



## Frequently Asked Questions about NFB Académie

### **Is NFB Académie a charter school or a private institution?**

No, NFB Académie is a public school that is a joint venture between the Northwest Florida Ballet and the Okaloosa County School District.

### **What are the try-outs for third grade like?**

Tryouts are designed to be low-stress. The children audition in groups and no previous dance training is required. Basic flexibility, rhythm and coordination are evaluated. Enthusiasm and a genuine interest in dance is a major factor in the tryout process.

### **How much does it cost to attend the NFB Académie?**

As in all public schools, there is no tuition or charge for the NFB Académie program. General costs for the parents include school uniforms, ballet clothing, field trips and basic classroom supplies.

### **Do you have to be an Okaloosa public school student to be considered for enrollment?**

No, NFB Académie draws its enrollment from home educated students, private school students, neighboring counties, as well as the Okaloosa County School System.

### **Why start with third graders?**

Eight year olds are physically prepared to begin formal dance training in ballet. The curriculum is based on a ten year syllabus that would conclude in the twelfth grade.

### **Who teaches the academic classes?**

Highly qualified certified teachers from the Okaloosa County School District instruct the six homerooms in all core subjects based on Sunshine State Standards which are evaluated through yearly FCAT testing.

### **Besides daily ballet instruction what other special classes are offered at NFB Académie?**

Weekly classes are provided in Music, Art, and French by qualified specialists. We also work cooperatively with Emerald Coast Science Center to enhance Science instruction.

### **What are the school's hours?**

Third graders' school days begin between 7:45 and 8:00 a.m. The day concludes at 2:45 p.m.

### **What about transportation to and from school?**

Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from the NFB Académie. Many Académie parents carpool and share this responsibility.

### **What about lunches at the NFB Académie?**

NFB Académie students can receive free, reduced or full paid school breakfasts and lunches that are served daily by staff from the Okaloosa school district. Students are also welcome to bring their own lunches from home.

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