

IDTA Examinations

Rosettes

Who are they aimed at?

Children aged between 3 – 8 years may take an IDTA Rosette Exam in any subject (ballet, tap, modern jazz, gymnastic dance and Freestyle).

They are a good introduction to the IDTA syllabus with the emphasis on fun and enjoyment.

Children who take the Rosette exams at an early age usually find the exam procedure less daunting as they get older (and the exams become more advanced).

What does the exam involve?

A short exercise, a dance and a bow or curtsy. The exam will last about 5 minutes and will be taken in groups (5-10 children).

They do not have to remember the routines as I will demonstrate for them.

What will they receive if they pass?

Children who successfully pass the Rosette receive a certificate and a colourful Rosette. Results normally take a few weeks to come through.

Current cost £10.00 per child per Rosette or £14.00 with a Bannerette

Primary General Dance (Ballet) £14.00 per child

15 minute exam in groups of 4-6 pupils – various exercises/mimes based on ballet steps eg. skips and gallops. They receive a detailed report sheet and a personal score out of 100.

It's a fun step up from Rosette exams with no pressure as I show them what to do. Compulsory mimes = Jack in the Box and Witch.

Choose a third from: Rabbit, Butterfly, Clown, Elf or Soldier and let me know.

Grade One General Dance (Ballet) £17.00 per child

15 minute exam in groups of 4-6 pupils – it is a bridge between “Primary Ballet” and “Grade One Ballet”. The emphasis is on performance.

Again there is no pressure as I go into the exam with them and instruct them.

Mimes – Little Bo Peep, Crooked Old Man and Old Woman who lived in a shoe

Exam Uniform for Girls

(boys please see me)

Ballet

Lower Grades:

Black lycra leotard (sleeveless, round neck) with Black circular skirt

Pink ballet shoes, with the drawstring tied and tucked neatly into the shoe

Pink ballet socks

From **Grade Two**: Pink ballet tights instead of ballet socks and no skirt

Hair: in a neat bun with fringe off the face, secured with grips, pins and a hair net but no visible hair slides

Tap

Lower Grades:

Black lycra leotard (sleeveless, round neck) with Black circular skirt

Black tap shoes with HEEL TAPS (please check all the screws are tight)

Plain white ankle socks

From **Grade Two**: Black leotard with black jazz pants - no socks

(please can I double check the length of jazz pants whilst wearing tap shoes)

Hair: in a neat pony tail, with fringe off the face

Freestyle

A bright outfit such as a sparkly top and cycle shorts, a cat suit or leotard

Either bare feet or jazz shoes – NO TRAINERS/PUMPS

Freestyle outfits can be hired on the day for 50p

Hair: in any style, accessories to match outfit

Rock “n” Roll

Black lycra leotard, sleeveless, round neck

Black jazz shoes without socks or with black trainer socks

Hair: in a high pony tail with ribbon to match skirt

(skirts, ribbons and neckerchiefs provided on exam day)

Gymnastic Dance

Black lycra leotard, sleeveless, round neck with bare feet

Older pupils may wear black dance leggings or cycle shorts under leotard

Hair: French plait (1 or 2) – no visible hair slides, please use hair gel

Modern Jazz

Black lycra leotard, sleeveless, round neck

Black lycra dance leggings or jazz pants with bare feet

Hair: French plait (1 or 2) or just a high pony tail

Hair accessories must be provided eg. Plain bobbles, bun nets, grips + pins. Jewellery, make-up + nail varnish must not be worn (including toe nail polish!)

Checklist:

- 1) What time is your exam/s?
- 2) If you have two or more exams, what order are they in?
- 3) What time do you need to arrive?
(at least **30 minutes before the time stated**)
- 4) What do you need to wear? Please double check the exam uniform list.
- 5) Do you need to hire an outfit for Freestyle or Rock “n” Roll?
- 6) For those taking a tap exam, do you have heel taps?
- 7) Do you know what hairstyle you need?
- 8) Have you removed all nail varnish? (hands and feet)
- 9) Do you know what the Examiner is called?

If you require assistance styling your hair please remember to:

- i) brush your child's hair so it has no tangles
- ii) bring plain bobbles
- iii) do not arrive with braids

Please do not leave everything to the last minute. Try to dress your child in exam uniform for every lesson.