



CityStep at Harvard University
Student Organization Center at Hilles
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Dear CityStep Parents and Families,

It is almost time for CityStep to begin again, and we are so excited! This letter includes further details about your child's class. As you may know, CityStep is a three-year program. Having completed the Second-Year Program (2YP), your CityStepper will have the option of participating in the Third-Year Program (3YP) this year.

We are writing to you with more details regarding this CityStep year. The 3YP class will take place every **Monday and Friday from 3:15 PM to 4:45 PM** at the **Dance Complex in Central Square** (located at 536 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA). Our teaching staff will pick up the students after school at Putnam Ave. Upper School every Monday and Friday, and take a shuttle to our studio space at the Dance Complex (less than 10 minutes away). Thus, parents and families are *only responsible for pickup* at 5 PM at The Dance Complex. If it is more convenient for your family, our teaching staff can also walk your student to the Central Square T-stop (2 blocks away). If none of these options work for you, please let us know so that we can make alternative arrangements, such as carpools; we don't want transportation issues to prevent your child from participating in CityStep.

We'd also like to go over some key dates for the year to come. Regular 3YP classes will begin in the first week of October, starting on **Friday, October 10**. Next, the 3YP class will have the unique opportunity to choreograph and perform as guests at the Harvard Expressions Dance Company show on **Saturday, November 1**. Expressions is a student-run hip-hop dance group, and CityStep has been an exciting addition to the fall performance for many years; we strongly encourage you to come to the show and support your child! The 3YP Open House will be in early December to close out the semester for CityStep. We will resume classes **Monday, January 26**, and the All-Day Rehearsal will take place on **Saturday, February 7**. Our Final Show performances will take place on **Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11** at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School with technical and dress rehearsals that week. Lastly, we will host a celebratory picnic on Harvard's campus on a weekend after the Final Show. All of these dates can be found on our website at hu.citystep.org/calendar.html, which will be updated regularly throughout the year.

CityStep requires all students to have a complete **permission slip**, a **signed behavioural contract**, and a **waiver for the Dance Complex** on file in order to attend classes. Please return this form to the your child's school or ask your student to bring it with him/her on the first day of CityStep class.

We are incredibly excited for this upcoming year! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to October!

Best wishes,
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