



GRACE
PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

Founder's Message

Grace Performing Arts Academy provides an academic program and supervised housing to pre-professional athletes, artists, and musicians who are training in Boston, MA. Students from all over the world are attracted to Boston for the highly competitive training opportunities in the city. Early on in my six years as the Residence Director for Boston Ballet School's Summer Dance Program, I recognized that many of these students struggle to reconcile their academic and/or residential needs while pursuing their dreams. Grace Performing Arts Academy allows students to pursue elite artistic and athletic training while simultaneously receiving a rigorous education and living within a safe and fun community environment. We are now proud to be accepting applications for our fall program.

I look forward to helping you turn your dreams into reality.

Susan St. John
Director

Applications are available at
www.bostonballet.com/school

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Whatever your academic and/or residential needs may be, our goal is to provide individualized options and exciting alternatives in a safe and supportive environment that will provide peace of mind to you and your family.

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Academic Services

Our academic program offers an individualized, flexible, and competitive education designed to meet each student's personal goals. Our services include:

- full-time study
- approximately 12.5 hours of instruction/week
- approximately 7.5 hours of "directed study" available/week (time when a tutor is available to assist students in small groups on an as-needed basis)
- exam proctoring
- guidance developing an appropriate course of study
- assistance and counseling for post-graduation plans
- quarterly progress reports to parents

This is a full academic program utilizing a nationally accredited curriculum. Customized programs are also available for students needing less than full-time instruction.

About the Founder & Director

Susan St. John, founder and director of Grace Performing Arts Academy, has a B.A. degree in psychology from Smith College, a M.Ed. in special education from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, and a C.A.G.S. in school administration from Westfield State College. She has worked in the fields of education and residence life for over ten years. Ms. St. John has experience teaching and tutoring and holds licenses in both teaching and school administration in Massachusetts. She also has extensive residence life experience in various settings including Boston Ballet School, a private residential high school, and the University of Massachusetts/Amherst.



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Founder/Director

Residential Services

Our residential program offers a safe and nurturing "home away from home." Our services include:

- live-in supervision (staff member available 24hours/day)
- breakfast and dinner daily
- shared bedroom with bed, bureau, desk, and chair
- Internet access
- availability of age-appropriate programs and activities
- assistance with medical appointments
- assistance with travel arrangements
- ongoing communication with parents

Students will enjoy the camaraderie of living in this environment, and parents will be assured that their child is being well cared for in our safe and supportive community.