public Health has removed the mandate stating we have to minimize the presence of non-essential visitors. However, after three years of not having parents/guests/siblings inside our building we have decided we are no longer going to have an open door policy for non-dancers. Please read below so you know what our observation policies are moving forward. Please know we've spent a lot of time coming to this decision. We will always do what we believe is in our dancers' best interest. Our goal is to create the best environment for our dancers to thrive!

"IT TAKES TWO" CLASSES - Dancers ages 18 months to 3 years old (ONE ADULT REQUIRED!)

- An adult/caretaker is required to be inside the dance studio with their dancer for this class. Siblings are not allowed.
- (If your 3 year old is signed up for a 3 & 4 year old class, parents will only be permitted inside during the observation and showcase weeks. If you would like to be inside with your 3 year old for all classes, please sign up for an "It Takes Two" class.)

RECREATIONAL CLASSES - 1ST SEMESTER

- Parents will have one observation week and one showcase week in studio 1st Semester. Dates are listed below.
- Observation Week - October 16th - 22nd (Parents will sit inside the studio room).
- Showcase Week - January 16th - 22nd (Parents will sit inside the studio room).

RECREATIONAL CLASSES - 2ND SEMESTER

- Parents will have one observation week in studio and our recital showcase at The Saban Theater. Dates are listed below.
- Observation Week - March 4th - 10th (Parents will sit inside the studio room).
- Recital Showcase @ The Saban - June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- You will also receive two videos during 2nd Semester with your dancer's recital routine for practicing purposes.

TEAMS - Observation/Showcase Day for Parents

- Teams will have one Observation Week 1st Semester in studio and one Showcase Week 2nd Semester in studio.

TEAM CLASSES - 1ST SEMESTER

Observation Week - November 13th - 17th (Parents will sit inside the studio room).

TEAM CLASSES - 2ND SEMESTER

Showcase Week - May 20th - 24th (Parents will sit inside the studio room).

Recital @ The Saban - June 1<sup>st</sup>.

PRIVATE LESSONS

- We are allowing parents to come inside the building for the purpose of observing their dancer through the viewing window.
- No food or drink (except water) is permitted inside our building.
- Your teacher will come to the backdoor to get you at the start of your lesson.
- We appreciate you taking the opportunity to fully engage watching your dancer - please do not take phone calls or bring laptops.
- Siblings may come when accompanied by an adult. We ask that loud activities be limited. Siblings must remain with an adult at all times. Please do not allow your child to tap/bang on the viewing window, put their face on the viewing window, etc. Children using devices must have them muted or use headphones/earbuds.
- The front desk managers will not be available for questions or conversations during private lessons, but we're happy to answer questions via email.
- If you need to speak with your private lesson teachers, please do so at the beginning of the lesson and do not keep them after your lesson time has ended.
- If you are not able to follow our rules, you will be emailed and asked not to enter the building.

SUMMER CAMPS

- Parents may come inside the studio for the end of camp Showcase on Friday.

SUMMER INTENSIVE - TEAM DANCERS

- Parents may come inside the studio for the end of The Intensive Showcase on the final Friday of the third week.

BENEFITS OF NOT ALLOWING PARENTS/CARETAKERS/GUESTS INSIDE

- Safer environment for dancers and teachers.
- Dancers are less distracted and more focused.
- Teachers have more time to focus on their dancers.
- Dancers will be excited to showcase what they've learned during the semester.