



Marr Mac Dance

Handbook
2026/2027



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1/ Introduction

It's our absolute pleasure to warmly welcome you into our family at Marr Mac Dance. Our team is thrilled to see many familiar faces return to the studio and always excited to see some new faces join our community. We have created this one-stop handbook to hopefully shed some light on how things will run throughout the year as well as answer any queries you may have as the year begins. While we would love you to take the time to read this information carefully and keep your handbook in a safe place to refer to as needed, don't forget that our friendly office staff, Chloe, Bridget & Deanna, are always here to help and will happily answer any questions you may have. We pride ourselves on having open communication with all of our parents and students, and will always do what we can to make sure that everyone's voices are heard. Nothing is too big or too small, we promise! ☺

Cathy McFarlane
Director

QUICK REFERENCE STUDIO INFORMATION

Marr Mac Dance

Address: 8627 – 109 Street, T6G 1E7

Phone Number: 780-434-9281

Email: 1968@marrmac.com

Website: www.marrmac.com

**** Jackrabbit Parent Portal:**

<https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/jr3.0/ParentPortal/Login?orgId=541002> **

Director:

Cathy McFarlane – 1968@marrmac.com

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Bridget McFarlane – bridget@marrmac.com

OFFICE HOURS

Monday

4:30-7:00

Tuesday

4:30-7:00

Wednesday

4:30-7:00

Thursday

4:30-7:00

Saturday

9:30-2:00

Parking Lot

Please park in the South lot of Windsor Plaza.

License plates must be registered at Marr Mac using the QR code on the bottom door or by the office window in the reception area.

2/ Attendance Policy

Your child's attendance in class is very important to their peers and our teaching staff. As a member of the team, it is a commitment for you to ensure your child attends their classes on time each week and attends all lessons planned for them. Not only do absences impact their progress and competition or year-end show routines we create, it also impacts the social and confidence-building principals we work hard to foster in each age group.

If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent due to holidays/vacations, commitments or school trips, please let us know so the class impact is minimal. If your child is too unwell to attend class, we ask that you inform our admin team by phone (780-434-9281) or email (1968@marrmac.com) as soon as you can so they can let the teachers know and preparations can be made to catch up on any missed work.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate make-up sessions for students who miss classes, but will make every endeavour to schedule a catch-up class in the unlikely event that Marr Mac needs to cancel a lesson.

Competitive Dancers: Marr Mac follows a strict attendance policy for dancers in the competitive stream, as dancers need to maintain a certain level of technique and training. This attendance policy applies to all classes that dancers are enrolled in: technique, support, choreography etc. The competitive schedule has been constructed to ensure the dancers are receiving the adequate balance of strength, stretch, cardio, and instruction based on their level and age.

Competitive dancers have a "3 miss" attendance policy, where 3 misses are allowed per class between September and the end of competition season. Once the student has reached 3 misses, a make-up class form will be issued for the student. Students must discuss with the instructor which classes can be taken as a make-up class. If there are more than 3 misses in a class, participation in competition may need to be assessed by the instructor. We, at Marr Mac, understand that rare circumstances may come up and every one must be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

3/ Dress Code Policy

At Marr Mac we believe that *if you look like a dancer, you feel like a dancer.*

We expect that all dancers follow the dress code including hair requirements.

The Dress Code can be found on our website at <https://www.marmac.com/dress-code/>

Our dress code also:

- Encourages discipline
- Helps students resist peer pressure to buy stylish clothes for class
- Helps identify non-students in the studio
- Diminishes economic and social barriers between students
- Increases a sense of belonging and school pride
- Improves attendance

Our dress code items can be purchased at:

ALL 4 DANCE (2 Locations)

West End Address: 11054-156 Street NW Edmonton

South End Address: 4115 106 Street NW Edmonton

Phone: 780-489-4269

Email: sales@all4dance.ca

AND ALL THAT JAZZ

1080B Strathcona Drive, Sherwood Park

Phone: 780-416-2017

<https://andallthatjazz.ca/>

4/ Year End Show – June 19, 2027 at the Horowitz Theatre

Marr Mac Dance's annual Year End Show is traditionally in June. Every year we choose a theme to guide teachers in their dances, costumes and music. Please keep watch for any updates on this going forward. A complete Year End Show Handbook and Backstage Guide will be emailed out later in the year that will detail times and locations for the rehearsal, show, etc.

5/ Costumes

Costumes are carefully chosen by instructors for competitions and/or our year end show performance in June. Costumes are ordered from dance costume catalogues, made by seamstresses, or purchased from stores where applicable.

Costumes are ordered with growth in mind, and up-sized where appropriate. Costumes are tried on in class upon arrival to ensure the proper fit, and alterations are made where appropriate. Alterations are the responsibility of the parent, unless an error was made by Marr Mac.

Families who do not comply with their fee or costume payment obligations may be excluded from performances. Costume expenses are the responsibility of the parent, and costumes will not be issued to students with unpaid class fees. Costume Deposits will be added to accounts and automatically charged on October 15th.

6/ Closure Dates

Thanksgiving Monday – October 12, 2026

Remembrance Day – November 11, 2026

Christmas Break – December 21, 2026 to January 4, 2027

Family Day – February 15, 2027

Spring Break – March 29, 2027 to April 4, 2027

Victoria Day – May 24, 2027

7/ Important Dates

Watching week – November 16-21

Vaganova Ballet Evaluations (VB1-VB7) – March 12-14

Picture week with Alexis McKeown – May 10-13

Scene rehearsal (for all year end recital dances) held at Marr Mac – May 16th

Competitions (for MMP classes; please read competition handbook for more info)

Harmony Ballet Festival (Edmonton) - Feb 5-7

Debut Dance Events (St. Albert) - March 17-21

TBD (Edmonton) - April 7-11

Breaking Bounds (Calgary; MMP 6+) - April 22-25

Terpsichore (Edmonton)- April 29- May 2