



We are so glad to have you and your student with us on a dance journey this school year. Now that schedules are settled with classes about to begin, it is a good time to review a few guidelines to help your dancer have the best possible year.

## Late Arrivals / Departures

### Arrivals

As parents ourselves, we know how hard it is to get kids to and from activities with all the conflicts that family life presents! And we very much appreciate the effort that each of you makes to bring your dancer to class each week. However, as in any learning situation, late arrivals do impact the classroom; and dance, because of its physical demands, presents an especial challenge since late-arriving students miss crucial warmup and technique exercises that prevent injury. Even our youngest students engage with large motor skills to make sure their muscles are warmed up and ready to move on to more specific dance skills. As a result, one focus this year is on safety and proper preparation so that dancers can receive the best possible experience within the classroom setting. **To help prevent injury and minimize disruptions, students who arrive more than 15 minutes after the start of class may be asked to sit and observe for that day.** Thank you for your help in creating a safe and effective dance environment for all students!

*Note: Students who arrive on the afternoon elementary school bus from Mount Erie and Island View will routinely miss the start of 4:00pm classes because of the bus schedule. An exception to the late-arrival policy will be made for students arriving by bus during that time period. If your student takes the bus, please let us know at the start of the school year so we can make their instructors aware!*

### Departures

We know that occasions arise when your dancer must leave class early due to unexpected complications. Examples include required school concerts, teacher conferences, church obligations, and special family events. In these cases, we ask that you notify the office or your student's teacher in advance of the date. If your dancer has an ongoing time conflict with the end of class time, please contact the office. While specific classes may not be able to accommodate long-term absence or early departures, we will work with you to identify possible solutions regarding class options.

### BALLET: By Levels below:

<b>Pre-Ballet</b>	Light pink leotard with attached single layer skirt. Skirt sits at hip. Pink ballet tights and pink ballet shoes. Ballet bun. No jewelry.
<b>Ballet I</b>	Light blue leotard with attached single layer skirt. Skirt sits at hip. Pink ballet tights and pink ballet shoes. Ballet bun. No jewelry.
<b>Ballet II</b>	Hot pink leotard. Pink ballet tights and pink ballet shoes. Ballet bun. No jewelry.
<b>Ballet III</b>	Royal blue leotard. Pink ballet tights and pink ballet shoes. Ballet bun. No jewelry.
<b>Ballet IV</b>	Turquoise leotard. Pink ballet tights and pink ballet shoes. Ballet bun. No jewelry.
<b>Ballet V</b>	Burgundy leotard. Pink ballet tights and pink ballet shoes. Ballet bun. No jewelry.
<b>Ballet VI-VII</b>	Dark purple leotard. Pink ballet tights and pink ballet shoes. Ballet bun. No jewelry.

- AFRICAN:** Black jazz pants, any color tee or camisole type t-shirt, no shoes. Hair in a bun or ponytail. No jewelry.
- CHARACTER DANCE:** Character shoes 1 ½" heel. Same as ballet clothes. No jewelry.
- CHILDREN:** Girls wear a leotard (any style/any color), skirts are optional. Pink footed ballet tights. Pink ballet slippers. Black tap shoes. Hair in a ponytail or bun, short hair pulled back from face. No jewelry.
- Boys wear a white t-shirt, black leggings and white socks. Black ballet slippers. Black tap shoes.
- HIP HOP:** Black leotard, black pants, no shirts, clean black converse type tennis shoes. Hair in a bun or ponytail. No jewelry.
- JAZZ:** Black leotard, black pants, no shirts, black jazz shoes. Hair in a bun or ponytail. No jewelry.
- LYRICAL:** Leotard any color, dance skirt optional. No tights, Lyrical Foot Thong. Hair in a bun or ponytail. No jewelry.
- MODERN:** Black leotard, black pants, no shirts, no shoes. Hair in a bun or ponytail. No jewelry.
- TAP:** Black jazz pants, tee shirt, black oxford style tap shoes. Hair in a bun or ponytail. No jewelry.
- TODDLER:** Both parents and toddlers: bare feet, no socks or ballet shoes. Clothes that you can move in easily: t-shirt and leggings, yoga pants, sweat pants. Jeans, dresses, dance skirts are not recommended. Dancewear not necessary.

## Supervision

A gentle reminder that we do not provide supervision for students outside of class time. If your dancer arrives early or must stay late to wait for a ride, please be sure she/he is aware of general guidelines for safety and appropriate behavior. The corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Q can be very busy, with somewhat poor visibility; please ask your dancer to cross the street very carefully! We also ask that younger students remain in the building rather than wait on the street. Good weather and daylight are going to be in short supply in the coming months, and we want to make sure that all dancers are safe!

For music and movement class and preschool dance it is strongly recommended for parents to stay during the class in the event your child has unforeseen needs. If you need to leave during that time, please make sure there is someone else at the studio willing to step in and care for your child.