

Dance Studio Etiquette

A dancer shows respect for herself/himself by:

- Being prompt for class.
- Being dressed properly for class:
 - Not wearing jewelry; small stud earrings are okay.
 - Ballet - black leotard, pink tights, no underwear under leotard, and shoe strings either tucked or tied in a knot and cut off, elastic sewn on shoe.
 - Pointe – same as above, colored leotard okay, ribbons secured with ends and knot tucked under.
 - Other dance forms – leotard or fitted shirt, jazz pants, correct shoes (tap shoes for tap, jazz shoes for jazz, fitness shoes worn only inside for hip hop, white tumbling shoes for tumbling).
 - Boys – fitted T-shirt, jazz or sweat pants, hair should be neat.
- 1. Having hair up off the neck – it must be in a bun for ballet. For shorter hair, pulled back from the face with a headband or clips is acceptable. No hair covering the neck or in the face.

A dancer shows respect for others by:

- Keeping hands to your self during class.
- Waiting quietly for others to have a turn and for instructions from the teacher.
- Waiting until the music is finished before entering the classroom if you are late to class.
- Talking with one another only during “Share Time”.

A dancer shows respect for her/his teacher and the art form she/he is learning by:

- Being properly dressed, ready for class, and on time.
- Listening when the teacher speaks.
- Standing in a proper dance stance while listening.
- Being prepared for their turn.
- Asking before leaving the room for any reason and reentering without disrupting the rest of the class.
- Finishing every exercise to the best of your ability.

A dancer shows respect for the studio by:

- Leaving gum, food, drinks, and cell phones outside the studio.
- Never hanging or leaning on the barres.
- Never running, shouting, or doing gymnastics in the lobby or hallways.
- Putting trash in its proper place.
- Putting away books and magazines when finished with them.
- Always keeping her belongings zipped inside your dance bag.

Parents show respect for the dance class and teacher and studio by:

- Making sure their child has gone to the restroom and is ready to dance before class starts.
- Helping their child act according to the above list.
- Checking in with teacher before viewing class.
- Not talking or bringing in small children while viewing a class.
- Controlling their small children.
- Picking up their child promptly after class.
- Letting the teacher know if their child will be absent.