

## When & Where are the RAD Exams?

RAD exams are currently scheduled for **Sunday, April 16th through Thursday, April 20th**. All exam assignments are posted in the lobby of the Ponderosa building. Exams will be hosted in Studio A at the Ponderosa Building.

Please contact the Academy should you need an official letter to release your student from school for their exam.

**Dancers need to arrive at the studio at least 45 minutes prior to their scheduled exam time** for warm-ups and any other last minute details. Please notify the office if there are any conflicts.

## What do I wear to the RAD Exams?

**All Dancers:**

1. Hair up in a neat bun with a hair net and fly-ways tucked
2. No earrings/ No jewelry
3. No nail polish

**Primary Dancers:**

1. Pink tights
2. Pink ballet shoes
3. *A leotard and skirt will be provided by the Academy*

**Grades 1-5 Dancers:**

1. Tights
2. Ballet shoes
3. **Everyone except Grade 4:** Character shoes
4. RAD Regulations leotard in navy blue, light blue, or purple (*same as the class leotards, see office*)
5. Fitted belt to match leotard (*office has some to borrow during Exams*)

**Int. Found & Above:**

1. Tights
2. Ballet shoes
3. Pointe shoes
4. Sleeveless black, navy blue, royal blue, or purple leotard

## How are the RAD Exams scored?

Dancers are given scores in various areas such as timing, musicality, alignment, etc. Points are added together for a total out of 100.

Grades are as follows: 85-100 points = High Distinction (gold); 75-84 points = Distinction (gold); 65-74 points = High Merit (silver); 55-64 points = Merit (silver); 40-54 points = Pass (bronze).

**Please Note:** while scores are based on a 100 point system, candidates are scored very differently from standard academic grades — e.g. a score of 77 at school may result in a “C” but for a ballet exam, a 77 is a very good score and considered a Distinction and gold level. Scores in the 90s are almost unheard of.

Exam scores arrive in the summer and teachers receive a list of scores but scores are never made public. Parents and dancers are discouraged from discussing scores with friends. Exams are not meant to be a competition between dancers but rather to encourage each dancer to strive for his or her personal best.

## Excused Absence Notes

If your student needs a signed Excused Absence letter from the Academy, please reach out to us at [Academy@nau.edu](mailto:Academy@nau.edu).

## Scheduling Conflicts/ Refunds

If there are any conflicts with the schedule, or if you cannot make your Exam, please reach out to Mr. Needhammer at [Andrew.Needhammer@nau.edu](mailto:Andrew.Needhammer@nau.edu), and he can direct you on the RAD cancellation and refund policy. All refunds will need to be processed through RAD at this point.