

THE DANCE STOP

General Policies

Thank you for choosing The Dance Stop. The following policies can be helpful this upcoming dance season. Our staff is ready to help in any way so please let us know if you have any further questions. Looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

Tuition: Tuition is paid by session (every two months) and must be paid during the first week of a new session. If a child misses a class for any reason, they are welcome to do a makeup class at your convenience. We do not pro-rate sessions for missed classes. After the second week of a new session, tuition is considered late and a \$15 late fee will be assessed. Any bounced checks will have a \$30 fee charged.

Snow Days: Occasionally, the studio may have to close due to inclement weather conditions. We will leave an outgoing message, send out an email, and post on Facebook when we close the studio. A decision is made in the early afternoon and does not necessarily follow school closures. If you are in question, please check the options listed above. Snow days can also be made up at your convenience.

Holidays: We will break for the holidays throughout the year. If you have classes that fall on certain holidays you are welcome to attend makeup classes at any time throughout the season. Tuition is charged per session. We do not charge extra for months that have 5 classes, nor do we prorate months with missed classes due to holidays.

Dress Code: While instructors may vary their classes' dress code, the following are the general dress code policies for The Dance Stop: Ballet students are required to have hair in a bun and wear leotards, tights and pink ballet shoes to class. Jazz students are required to have form fitting clothes and split sole jazz shoes. Hip Hop students are required to wear comfortable relaxed fit dance wear and sneakers (please do not wear dirty sneakers on the dance floors). Contemporary students are required to wear form fitting dance wear. It is also strongly recommended to take a ballet class along with contemporary class. The basis of contemporary comes from ballet. Tap students are required to wear form fitting dance clothes and tap shoes. Acro students are required to wear form fitting dance clothes and socks. Creative Dance and Combo students are required to wear any type of leotards and tights, tap and ballet shoes. NO JEANS OR JEAN SHORTS ARE PERMITTED IN ANY CLASS.

Studio/Classroom Etiquette: We want all of our students to have an enjoyable and educational dance experience. We will treat you and your children with courtesy and respect. We expect our students to show the same attitude toward their instructors and fellow dancers. We request that your children observe the following simple rules:

- Pay Attention to your teacher – Don't talk with your friends during class! It disrupts the whole class and makes it difficult for the teacher to communicate with the students. Meet your friends before or after class for social fun.
- Food or drinks are permitted in the waiting area ONLY. Be careful – spills ruin the floors and food attracts bugs. You may have snacks in the waiting area, but please dispose of your trash properly. Water bottles are the only liquid allowed in the classrooms.

- Do not pull up on or hang from the Ballet Barres. They can be pulled from the wall or you can get stuck in them. Barres are for balance and support.
- Come prepared to dance – attire, attitude, ambition, energy!

Communication: We want your experience here at The Dance Stop be a positive one. Please contact the front desk staff whenever the need arises. Most of the time, the front desk staff can help you with your concerns. If you need to discuss anything with an instructor, please see the front desk or email the administrative staff to set up a conference. Sorry, but Instructors do NOT have time to talk between classes.

Photos/Videos/Social Media: Please understand that your child's participation in The Dance Stop classes and performances may result in pictures and/or videos of you or your child being taken. Such photos and videos may be used in brochures, websites, advertisements, and social media to promote the studio ONLY. We will never share or sell these photos/videos with third parties. We make sure everything is displayed appropriately and professionally. If you have a concern with this policy, please email me at lisa@thedancestopstudio.com.

Recital: We hold an annual recital in June. All students are welcome to participate. This is not mandatory and any student who chooses not to participate is welcome to dance throughout the year. We encourage all students to take advantage of this opportunity. Information, including recital costs, will be provided well in advance.

Performing group: The Dance Stop offers a performing group program for dancers who are more committed to learning about the dance world on a competitive level. Performing group students will have the opportunity to receive more advanced training, learn more challenging choreography, and to compete at local and regional competitions. Performing group students will also have the opportunity to participate in conventions (master classes taught by professional choreographers). If your child has an interest in getting involved, please see the front desk for further information.