

CONSERVATORY PLACEMENT ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

BALLROOM DANCE CONSERVATORY (Grades 7-12) In-Person Placement Activity

Placement Activity Guidelines:

After your online application is processed, you will be invited to participate in an in-person placement activity, which will consist of the following:

- Learn and dance short routines that are taught on the day of the placement activity. These routines will be based on International Ballroom and Latin Dances such as Cha Cha, Samba, Jive, Waltz, Tango, and Quickstep at the Bronze Level.
- Brief interview covering personal dance experience and goals.
- Lead/Follow Participation: During the placement Activity, some exercises may involve partnering or movement combinations in which dancers take either the lead or the follow role. These roles are not tied to gender and are simply different movement responsibilities within the choreography. Applicants may choose the role they feel most comfortable with. Please be sure to **select your preferred role (Lead or Follow) when completing your application**, as this will be the role in which you are evaluated during the placement activity.
 - **Lead:** Typically involves initiating movement direction, providing support during partnering moments, demonstrating strong spatial awareness, and being able to lift at least 50 lbs.
 - **Follow:** Typically involves responding to directional cues, maintaining alignment in partnered movement, and demonstrating sensitivity to timing.

Recommended Attire:

Male dancers are encouraged to wear a black t-shirt and black pants. Please wear dance shoes, if available. Female dancers are encouraged to wear a black leotard and a knee length black skirt with hair in a slick bun or ponytail. Please wear Ballroom and/or Latin dance heels, if available.

Non-binary identifying dancers can wear any of the above variations.

Applicants who are English language learners, have a disability, or need technology assistance are encouraged to reach out for support with the admissions process. Please contact admissions@ocsarts.net or 714.56.0900 ext. 5510 for more information.

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Hay asistencia disponible para los solicitantes aprendiendo inglés, que tienen una discapacidad, o los que necesitan asistencia tecnológica. Favor de ponerse contacto con nosotros por correo electrónico admissions@ocsarts.net o por llamar 714.560.0900 ext. 5510 para más información.

Applicants requesting accommodations must have established eligibility under IDEA, Section 504 or an established Academic Support Plan (private schools only). The documentation must be provided at the time of application submission. Confidential documents must be sent directly to Lauren Reynolds, Director of Special Services, at lauren.reynolds@ocsarts.net.

Accommodations must be requested 15 days in advance of placement activities for planning purposes.