

MANNERS FOR DANCERS

Dancers show respect for themselves by:

- Being prompt for class.
- Being dressed properly for class in assigned color leotard, without underwear under leotards, without jewelry other than small earrings, and with shoe strings either tucked in or tied in a knot and cut off.
- Having hair up off the neck; it must be in a bun. For shorter hair, pulling hair back from the face with a headband or clips is acceptable. No hair covering the neck or in the face.

Dancers show respect for others by:

- Keeping their hands to themselves 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 they are late to class.
- Talking with one another only during Share Time.
- Supporting other dancers' efforts; never laughing, pointing, whispering, or gossiping.

Dancers show respect for their teacher and the art form they are learning by:

- Being properly dressed and ready for class on time.
- Listening when the teacher speaks; always standing in a "proper dance stance" while listening when the teacher gives combinations or corrections.
- Being prepared for their turn.
- Always asking before leaving the room for any reason and upon returning entering quietly and going around to the back of the room, never through the dancers who are dancing.
- Always finishing every exercise, never walking off noisily or showing anger or aggravation.

Dancers show respect for the studio by:

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

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

- Coming inside the waiting room to drop off and pick up dancers; it is unsafe to allow children to walk through the parking lot alone.
- Never leaving siblings in the waiting room unattended by a parent.
- Bringing dancers to class on time and picking them up promptly after class.
- Having dancers ready for class before entering the classroom.
- Making sure dancers have had the opportunity to go to the restroom before entering class.
- Knocking before entering the classroom if class is in progress.
- Not letting children stand and hit the viewing window.
- Letting us know in advance, if possible, if a dancer will be absent.
- Making arrangements with their child's teacher to make-up missed classes.
- Teaching dancers and siblings to sit quietly and read while waiting, remembering that the waiting area is also a homework area for many dancers.
- Teaching children to never run or scream in the studio, waiting areas, or parking lot.
- Calling the office to make an appointment during office hours to discuss any concerns.
- Always remembering that our studio is a gossip-free environment and talking negatively about others is inappropriate behavior and benefits no one.