

JOFFREY BALLET SCHOOL

FOUNDED BY ROBERT JOFFREY IN 1953

Dear Prospective Joffrey Ballet School and Keystone School Families,

The Joffrey Ballet School and The Keystone School Blended Program are the perfect options for dancers that recognize the importance of both a strong dance and academic education. Balancing JBS trainee hours while learning to become self-sufficient for everyday needs can be overwhelming as an adolescent, especially while completing high school education independently. The blended program is designed to provide the students the flexibility and support necessary to thrive in the busy NYC environment.

The blended program students have a learning supervisor to guide them through their study plans. The Keystone School offers one calendar year for coursework to be completed and turned in, but we encourage students to attempt to complete their studies during their time at JBS, which is similar to the typical school year schedule. The role of the learning supervisor is to provide support and individualized schedules for structure with this flexible program. Each student is able to design their own personalized schedule with help from the learning coach. The schedule is then able to be adjusted throughout the year as agreed upon by parents, student, and learning coach.

The Keystone School is unique in many ways that help lead to success, particularly for JBS trainees. Schedules are able to be designed in a way that provides students breaks from academics during times of intensive dance training (i.e. dress rehearsal and performance weeks). Students are able to work ahead prior to performances. They are also able to put in extra hours during dance breaks (such as holiday breaks). There are no official due dates for assignments because there is simply a one-year time frame for completion, which allows ample room for adjusting schedules. Students have no time restraints for tests or quizzes. They are also able to save their work and return at another time. These are just some of the many reasons that the Keystone School at JBS is an important and unique asset available to the students.

We are proud to announce that we now have 3 options for methods to complete Keystone courses while at JBS:

- **Keystone Blended:** Our most highly recommend model for all students completing academics while at JBS. The Blended Program offers on-site study space with required weekly supervised study hours. I assist students with setting schedules, obtaining technical or academic assistance from teachers and student services, and break down progress reports with important reminders for families to stay up-to-date on student progress. The credits are \$1,100 each for up to 3 credits or 4-5 credits for \$5,500 total for the courses, use of the schoolroom, and on-site supervisor support. The nonrefundable \$1,100 deposit holds a space in the program and counts toward the total \$5,500 cost. Registration/payment form attached.

- **Blended Program for students training in Queens:** The blended program students in Queens will still have the option to attend the study space at JBS; however, due to the travel, these students will not be required to work on-site for supervised study. This group of students will be permitted to complete virtual supervised study by connecting with the Learning Site Supervisor via Skype messenger throughout supervised study hours. These students will receive the same assistance via Skype, email, and telephone of the on-site program and are welcome and encouraged to attend in person whenever timing allows.
- **Keystone Assist:** Assist is our newest model, which we recommend for students who have shown great success in the Blended program with very little prompting and have secured an independent study space. Keystone Assist students meet with me once weekly to review progress, update schedules, and work through any questions. There are no supervised study hours included. The cost to join Keystone Assist is \$1,500 in addition to the course fees. Course fees are as listed in our course catalog, link can be found below. I arrange all Assist Program enrollments, so please alert me as soon as possible if you are interested. Registration/payment form attached.
- **Keystone Independent:** Keystone Independent is designed for students who have shown great success in Keystone Assist or other independent home school programs and have secured an independent study space. Students are responsible for arranging their own study space and schedules. Students must be very proactive and responsible, reaching out to teachers directly for assistance as needed. The course fees are as listed in our course catalog, link below.

<https://hs.keystoneschoolonline.com/KeystoneOes/portlets/catalog/CourseCatalogController.jsp>

Please contact me, Tia Feather if you have any questions or would like further information.



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