

**VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT
PROGRAM JUSTIFICATION LIST**

Program Supervisor: Jean Marie Petrow		Season: Summer 2026	
Program Name:	Seasons Offered	Number Enrolled	Justification to Continue Offering with Low Enrollment
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Modern Dance	1	New	Modern dance is an expressive, contemporary style of dance that focuses on creativity, emotion, and natural movement. Unlike classical ballet, which follows strict rules and positions, modern dance encourages dancers to use the whole body freely exploring levels, shapes, floorwork, and unique movement patterns.
Acro 1 and 2	1	New	Acro Dance blends fluid choreography with controlled acrobatic elements, focusing on strength, flexibility, balance, and seamless transitions. This will be taught by staff.
Adult Ballet	3	New	This class focuses on classical ballet technique, balance, strength, flexibility, and graceful movement in a supportive, low-pressure environment
Adult Stretch	1	New	An Adult Stretch dance class uses gentle, dance-based stretching to improve flexibility, release tension, and help adults move more comfortably. This will be taught by staff.
Ballroom/Latin	1	New	Ballroom Latin features lively partner dances like Cha Cha, Rumba, Samba, and Jive, focusing on rhythm, technique, and expressive movement. This class was offered in the Winter/Spring.
Fractured Fairy Tales	1	New	Contracted theatre production for children that we will be running at CPW. We will use this as a field trip for our summer camp and are hoping to recoup costs by inviting the public and other summer camps.
Improv Just for Fun	1	New	Beginner-friendly class where participants explore the basics of improvisational comedy through games, exercises, and short scenes. This will be a contracted class taught by Garrett Gray.
Jazz 1 and Jazz 2	1	New	Jazz classes will focus on foundational jazz movements, proper body alignment and short combos. These classes will be for students that have some dance experience and will be taught by staff.
Poms Camp	1	New	A fun, high-energy camp where kids learn exciting poms routines, practice dance moves, and perform with confidence. This class will be taught by staff.
Pre Jazz	1	New	An introductory jazz dance class for young dancers, focusing on basic steps, rhythm, coordination, and having fun with movement. We have offered Jazz before, but never for the younger kids. This will be taught by staff.
Recital Rental at Studio VOP	3	New	Studio VOP is available for local teachers to rent for piano recitals, with a two-hour minimum. An additional fee applies for use of the concert grand piano.
Superhero Dance Camp	1	New	Superhero Dance Camp lets kids unleash their inner heroes through fun dance routines, movement games, and activities that build confidence and creativity.