

Studio Policies

This page contains Dance Expressions policies, rules, and general information. Both parents and students are encouraged to read and understand this information.

Tuition

- Tuition is payable in ten installments, with each installment due on the first of each month.
- Checks should be made to *Dance Expressions*.
- If tuition is not paid on the first of each month a \$20 late fee will be charged to your account.
- There is a \$30 service charge for any returned checks.
- Whether you are here or not tuition never changes.

Holidays

- The studio is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Memorial Day.
- Check your 2010-2011 Calendar for the days the Studio will be closed.
- The Studio is NOT closed for teacher's meetings, exams, Presidents day, or other school holidays.

Missed & Make-Up Classes

- If the Berks County public schools are closed due to inclement weather, the studio will be closed if the roads are still unsafe at class time. Call the studio or check our website at dancex.net if you are uncertain whether or not we are open.
- Cancelled classes will be made up at a later date.
- If you miss a class, you still pay for that lesson.
- If you plan to discontinue dance lessons, you must notify the studio in writing or you will be charged for all the classes until notification is received. Two weeks' notice is required for cancellation.

Class Rules

- Observers must sit quietly and not disturb or distract the class.
- No running or horseplaying in lobby area, or restroom.
- All cell phones should be turned off in the studio (students and observers). Cell Phones may be used in the barn building or outside.
- Students should be on time for class. Plan to arrive approximately five minutes before your class, and be ready for your first subject.
- Do not wear dance shoes outside. Change them in the studio. This will keep your shoes clean and in condition, and protect the studio's dance floors!
- Keep your shoes and dance paraphernalia with you in the studio. Put your name on all of your dance equipment. Dance Expressions is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
- No unnecessary talking during class. This applies to both students and observers.
- No gum, candy, drinks, food, smoking, or cell phones are allowed in the class room. You may have a water bottle. Please keep the common areas clean by kindly disposing of all trash in trashcans. If there is a continuous, excessive amount of trash left in common areas or outside the building, all food and drinks (other than water) will be banned.
- No video cameras are allowed in the class without advance permission from the studio.
- Students are asked to stay inside while waiting for their ride.
- No foul language or yelling allowed inside building or studios.

- Attend class regularly. Missing a lesson hinders progress. If absences get excessive, student will be placed in a lower level or taken out of annual demonstration.
- No parents or siblings allowed inside the studio during instruction time. Observation windows will be opened during class. If it becomes distracting to students, the blinds will be closed.
- Always respect your instructors and the art of dance.
- Be kind and courteous to your fellow classmates.
- Dancing is an art meant to lift spirit; come to class ready to be inspired.
- Dance Expressions reserves the right to cancel a class due to low enrollment.
- Dance Expressions reserves the right to dismiss or expel a student for continuous violation of studio rules, classroom etiquette, or dress code.
- Dance is a sport and injuries do occur. Dance Expressions is not liable for any injuries. When you fill out our registration form please make teachers aware of any complications that your child may have.

Dress Code

- Ballet: Leotard (any style or color), ballet pink tights. Pink ballet shoes required. Hair in ballet bun.
- Pointe: Leotard (any style or color), ballet pink tights. Professionally fitted Pointe shoes. (see teacher)
- Lyrical: Leotard, tights, skirt, jazz pants (any style or color). Tan or black jazz boots required.
- Jazz: Leotard, Jazz pants (any style or color). Tan or Black jazz boot required.
- Tap: Leotard, Jazz pants (any style or color). Tan or Black tap shoes required.
- Hip Hop: Loose fit clothing and sneakers. Please do not wear the same sneakers outside!
- Dance Team: Leotard, Jazz pants (any style or color). Sneakers or dance sneakers required.
- Acro: Leotard, Jazz pants, dance shorts (any style or color). Sneakers or Acro shoes required.
- Couples: Leotard, Jazz pants, dance shorts (any style or color). All types of shoes required.
- Musical Theater: Leotard, tights, Jazz pants, dance shorts (any style or colors). All types of shoes required.
- Sweatshirts may not be worn unless approved by teacher.
- No jewelry or watches.
- Hair must be pulled back from face, and long hair must be worn up.

Dance Recital

- Costumes for June recital will be ordered in December.
- Recital costume payment plan: A \$45 deposit (per costume) is required by October 22, 2010. The Balance will be due in December 2010.
- Rehearsal will run on weekends in April, May and June. Teachers will inform you about these rehearsals.
- Dress Rehearsals will run the week of the show at Dance Expressions. So, keep this week open.
- The day before the show there will be a mandatory tech/dress rehearsal at the Sovereign Performing Arts Center.
- Every person who is attending the dance recital must purchase a ticket through ticketmaster or at The Sovereign Center. Make sure you check ticketmaster or call The Sovereign Performing Arts Center to see when tickets go on sale.

Private Lessons

- Due to high demand for private lessons the student must attend class and be serious about dance.
- If absences get excessive, student will lose their spot to another student on the waiting list.
- Whether you are here or not you will pay the full tuition. If you fail to pay the full amount your private lesson will be canceled and another student will take your private lesson time slot.