

Every dance class has a set of rules, and every dancer should adhere to certain rules of etiquette. Just like a class at school, a dance class will run much more efficiently if everyone follows the rules and respects others in the studio.

A dress code will teach students discipline, helping with overall focus and energy. By "dressing the part," Dancers feel like dancers.



Dancers are polite ladies and gentlemen.

- **Look Good! Groom yourself to feel better in class. Take pride in the way you appear.**
- **Hair must be secured in a bun for ballet, pulled back and off the neck for all other classes. Hair flying about can be distracting, get in the eyes and cause problems with spotting freely while turning.**
- **Be Clean: Being respectful to others. Attend to your personal hygiene.**
- **Be on time and ready to enter the room after the previous class leaves.**
- Come dressed ready to dance or as early as your schedule permits to dress accordingly before class. Different dance classes have different dress codes. Some classes, such as classical ballet classes, have very strict dress codes enforced by the instructor. Other classes may have more relaxed rules when it comes to attire and appearance. Loose fitting but not baggy clothes are acceptable for hip hop. No matter what you decide to wear, be sure to dress, above all, appropriately and in good taste. Respect other dancers in the room and cover parts of your body that need to be covered.
- **Arriving Late:** Despite interrupting the flow of the class, arriving late shows disrespect to the teacher.
- **Students must show respect to teachers and fellow dancers for an enjoyable learning environment.**
- **Be attentive to the instructor's remarks**
- **Do not talk in class. Address any questions to the instructor.**
- **Talking too much:** It is rude and distracting to talk to other dancers during a dance class, unless the entire class including the teacher is talking together. Never have a quiet conversation with another dancer during class time. Socialization should be saved for outside the studio. Of course speak up if you are answering a question asked by the teacher, and raise your hand before asking a question of your own. Asking questions is usually encouraged if you are confused about a certain step or combination, but if you find yourself asking too many questions, save them for after class.
- **Students may not sit down or leave class without the teacher's permission, except in an emergency.**
- Please listen for the instructor's direction to rest. Time for rest will be available when needed.
- **Ghawing gum is not allowed while taking your dance class.**
- It is good to drink water before and after class ends. Our cooled water faucets are located inside the classrooms for students to use only while standing in line waiting their turn or during a break given by your teacher. It is inappropriate to drink water while a teacher is giving a combination.
- No jewelry including necklaces, bracelets and long earrings should be worn during class.
- **Movements, other than the one being demonstrated or addressed by the instructor, should not be practiced during that time.**
- **Touching Other Dancers: This simply means you dance where there is space to dance. Just be sure to share the dance studio with all of the dancers, maintaining awareness of the dancers around you.**
- **Do not lean on the barres, instead use them for balance.**
- **Be alert to all corrections given to you and the other students in class.**
- **Change groups quickly and energetically in the center.**
- Maintain chessboard formation during the center exercises, and maintain straight lines throughout class.
- **In the event of an accident, the instructor shall supervise procedures.**
- All students/families must conduct themselves in a quiet, controlled, appropriate manner in all areas of the building. Young children should not be left unattended.
- **No running.**
- **Wear street clothing, warm-ups over your dancewear when outside of the studio. Do not wear dance shoes outdoors.**
- **Our Attention:** Dancers are in class to work, watch and listen, especially when combinations are being demonstrated.
- **Give it your best! You are only in competition with yourself**



Thanks for being a part of our dance family!