



FAMILY INFORMATION LETTER

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Families:

We're excited to tell you that [Dancing Classrooms](#) will be coming to your child's school in the 2023-2024 school year. Our goal is to inspire confidence, teamwork, and a sense of personal achievement in all of our students by turning social dance lessons into a fun and creative group learning experience. Our programs are known to have a transformative impact on students' well-being and engagement in school, and we're excited to dance with your child!

Throughout our residency program introduces respectful partner dancing and group teamwork in a safe setting, using [gender inclusive language](#). We emphasize that *all* students can dance any role and work with different partners, helping build perseverance, leadership, compassion, and respect. We invite all students in a grade to participate, and translate our lessons for those with special learning needs or who are differently abled, because we believe everyone can experience accomplishment and joy when dancing. Our inclusive approach invites all students to see their potential as dancers, focus on teamwork, and find their unique expression through dance. In addition, we bring the culture and history of the social dances we teach to life through language, imagery, videos and music, and we welcome students to share about any dancing they may do with family and friends outside of school.

Our lessons are part of the school day, and led by a trained Dancing Classrooms teaching artist alongside your child's teacher. During the program, your child will learn the American Ballroom styles of the Merengue, Foxtrot, Rumba, Tango, Swing, Waltz, and various line dances. To celebrate our achievements together, your child will perform in a Culminating Event, where you will be able to watch them show off their new moves and hear them talk about their experience.

As a note, we may take photos of our program for archival, fundraising, and marketing purposes. This is extremely important to our ability to keep bringing dance to young people, and ask you to please sign the media release section on the reverse side of this letter, and return to your child's teacher or send a photo of the completed form to info@dancingclassrooms.org.

If you have any questions about your child's participation in the Dancing Classrooms program, please reach out to your school's principal. We look forward to dancing in your child's classroom, and don't be surprised when they invite you to join in one day and say, "May I have this dance please?"

Warm wishes,

Dancing Classrooms



MEDIA RELEASE FORM - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

We are so excited that your student is participating in a Dancing Classrooms Residency this year! In addition to photos and videos taken exclusively for internal purposes, Dancing Classrooms would love the opportunity to share what an amazing dancer your student is with potential funders and external parties. Please read and sign the below release form, and return it to your child's teacher or send a photo of the completed form to info@dancingclassrooms.org. Please contact us at info@dancingclassrooms.org with any questions you may have.

Solely in relation to the non-profit project/purpose described above, I consent to the use and disclosure of the image, quotes, name, the participation in interviews, and the taking of photographs, recordings, and videos of the Student named below by Dancing Classrooms, Inc.

I also grant to Dancing Classrooms the right to edit, use, disclose, reuse and redisclose the Student's image, quotes, name, interviews, and photographs, recordings, and videos of the Student ("recordings") for its nonprofit purposes related to the project/purpose stated above. This includes use in print, online spaces, apps, and all other forms of media.

I understand that I nor the Student are not receiving any compensation for my granting permission to Dancing Classrooms for this. I release the New York City Department of Education, its agents, or its employees from all claims, demands, and liabilities in connection with the rights granted above.

Student Name: _____

School Name/Number: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (Print): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____