



PROGRAM INFORMATION

LV Rogers Secondary School is a part of School District No. 8, Kootenay Lake, and is in beautiful Nelson BC. The dance program is under the direction of Jennifer MacMillan. Ms. MacMillan holds a BFA with a Major in Dance from Simon Fraser University (CAN) and a MA in Teaching Dance from the University of Surrey (UK). She is also a registered teacher with the Royal Academy of Dance and a member of the British Columbia Dance Educators' Association. She is passionate about and committed to bringing high quality dance education to students within the public school system.

Dance students in grades ten through twelve attend classes in ballet, modern, jazz and hip hop. Beyond technique and performance, dance education at LVR includes developing a theoretical base in dance history, choreography, literacy, health, anatomy, world dance as well as dance related careers.

Since its inception in 2001 the program's mandate has been not only to improve the students' technique base, but also to expand students' background and knowledge of dance beyond the Kootenays. Dancers Dancing, Ballet Kelowna, Ballet Jorgen, Ballet BC, the Margie Gillis Foundation and Move: the Company are only some of the dance professionals who have graced the program over the past several years with master classes, workshops and residencies.

Students have also had the opportunity to travel, to compete, to attend performances in Vancouver, to view dance classes in action at Simon Fraser University, to meet with faculty and finally to take classes from some of the best of the industry. Several students have gone on to pursue their love of dance at prestigious studios provincially, nationally, and in a couple of instances internationally.

DANCE ACADEMY 10-12

(IN TIMETABLE - 8 CREDITS /2 COURSES)

Prerequisites: Audition and application. Description: This course integrates advanced technique classes in ballet and modern dance technique with the Choreography 10-12 curriculum. Students will train on pointe 2-3 days per week once technical proficiency is achieved. Emphasis on this course is placed equally on technical proficiency and artistic development. This course provides aspiring dance artists with the tools they need to hone their craft. Participants are required to work both individually and collaboratively with dance composition theories in processes like those used by writers and/or composers. Students gain experience as performers in a variety of public venues. This is an enriched performing arts course; a high level of achievement and commitment is required. Extra rehearsals and performances outside of class time are considered part of the curriculum. The course is offered to a maximum of 16 students annually. There is a \$400 fee for this course which includes costume costs. Since this course is in timetable, the \$400 fee is paid for by the international program Interested students should contact Ms. MacMillan or the administration for further information and application packages.

DANCE COMPANY 10-12

(OFF TIMETABLE-4 CREDITS 1-COURSE)

Prerequisites: Intermediate dance experience. Description: This course is designed for intermediate and advanced dancers in Grades 10-12. This performance-based ensemble will create new works, tour, and attend workshops, festivals, and competitions. Students will be responsible for production and leadership tasks throughout the year. This group will meet off timetable twice weekly. Additional rehearsals will be required and are considered part of the curriculum. A costume fee of \$75.00 is charged for this course. Since this course is out of timetable, the \$75 fee is paid for by the student.

[Instructor Information](#)