

# Winter Pryor



Winter has lived in Cheyenne her whole life, and began dancing at En Avant at the age of 8. She started out with ballet, but in high school added many other styles of dance, such as jazz, lyrical, and modern. Winter graduated from LCCC in 2018 with her associate degree in Elementary Education. After taking some time off from college, she is now attending Western Governor's University, an online program, to finish out her Elementary Education degree. This is Winter's fourth year teaching at En Avant, and she has absolutely loved the opportunity to get to work with young kids and help them discover their love for dance!

## **1. Why did you want to assist with teaching dance?**

I love teaching dance because I love to see the moment when something that a student has been working hard on finally clicks! Those “a-ha” moments are the best!

## **2. Memory of a favorite dance teacher who influenced your teaching?**

I have loved all of the dance teachers I've had over the years, and I feel like I can't pick just one teacher/memory! Throughout the years of having different teachers, I've definitely picked up different phrases and styles of teaching from all of my teachers. Some of my favorite memories are probably from the times that I was assisting pre-dance classes and was just able to share in the joy and fun of teaching preschoolers and kindergarteners to do ballet!

## **3. When did you first realize your passion for dance?**

I've been taking ballet classes since I was 8. After high school, as I was attending college as an elementary education major, I began assisting and teaching classes and fell in love with teaching ballet. I love the idea that I can be that foundation of dance for the kids that I teach!

## **4. What is the most important benefit of dance for you?**

I love that dance is a fun and enjoyable way to stay in shape and work on important skills such as flexibility and balance in a fun way!